

WALMER PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th January 2021 via Zoom Video Conference.

Councillors present: Cllrs Lonsdale (Chair), Mrs S Le Chevalier, M Eddy, D Thompson

Officer present: None officially, Locum Clerk Kevin Lynch observed

022. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies with reason were accepted from Cllrs D Symons and P St Ange

023. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

024. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 be approved.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

025. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None

026. PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

i) Current/ ongoing items - reports and discussion

- **EV charging points**
 - a. To receive an update from Cllr Lonsdale
 - b. To consider assigning further monies from the working group's 2021/22 budget for the purpose of match funding the EV charging point scheme.

RESOLVED: That the proposal for £2k of match funding for EV charge points on Station Drive goes to Full Council On January 13th, with a view to Cllr Lonsdale making an application to KCC if authorised in principle.

- **Biodiversity on DDC land** – to receive any feedback from the Leader of the Council

RESOLVED: Cllr Lonsdale to reply to Cllr Bartlett’s email, asking for increased focus on reducing pesticides and cutting, and to consider Walmer as a trial area for possible alternate methodologies. Also to query DDC’s belief that Dover District has healthy tree coverage, justifying the lack of any planting strategy.

- **Outdoor gym** - to receive an update from Cllrs Thompson, Lonsdale and Symons.

RESOLVED: That TGO are the preferred supplier. That WPC have budgeted £10k towards the scheme. That a recommendation be put to Full Council to look for supporting monies to bring the project forward. That Cllr Le Chevalier begins a search for potential grants to support the scheme.

- **Involving schools** - To discuss any feedback from schools after receiving Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier’s letter

RESOLVED: That Cllr Lonsdale continues to liaise with Deal Parochial Head Teacher Justine Brown regarding pupil engagement once the pandemic allows.

- **Thermal Loss Heat Gun** - update from Cllr Lonsdale.

RESOLVED: That due to Covid the FLIR E4 camera purchase be delayed until the Summer, with a view to implementing the scheme next Autumn

- **Zero Waste Events** – update from Cllr Symons

RESOLVED: That Cllr Symons excellent report, with any additional local suppliers, be forwarded to Full Council in February or March with a view to implementation

- **Electric Buses** – update from Cllr Lonsdale.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Eddy draft a letter for the Chair to send to the leader of DDC requesting unallocated S106 monies (as established in Cllr Gardner’s FOI report) be re-allocated to ongoing and future WPC Climate emergency projects (including potential electric bus infrastructure).

ii) New/ future measures

- **Cross Rd Community Woodland** – update from Cllrs Eddy and Lonsdale

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

- **Centre for Sustainable Energy** – to consider joining a pilot programme to support town and parish councils.

RESOLVED: Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier to examine any cost implications with a view to enrolling.

027. TRAINING EVENTS

i) KALC/KCC/ Kent and Medway Environment Board - Net Zero Environment Event

To receive any feedback from the delegate to the event held on 3 November 2pm -4pm

RESOLVED: Report from Cllr Lonsdale. Members agreed to note.

ii) Kent's Plan Bee launch - 16th November 2020

To receive any feedback from the delegate to the event

RESOLVED: Due to attendee Cllr Symons absence, report delayed until next meeting.

028. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.

i) Cycle storage at Walmer Station:

Cllr Lonsdale updated members on Southeastern's recent email asking for 10% match funding to install significant secure cycle parking at Walmer station, an initiative WPC and the CEWG have been pursuing for over a year.

RESOLVED: That the proposal to contribute £6k towards Southeastern's application to the Cycle Rail Fund goes to Full Council for authorisation in principle.

ii) Proposal to change CEWG status from a Working Group to a Committee:

The CEWG is already effectively functioning as a committee. It has multiple projects on the go, rather than one which is normal for a working group. The CEWG has clearly moved beyond it's original remit and it is impractical to have to wait for A&E sign off before taking action on projects which often have a deadline.

RESOLVED: In May an application will be made to change the Terms of Reference.

029. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 7pm

Signed: Date.....