 Coleford Town Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting.



Issued: 27 April 22

**Environment Committee**

**Tuesday, 3 May 2022**

**6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Council Chamber**

**Agenda**

1. **To note apologies**
2. **To declare interests on items on the agenda**
3. **To allow dispensations requests**
4. **To approve the minutes of 5 April 22**
5. **To raise matters arising from the minutes of 5 April 22**
6. **To take comments from the Public Forum**
7. **To receive update on tree activity and planting across the Parish**
8. **To receive updates on Parish issues with Environment implications, and to make recommendations as necessary**
9. **To review, consolidate and prioritise latest Environment Action Plan Tasks, and to make recommendations as necessary**
10. **To consolidate volunteer actions and to make further recommendations as necessary**
11. **To receive updates re: wider FoD Environment meetings, forums and activities, and to take forward actions into Plan and make recommendations as required**
12. **To consider ‘Big Plastic Count’, and to make recommendations as necessary**
13. **To receive an update on Natural Burial Ground (NBG)**

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| CTC-Environment Committee | 03-May-202203 |
| Meeting Commence:1830 | Present:Clive Elsmore (CCm), Melanie Getgood (CCm), Stuart Cox (CCm), Chris Haine (CtC), Fliss Herniman (PCm) Heather Lusty (CtC), Sarah Cheese (PCm) |
| Agenda Item | **Notes** | **Actions** | **Recommendations** |
| 1. Apologies
 | Walt sends his apologies and offers his resignation from the committee.The committee thanks Walt for all his work for the environment and wishes him well. | **CH** to get in touch |  |
| 1. Declare interests
 | None |  |  |
| 1. Dispensation requests
 | None |  |  |
| 1. Approve minutes
 | Minutes approved for 05-Apr-2022**All in favour** |  |  |
| 1. Matters arising
 | Is there a need for a new member now that we have lost a member?* We don’t in terms of numbers
* Would be useful to have another member of public so we are a little more equal
* Volunteer activity was approved by full council
* What do we do now? See Item
* Green Charter – Melanie has started putting something together
* Chasing Trunkard: costs not received yet
* Trees have been identified. Need costs from Trunkard before we can move forward
* We don’t need a comparison. It was suggested we press on with Leaf Creative purchase. We favoured Trunkard because we hoped they could put them in when the removed the other trees. The trees have been removed so opportunity missed.
* One of each to be purchased: Crab Apple, Silver Birch and Rowan
* Lawdley Road replacement
* Nothing heard from Cornock, or District. Have been contacted as recorded in minutes.
* St John’s Primary fallen tree – we understand it is not on Council land and this matter is being dealt with by the school.
 | **CH** – to chase.**MG** – contact Leaf Creative to seek advice if planting is appropriate now. Subject to them being able to plant. Check costsContact residents for watering.**CH -** to keep in view and update |  |
| 1. Public forum
 | Non present |  |  |
| 1. Update: Tree activity
 | * Melanie, Sarah and Stuart have been watering the copper beeches – thank you all!
* There are some broken branches on a couple of silver birches in Bells Field.
* Environmental vandalism.
* Not damaged enough to be replaced.
* Trees from Highways to be placed on verges by Lidl – long outstanding issue. Where are we with it?
* There is feeling from Angel Vale residents that the contractors are ‘vandalising’ low hanging branches by tractor mowing underneath.
* Suggest strimming under low hanging branches.
* Revisit the Tree Audit that was carried out three years ago to establish update
 | **CH** - Speak to Alex Digby about Youth Action and antisocial behaviour**CH** – Chasing highways**SC** – to have eyes on trees, are they damaged? What could the solution be? Feedback to CH in order to inform a conversation with contractors**CH** - Agenda item for next meeting |  |
| 1. Update: Parish issues
 | * Melanie has had a conversation with a resident in Lewis Glade about a tree that has grown too large in the front of her house.
* Melanie has attempted to contact Guinness Housing.
* GWT audit still planned for end of May/beginning of June
 | **CH** – bring updates. Have they got more a specific idea yet? |  |
| 1. Update: Action Plan
 | See 220503-Environment Committee Action Plan |  |  |
| 1. Consolidate: Volunteer actions
 | Already covered in earlier items |  |  |
| 1. Updates: Wider forums
 | * Melanie has attended FoD CAP: still getting it’s house in order
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| 1. Consider the ‘Big Plastic Count’
 | * 16th – 22nd May
* Greenpeace
* Idea is to work out what types of plastic people are using so changes can be made nationally
 | **Env Committee –** MC has sent links email date 10-04-22. Could all committee members please follow link to complete:[**Big Plastic Count**](https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up/digital?source=EM&subsource=OCPOPSOAEM12WN&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=BPC%20-%20Household%20sign%20up%20%20OA%2020220221&utm_term=Full%20List) |  |
| 1. Update: Natural Burial Ground
 | * Contractor has mown grass that has been designated not to be cut so meadow grasses can thrive
* Meadow management started by Sarah in 2014
* Dean Meadows have been helping with the Sycle bar mower. This happens once a year, usually around the end of August.
* Vigorous species are controlled
* After Diana and Sarah have removed the compost from one corner. Suggestion to wet and cover to speed up process. Issue with wetting (taps are on a timer)
* Yellow Rattle has done its job in reducing the vigorous grasses and allowing flowers to thrive
* There are now over 400 spotted orchids (2021). There was only one when first count was completed
* Green Winged orchid (near threatened species) has been growing
* Bench has been removed from the graveyard and taken to the carpark. There is now nowhere to sit in the natural burial ground. Can this be remedied? Potentially looking at moving an existing one without dedication. Or commission one being made?
* New aluminium signs have been printed. One in the hut at the top and one down the bottom by the skip. It is being looked into to cover with green structure/hide skip.
* There has been graffiti in the area.

The committee thank Sarah for all her hard work. | **CH –** meeting next week with contractor**CH –** investigate costs for next meeting so recommendation can be made: Perimeter trees over gate (Hawthorn and Leylandii) needs severe cut over Autumn/Winter 2022 and shredding. Contractor work**CH -** to audit benches in the cemetery |  |
| Meeting Closed:2010 |