



Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Sub-Committee held at Earls Barton Fire Station, High Street, Earls Barton on Thursday 20th January 2022

Present: Cllr N Chapman (Chair), Cllr G Broadhead, B Chapman, B Whatton, C Lloyd-Staples, L Morrison, J Weller, Cllr C Wells, G West.

1. Public Speaking Time – 2 members of the public were in attendance.
2. Apologies for Absence – apologies of absence were received from W Miller.
3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – no declarations of interest were received.
4. Sub-Committee Membership – it was noted that Bec Groome has decided to stand down from the committee. Graham West was co-opted onto the committee.
5. Tree Planting Strategy – the followings areas were earmarked for tree planting:
 - Pocket parks
 - Station Road – south of barrier
 - Land on Aggate Way

It was agreed that the area on Station Road would be the suitable place for jubilee planting. The Clerk will get advice on the best species to be planted in this area. It was also agreed that an article be put in Barton Today asking if residents would like to donate or sponsor a tree. Consideration to be given to growing bare root stock on the allotments for future tree planting opportunities. Funding also to be looked into as well as where trees can be sourced from.

Action Points:

- NNC Highways to be contacted about tree planting on Station Road – Clerk.
 - Email to Tamsin for advice on best species to plant on Station Road – Clerk.
 - Look into acquisition of trees – Clerk
 - Look into funding – Clerk
 - Article for Barton Today on donation/sponsorship of trees – NC/Clerk.
6. Cost of wildflower seeds for every household (Bee Square initiative) and verges to be looked into. Areas identified for wildflower verges are:
 - Banks at The Grange Sports Field
 - Wellingborough Road by the allotments
 - Aggate Way
 - The Knoll
 - Station Road – south of the barrier

It was noted that the ground has to be prepared properly, including at least three harsh cuts prior to seeding. NNC are going to be moving forward with a programme of wildflower verges and advice will be sought from them.

Action Points:

- Speak to NNC Highways about wildflower programme - Clerk
 - Ask NNC Highways for permission for wildflowers in highway land – Clerk.
 - Look into cost of seeds – Clerk.
7. Electric Vehicle Charing Points (VCP) – the following sites have been put forward to NNC Highways for provision of a VCP:
- Little Green Car Park – The Square
 - Park Street Car Park
 - Earls Barton Industrial Estate
 - Co-op
- Action Points:
- Ask NNC Highways to add The Grange Sports Field to their list of potential sites - Clerk
8. Litter Strategy – The Barton Wombles are carrying out some educational talks with the cubs and scouts, which is proving quite successful. They will look into rolling these out to EB Primary School. It was suggested that EBPC could sponsor a young litter picker initiative, with a monthly prize. This is to be looked into further. Co-op to be asked if they can provide equipment.
- Action Points:
- EB Primary School to be asked about Green Champion – Clerk.
 - Co-op to be asked to provide equipment – GB
9. Recycle/Reduce/Reuse Strategy – it was agreed that a monthly articles should be submitted to Barton Today highlighting good news stories around recycle/reduce/reuse, celebrating the achievements of the community of Earls Barton.
- Action Points:
- Contact Barton Today about monthly articles – NC/BC
10. Aggate Way – land has now been acquired on Aggate Way to create a community garden/open space. A grant is being applied for through NNC to provide fencing, benches and accessible picnic benches for the site. Once the area is cleared, a plan needs to be put together for the development of the site into a community garden.
- Action Points:
- Grant Application – Clerk
 - Plan to create community garden – Env Sub-Committee
11. Climate Action Plan – following discussion, it was agreed to adopt the plan as a live document. CL-S updated on action points on the plan, advising that EBPS are carrying out a travel survey and have considered a walking bus but this is not viable at present.
- Action Points (including those carried forward):
- Planters to be looked into further with Andrea of Barton Today - Clerk
 - Solar Panels – JW to look into possibility of solar panels on warehouse roofs.
 - Cycle Racks – liaise with library – Clerk
 - Planning – look into creation of Planning Policy with guidance on green initiatives – Clerk

Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.