



**A Meeting of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee
was held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7.45pm at Kennington WI main hall**

- 52/21E To note those present and list apologies for absence**
Members: Cllr Chris Morley (Chair), Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Justin Armitage
Also Present: Cllr Alan Cooper (ex officio), The Clerk and Assistant Clerk.
- 53/21E To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.**
There were none declared.
- 54/21E To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2021.**
Resolved the minutes circulated were approved unanimously and were declared a true record and to be signed by the Chair of Committee.
- 55/21E Public Question Time**
a) To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.
No public were present.
- 56/21E Highway Improvement Plan**
To discuss, consider and agree issues identified on Upper Vicarage Road in way of Kennington Junior School
Agreed: A meeting to be set up initially with the PCSO, School Representatives, Ward and Kennington Councillor Nathan Iliffe, Cllr Morley, Cllr Armitage and Clerk w/c 01/11 or 08/11
Agreed: School to be approached for current travel plan
Agreed: CCTV option to be explored for the corner, Clerk to ask PCSO whether images could be used and CCTV companies re cost
Action: Clerk to contact all parties to arrange a meeting w/c 01/11 or 8/11 as school returns
Action: Clerk to ask school for travel plan
Action: Clerk to look at CCTV options
- a) To discuss, consider and agree issues identified on A2042 Faversham Road (near Towers School)**
Agreed: A meeting to be set up initially with Boughton Aluph Councillors and resident mostly affected to discuss potential options
Action: Clerk to contact all parties to arrange a meeting
- 57/21E Allotments**
a) To receive an update on transfer of the statutory Allotments to the Community Council
Noted: Paper circulated and John Holder welcomed to the Council and ABC have agreed and are working towards handover of allotments 01/01/202 subject to legal transfers and documentation being finalised.
- b) To on discuss, consider and agree proposed dates for inaugural Allotments Subcommittee**
Agreed: A Councillor member to be agreed and a subcommittee to be arranged as soon as possible after November Council
Action: Clerk to add Councillor member volunteer to November Council
Action: Allotments subcommittee meeting to be arranged by Allotments Officer once Councillor member agreed

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- 58/21E** **Playgrounds/ Play Area Strategy:**
a) **To note the decision by Ashford Borough Council (Cabinet, 30 September 2021) to invest £1.1million in play areas in Ashford, including Rylands Road and Spearpoint**
Noted: Decision noted and welcomed.
Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting with ABC to acquire plans for Spearpoint
b) **To discuss, consider and agree our playground strategy**
Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting with ABC to acquire plans for Spearpoint and bring back finding to next suitable EOS meeting so as we can further discuss consider additions, make recommendations etc
Action: Cllr Armitage to look into Little Burton playground site and bring back to EOS Committee for further discussion and consideration for recommendation to Council
c) **To discuss, consider and agree Friends of Spearpoint proposal**
Action: Cllr Morley to continue work on this and bring to next suitable meeting
- 59/21E** **Grass cutting - to discuss, consider and agree actions on reflection of issues seen and reported through this year**
Action: Cllr Morley to continue ongoing concerns and issues reported by resident and investigate further, and bring back if required to next suitable EOS.
- 60/21E** **Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) – to receive an oral update**
Noted: Clerk placed order with Aspire for the Sweet chestnut and will update further as information received.
- 61/21E** **Hedge/tree planting schemes - to discuss and agree other future and potential tree and hedge planting opportunities**
Action: Councillors to consider and suggest further site and opportunities next year via Clerk and Chair for accumulating.
- 62/21E** **Southern Water Wastewater treatment works – to discuss and agree next steps/actions**
Noted: Paper circulated noted
Agreed: Paper to be taken to Council next week and recommendation to cease Task and Finish Group.
Action: Clerk to add to Council October agenda.
- 63/21E** **Litter Bins - to discuss, consider and agree actions/ next steps**
Action: Clerk to chase ABC audit and bring back to next suitable meeting.
- 64/21E** **Litter Picking- to discuss community litter picking events**
Action: Councillors to send in site ideas of where to hit to Clerk to collate and bring back to meeting to consider a priority list in readiness to aim to set up first pick in Spring 2022.
- 65/21E** **Annual Plan for Environment and Open Spaces - to consider the Annual Plan for Environment and Open Spaces and any input from members**
Agreed: Councillors to consider further and send in comments to Cllr Morley
Action: Councillors to send in comments to Cllr Morley for review to amend and to be brought back to suitable committee for further discussion
- 66/21E** **Annual Budget for Environment and Open Spaces - to consider requirements on the Annual Council budget next year**
Agreed: Noticeboards to be added
Action: Cllr Morley will amend draft budget with notice boards and submit to FGP/Clerk to formulate a draft budget for Council
Action: Clerk and Councillor Morley to work on noticeboard delivery and installation at previously agreed sites.


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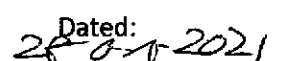


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- 67/21E** **Items for inclusion on the next agenda . *Suggestions currently/ongoing:*** Little Burton Angling Club, Garden of Remembrance strategy, HGV Restriction Sign Little Burton, Town Green Application update, War Memorial, Defibrillator installations and Daffodil planting and Non-Councillor appointments.
- 68/21E** **To agree a date and time for next meeting.** Next meeting to be decided after October Council meeting and Clerk to arrange for Chair to be elected.
- 69/21E** **Close of meeting.** The meeting started at 19.59 and closed at 21.45

Signed: 

Dated:  28 Oct 2021