



**Meeting of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee
held on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 6:30pm**

034/20E To note those present and list apologies for absence
Members: Cllr Chris Morley, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Ellie Crook and Cllr Justin Armitage
Also Present: Cllr Alan Cooper (ex officio) and Cllr Christie Ellis and 1 member of the public and the Clerk

035/20E To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.
Other Significant Interest declared by Cllr Ellie Crook due to close proximity to home reference 044/20 and agreed by all presents will therefore not be entitled to vote.

036/20E To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2020. The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Action: Fishing/Little Burton Lake – agreed to bring back to meeting in August 2021

Action: Litter Bins (Little Burton) – can these be emptied more often resolved to encourage ABC to ask contractor to look at frequency and bring back to next suitable meeting. Cllr Chris Morley to speak with ABC/landlord from previous communications.

Action: Litter Picking – where to do? Cllr Christie Haggis offered a survey on Facebook once date known. Cllr Chris Morley to find dates and bring back to suitable meeting. Cllr Morley and Cllr Christie Haggis to liaise once date known.

Action: Planting Schemes – Cllr Chris Morley will circulate papers post meeting, need to identify planting options, and bring back to next suitable meeting.

To Note: Assets of Community Value agreed land only will be progressed within Environment and Open Spaces to commence with initial public engagement of areas that could be considered, to be brought back to next suitable meeting.

037/20E War Memorial Restoration Project
a) **To consider decision of Council at the meeting on 9 December 2020 regarding selection of a preferred contractor to undertake a Survey of the War Memorial**
b) **To discuss and finalise a bid to War Memorials Trust for funding to support the survey and to request the Clerk to submit the Bid if agreed**
Action: Funding Support - Agreed to submit application for survey grant. Clerk and Cllr Morley to ensure application is submitted before closing date 31/12/20.

038/20E Transfer of Statutory Allotments
a) **To receive an oral update on current position.** Received
b) **To discuss staff requirements for transition and ongoing management**
c) **To discuss possible models of governance**

Action: Budget - Clerk to send email to Cllr Chris Morley, from ABC re Precept response on Allotments.

Action: Staff Requirements - Paper to be presented at next Council for decision

Action: Governance – to be brought back to next meeting with subcommittee being looked at as potential preferred option.

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ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES PURPOSES COMMITTEE -
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039/20E Combined Sewer Overflows in Ball Lane

- a) **To discuss the reported discharge from a Combined Sewer Overflow in Ball Lane**

Action: Overflow records – What is the pattern of time? – Clerk to write to ask the pattern over time and is it likely to accelerate. Item to come back to future suitable meeting.

040/20E ABC Play Areas in Kennington

- a) **To consider drafting a Community Council Strategy with regard to improving ABC-owned play areas in Kennington**
b) **To agree next actions**

To note: Amanda Scott from ABC has invited us to attend next assessment when possible and share her assessment process with us.

Action: Agreed to progress liaising with Amanda Scott for her assessment process

Action: Agreed to commence strategy of the 5 sites and bring back

041/20E Public Question Time

- a) **To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.**

Action: Plant for Britain - Maggie Bray to send link for circulation for further discussion at August Environment and Open Spaces

042/20E Ashford Borough Council Cycling and Walking Strategy

- a) **To note the updated ABC Strategy with respect to Kennington**

Action: Partnerships - Kennington missed. Cllr Morley to ensure Kennington are included going forward.

Action: Kennington to Wye by Cycle need to monitor to ensure our side Kennington/Conningbrook connects and we action our side when appropriate

Action: Conningbrook Cycle way - Planning committee to take up in relation to S2 developments. Cllr Morley to out for the attention of Planninf

Action: Promotion of walking/cycling in Kennington there are 8 walks currently available on a Facebook group, Cllr Haggis to circulate link details of Facebook site. Potential to then look at working with going forward/ promote though our Facebook/Website.

043/20E Highway Improvement Plan

- a) **To receive an oral update and agree next steps**

Action: Next steps - Cllr Morley to continue contact with Cllr Clair Bell and to bring back as soon as possible to next suitable meeting.

044/20E Town Green Application

- a) **To receive an oral update on application for a Town Green.** Update noted. Further updated expected by end of January.

Signed: *CM*

Dated: *21/1/21*



045/20E To receive oral updates on reports from previous meetings and agree action as required.

- a) **To review report on Spearpoint Recreation Ground (item 22/20E, E&OS meeting 16 September)**

Action: Councillors to consider report in readiness for further discussions, potential of Friends of and feedback to Cllr Morley.

Action: Supervised play scheme – Cllr Morley to pursue this option and bring back to suitable meeting towards Summer.

- b) **To review report on Littering in Kennington (Keep Kennington Clean) (item 21/20E, E&OS meeting 16 September).** Noted

c) **To review report on Opportunities for planting schemes such as hedges, trees, community orchards and wildflower areas including verges (item 24/20E, E&OS meeting 16 September).** Noted

046/20E Governance

- a) **To consider draft input to Community Council Strategic Plan.**

Action: Councillors invited for feedback and ideas welcomed so as can be passed to F&GP for further development/take up as appropriate

- b) **To consider inviting residents to join the Committee as Non-Councillors.**

To note: Cllr Cooper advised this was on Council agenda for a communications plan re public engagement, so this hopefully will also be picked up by Council.

c) **To consider establishing a E&OS Working Group or Sub-committee to progress matters between Committee Meetings. This was not discussed and will be brought back Springtime**

047/20E Items for inclusion on the next agenda (For Councillors to raise items for information only and to request items for the next agenda). *Little Burton/Fishing (August), Litter bins (Little Burton), Spring Clean – Keep Kennington- Litter Pickers, Planting Schemes, Land of Community Value, Allotments, Combined Sewer Overflows, Plant for Britain (August), Cycling and Walking Strategy, Highway Improvement, Town Green, Spearpoint Recreation Grounds/Friends of, Supervised Play Scheme, Tree carving at Spearpoint and Eand OS Working Groups for development between meetings, and Town Green.*

048/20E To agree a date and time for next meeting. Date of next meeting 27th January.

049/20E Close of meeting. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

