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**Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 7pm at 8 The Strand, Walmer.**

**Present: Councillors:**

Cllr M Eddy  
Cllr J Lonsdale

Cllr Mrs Beard-Gould

Cllr T Byfield

**Officer Present:**

Richard Styles (Clerk)

**1218. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Beard -Gould proposed Cllr Eddy as Chairman.

Seconded: Cllr Lonsdale.

**RESOLVED: Cllr Eddy proposed Cllr Lonsdale as Vice Chairman.**

**Seconded by Cllr Beard-Gould.**

**1219. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr St Ange- Family matters.

**1220. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Cllr Beard-Gould proposed adoption of the unchanged terms of reference for another year.

Seconded by Cllr Lonsdale.

#### **1221. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

#### **1222. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18th November 2020 and it was agreed that they be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Beard-Gould.

Seconded by Cllr Lonsdale.

**RESOLVED.**

#### **1223. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None.

#### **1224. CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

Cllr Lonsdale gave a report:

- 62, The Strand, was in the process of being surveyed to reduce its carbon footprint etc. Quotations for the survey are being sought and will be submitted at the next Council meeting in June.
- EV charging point in Canada Rd is 'signed off' and awaiting work by UK Power networks.
- The EV charger at Station Road may not go ahead, but the bike storage scheme is also 'signed off' awaiting a decision and funding.
- DDC have several EV charging point schemes for Canada Rd and The Strand.

The Committee noted the report.

#### **1225. YORK AND ALBANY CLOSE**

The Clerk inspected report with photographs on the condition of the land. The clerk suggested calling in the Kent Wildlife trust to advise on managing the land in a sustainable way, with maintain and improving biodiversity.

The Committee noted the report and asked that the Clerk contact other wildlife groups to seek their opinions on biodiversity.

Proposed by Cllr Eddy.

Seconded by Cllr Lonsdale.

**RESOLVED.**

Cllr Eddy declared a personal interest with the Kent Wildlife Trust.

**1226. STONY PATH**

These two items were taken together.

Cllr Eddy inspected report. The committee noted.

Cllr Eddy proposed that Cllr Byfield is designated as lead Cllr for allotments.

Proposed by Cllr Lonsdale.

**RESOLVED.**

**1227. DRILL FIELD**

The Clerk gave a report on anti-social behaviour reported by residents living near the field. He had referred the matter to the police and given a statement to Cllr Weale for discussion during the Community policing meeting. The rugby club had also been contacted and encouraged to increase its security in the ground.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note.**

**1228. HISTORIC VILLAGE PANELS**

Cllr Beard-Gould said the new panel was in hand and that replacement panels for Upper Walmer, the Strand and Walmer Castle are in the process of renewal.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

**1229. TREE PLANTING PROJECT**

Cllr Beard-Gould gave a report and stated that though the pandemic had slowed progress on tree planting projects, KCC were seeking partners to find planting places for urban trees and suitable sites might be Dover Road, Salisbury Road, Gothic Close and at Marke wood, in non-sports ground areas.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note**

**1230. GRANVILLE ROAD TOILETS**

Cllr Beard-Gould gave a report. The new sign has been installed. There is a proposal to improve the area around the toilets with a planting scheme, and it is possible the head gardener at Walmer Castle might assist, but it requires the cooperation of DDC, to assist with ongoing care of those plants, if the scheme is implemented.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note**

**1231. MILLERS RETREAT**

Cllr Eddy gave a report.

The new development has created traffic congestion issues, because of a) builders vehicles parking along Station Road and adjoining roads, b) the future when the development is completed and other developments near Ellens Road comes on stream.

The Clerk was asked to write to the developer of Millers retreat, DDC and the local DDC + KCC councillors. The views of the Fire service pertaining to emergency access in Station Road and Menzies Avenue will be sought, and Stagecoach will be contacted to find out how bus operations are affected by the parking problem.

Proposed by Cllr Eddy.

Seconded by Cllr Beard -Gould.

**RESOLVED.**

**1232. BT TELEPHONE BOX – THE STRAND**

BT has stated that it wishes to remove the phone box on the Strand. DDC are appealing the decision, but the committee agreed that a fallback position, in the event of the appeal failing of buying the box for a nominal £1 and using the box as a Visitor information kiosk, is appropriate.

Proposed by Cllr Eddy.

Seconded by Cllr Beard-Gould.

**RESOLVED.**

**1233. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7pm.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 20.15.

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Date