



- 16th September 2020

Meeting of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee

held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 6:30pm

- 015/20E To note those present and list apologies for absence.**
Members: Cllr Chris Morley (Chair), Cllr Justin Armitage, Cllr Ellie Crook (substitute for Cllr Charles Ellis)
Apologies: Nathan Iliffe
Also present: The Clerk
- 016/20E To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**
Cllr Ellie Crook re The Pasture
- 017/20E To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 05th February 2020.** The minutes were signed as a true record.
- 018/20E To consider the potential transfer of existing Allotments from Ashford Borough Council to the Community Council, and to agree recommendations to Council. (Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908).**

Action: Cllr Morley to look into differential pricing options residents and non-residents

Action: Amend budget to £5750.00 (from £4750)

- 019/20E To consider a project to restore the War Memorial and to agree recommendations to Council. (War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923).**

Action: Agreed to put following recommendations to council and update paper to submit to Council to include

- a) Council commits to leading a project to restore our War Memorial to conservation standards as advised by War Memorial Trust and Ashford Borough Council, anticipating completion in time for the centenary of the Memorial in June 2022
- b) Council obtains cost estimates from up to three suitably qualified conservation specialists to undertake a Survey of the items identified by WMT and to prepare a report and a Specification of Work which would form the basis of any subsequent Tender
- c) Council makes provision for the full cost of the Survey in financial year 2020/21, but that Council should apply for a grant from WMT no later than 31st December 2020 to offset this if possible
- d) Council makes provision for the full cost of any restoration work to be undertaken of £25,000 in financial year 2021/22
- e) Council applies for a grant from WMT prior to commencement of any work (maximum grant 75% but usually 50%, if awarded) to be offset against the provision in d)
- f) Council identifies and applies for other grants prior to commencement of any work eg County Councillor ward grant, Borough ward grants etc
- g) Council invites donations from residents and other interested organisations during the project to offset against the cost of restoration

- 020/20E To receive an update on proposals for fishing at Little Burton Lake and to agree actions.**

Action: Cllr Morley/Clerk to work on a future proposal to put forward to EandOS and then Council, considering a contractor to survey and work closely with Mid Kent Fisheries.

Signed: *CFM*

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021/20E To receive a report on littering in the area and to agree actions. (Litter Act 1983, ss.5-6 and Environmental Protection Act 1990, s.88)

Action: Cllr Morley will continue work on this with a view to bring back to Decembers E&OS.

022/20E To receive a report on Spearpoint Recreation Ground and to agree actions.

Action: Look at appetite for Friends of group, potential on the back of ABC engagement re anti-social behaviour issues **via community engagement event**

Action: Cllr Morley to engage with Cllr Iliffe re resident position gathered to date

Action: Bring to E&OS December agenda with a view to build towards working from Spring

023/20E To receive an update on the Highway Improvement Plan.

Action: Councillor Morley awaiting discussions with Clair Bell and then will bring back to next meeting.

024/20E To consider opportunities for planting schemes such as hedges, trees, community orchards and wildflower areas including verges.

Action: Councillors to consider an areas and forward suggestions to be considered in readiness for Spring.

025/20E To consider in cooperation with the Planning Committee whether application should be made to Ashford Borough Council to list qualifying open space as Assets of Community Value

Action: Agreed application will be sent to ABC by Clerk on behalf of Kennington Community Council

Action: Consider community engagement re residents' ideas suggestions for potential site, look to progress on future agenda

026/20E To consider budget requirements for Environment and Open Spaces projects for 2021/22 and to agree recommendations to Council.

Action: Revision under allotments as detailed above.

Action: Budget to go forward to FandGP following revisions made

027/20E To consider revised Terms of Reference to agree recommendations to Council.

Action: Agreed to take to Financial and General Purposes

Signed: *efn*

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- 028/20E** **Items for inclusion on the next agenda.** Allotments, Spearpoint Recreation Ground, Little Burton Lake, War memorial, Highways, Planting Schemes, Assets of Community Value, Cycling and Walking Strategy
- 029/20E** **To agree a date and time for next meeting.** The next meeting will be 15th December 2020
- 030/20E** **To resolve to exclude members of the public and representatives of the press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 ss100 and 102 during the consideration of the following items of business as would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive and commercial nature of the business to be transacted.** None present
- 031/20E** **To consider provision of new Allotments. (Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908)**

Action: Cllr Morley to continue with current work and bring back to a future date for further discussion
- 032/20E** **To consider quotes to conduct a survey of the War Memorial and prepare a report and a Specification of Work and to agree recommendations to Council**

Action: Cllr Morley to take to future Council
- 033/20E** **Close of meeting.** The meeting closed at 20.30

Signed: *Cam*

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