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| **Environment Committee**  **1 March 2022**  **6.30 pm – 8.30pm**  **Minutes**  **Attendees: Cllrs. S Cox, Getgood, Elsmore, and Sarah Cheese**  **Public Forum: Tracey Johnson, and Di Standing (Guest Speaker)** | | |
| **Agenda Item** | | |
| 1. **Apologies** |  | |
| 1. **Declare interests** | No Declarations of Interest | |
| 1. **Dispensation requests** | No Dispensations | |
| 1. **To Approve minutes of 1 February 2022** | Minutes were unanimously approved, and Cllr. S Cox signed minutes as a true record | |
| 1. **To raise matters form 1 February 22 minutes** |  | |
| 1. **To take comments from the Public Forum** | Tracey Johnson stated that she was keen to see what Coleford Town Council were doing, and thanked the Committee for the opportunity to attend. | |
| 1. **To receive comment, and professional advice from Guest Speakers** | Di Standing spoke about Meadows Group work, and areas of Coleford that could be brought to life e.g. Bowens Hill, and volunteer groups getting more involved, and expressed concerns regarding paths, and drainage, and GCC Highways needing to address. Also anti-social behaviour re: dogs mess, and general litter. Also offered insight re: allotments, and examples of Community gardens (e.g. Ross). Other areas of Coleford also discussed e.g. Pyatt’s Court and litter. Possible linking in to Keep Britain Tidy campaigns, more litter teams, and perhaps an initiative promoting Pride of Coleford, keep your area tidy campaign. Di also spoke about our Mowing Regime and key aspects, and hot composting, needing an end use, kept wet, are: meadow grass.  **Note:** composting noted as a bigger issue for this Town Centre | |
| 1. **To receive update on purchase of trees.** | **Leaf Creative Order:**  Cllr. Getgood, and Sarah Cheese updated, and the Town Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Leaf Creative, and Invoice had been raised  Re: Replacement trees, at Lawdley Road, to inform no. 67 Lawdley resident, of plans, and dates, and to agree Silver Birch, as replacement trees(s). | **Action:** Cllr. Getgood, to progress order, delivery dates, with Leaf Creative; , liaising with Cllr. Simister re: Dignitaries, and Sarah Cheese accordingly |
| 1. **To capture and action where necessary, the volunteers offering help as per email submitted through Worcester Walk.** | This Item was deferred to next meeting | **Action:** Town Clerk to clarify |
| 1. **To discuss and action a draft CTC Environmental Charter** | This Item was deferred to next meeting | **Action:** Town Clerk to clarify |
| 1. **To discuss, and agree points to raise at ‘Local Leaders for Climate Action’ Event** | Key issues identified as:   * Compost arrangements * Allotments * Cycle Routes * Carbon-counting | **Action:** Cllrs. S Cox, & Getgood |
| 1. **To consider the role of Tree Wardens** | Cllr. Getgood summarised, and this was identified as a role volunteer groups could be involved in.  The ranges of trees for planting, were discussed, and summarised, and within the native, broad leaf, range |  |
| 1. **To consider Re-Wilding Network involvement** | Cllr, Getgood summarised, and it was proposed, unanimously agreed to invite identified representatives, to speak on this matter, at next Environment Committee meeting | **Action:** Town Clerk to invite to next Committee meeting |
| **Meeting Closed: 7.55pm** | | |