

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date & Time: Monday 1 February 2021 at 7.00pm

Place: Held by video-conferencing via Zoom

Present: **COUNCILLORS (committee members)**

Collett
Crisp
Cole
Griffin (Vice Chairman)
Hennell
Pierce
Spencer (Chairman)

Non-committee members

OFFICERS

Deputy Town Clerk

1586 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

1587 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of 21st December 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

1588 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

1589 **OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions

1590 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WORKING GROUP**

The committee **RESOLVED** to form a Working Group tasked with investigating and recommending the next Christmas lighting scheme for the Parish. The members will be Cllr Spencer, Cllr Hennell and Cllr Cole. Cllr Collett wishes to be kept informed. An invitation will be made to non-committee members.

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WILDFLOWER VERGES

The Chair introduced two proposals to introduce wildflowers to some of the grass verges in the Parish. The first was to seed two areas of YTC land which had been disturbed by during the recent gas works. The areas would be seeded with a native wildflower mix and then a 'cut and collect' would be undertaken at the end of the growing season by the council contractors.

The second proposal was for the Council to apply for and hold a cultivation licence issued by the Highways Authority (Hampshire County Council) for three highways verges. YTC would then oversee a suitable community group who would take on operational management for creating and maintaining these three areas as wildflower verges during this season, this would include all associated costs and a commitment to provide the council with any information required to fulfil the Council's obligations as the licence holder.

Members discussed that this would be a great pilot project and would be among the first in the county. They hoped that the project could expand in future years and that Hampshire County Council would play a greater role in the future.

The DTC said that members were welcome to suggest areas.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the approach outlined as a pilot project for this year prior to YTC agreeing a policy which could be applied in the future to any grass verge in the Parish.

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TUESDAY MARKET

Members discussed the location of the Tuesday market which is currently in the Tythings Car Park having moved from Church End Green at the start of the Winter. Members were told that the traders wished to remain in the car-park. They discussed the differing points of view and the benefits of each location.

It was **RESOLVED** that the market will remain in the Car-park for the time being until such time that circumstances require its location to be re-considered.

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CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP UPDATE (YCAN)

- Cllr Griffin updated the committee on the work of the Climate Change Working group.
- The Committee briefly discussed and agreed that Cllr Griffin would draft a proposal to establish YCAN as an independent group.

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INFORMATION ITEMS AND PREVIOUS ITEM UPDATE

Members **NOTED** the previous items update.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm

Chair.....