



**Meeting of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee  
held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6:30pm** via Teams**

- 001/21E To note those present and list apologies for absence**  
**Committee members:** Cllr Chris Morley (Chair), Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr Justin Armitage and Cllr Ellie Crook.  
**Apologies:** Cllr Nathan Iliffe.  
**Also Present:** Cllr Clair Bell (Upper Weald), Cllr Richard Bartley (Wye and Hinxhill), Adam Brookes PCSO, 2 members of the public and the Clerk
- 002/21E 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 other significant interest reference Town Green item 008/21E.
- 003/21E To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2020.** The minutes were approved. The minutes will be signed by Chair of Committee.  
**Fishing Lake survey – Action:** to be looked at in readiness for Autumn. Clerk to add to August agenda or nearest agenda.  
**Litter Bins in general throughout Kennington– Action:** Cllr Morley looking into this to being to next suitable meeting  
**Litter pickers and bags - Action:** Agreed a consideration to be given and costed and researched for purchase of a small quantity of litter pickers and bags within delegated powers. Cllr Alan Cooper and Clerk to research, look at costings with a view to order.  
**Planting County and Borough Council Schemes –** Cllr Morley looking at areas where best suits this, previously identified Spearpoint and along banks of river Stour. **Action for all:** Please share any schemes seen and pass on details to Clerk/Cllr Morley / all ideas welcomed.  
**Combined Sewer overflows in Ball Lane –** Cllr Morley liaising with Environment's agency. **Action:** to bring back to next suitable meeting when response from Environments Agency received and qualified if on their scheme of works more information obtained and for future updates/consideration.  
**Playground Strategy- Action:** to be addressed and brought to next suitable meeting aim for Spring.  
**Plant for Britain - Action:** Clerk to locate Plant for Britain link and resend and bring to next suitable meeting.  
**Cycling and Walking Strategy -**Cllr Morley will be bring an update to a future suitable meeting (following Ashford Borough Council Partnership meeting) when more information known. **Action:** to bring back to next suitable meeting.  
**Spearpoint Recreation Ground – Friends of Spearpoint** to be explored awaiting on being able to meet physically to enable local engagement. **Action:** Clerk to diarise for when meetings will be face to face and this can be tabled on an agenda.  
**Pocket Parks – Action:** All please if schemes seen to raise with Cllr Morley and Clerk so as can be tabled on a future agenda. Clerk to see if any current schemes already available.
- 004/21E Public Question Time**
- a) **To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.** All public members had items on the agenda so agreed to open to discuss at time of item.



**005/21E Highway Improvement Plan**

**a) To consider correspondence from PCSO Adam Brooks 59851 regarding vehicles mounting the kerb in Upper Vicarage Road and agree any actions arising.**

**Action:** Cllr Clair Bell to take action to take to Highways, highlight issues and ask for resolution options. Cllr Clair Bell agreed to bring information back to EandOS or Council as appropriate.

**b) To consider proposals for schemes to be included in an updated HIP for 2021/22**  
Cllr Bell advised that due to Covid that most Kent County council project are on hold with the exception of some that were already substantially in progress.

**Action:** Clerk to check with Kent County Council to see when next calendar of dates is for submissions.

**Action:** Councillors to consider current proposals and forward any suggestions to Clerk /Cllr Morley.

**Action:** To add to future Council agenda, following above actioned at next suitable meeting.

**006/21E Eastwell Lake Dam - flood risk**

**a) To consider flood risk to Kennington in the event of a breach of the Eastwell Lake dam**

**Action:** To look at and consider through Planning and directly with our ward members. Will continue to collaborate with Wye -Hinxhill /Cllr Richard Bartley.

**007/21E War Memorial Restoration Project**

**a) Progress of bid for funding from War Memorial Trust towards the cost of a conservation survey (oral update).** Noted.

**b) To consider correspondence with a resident regarding commemoration of the landing of a Heinkel at Spearpoint Recreation Ground (May 1941).**

**Action:** Agreed that this to be taken forward, researched and worked to take to Council (April).

**008/21E Town Green Application**

**a) Progress of application to Kent County Council for registration of a Town Green (oral update).** Noted. A note of thanks to Cllr Alan Dean, Cllr Ellie Crook and Cllr Morley for all the work to date on this.

**009/21E Transfer of Statutory Allotments to Community Council**

**a) To receive an oral update on current position.** Noted

**b) to consider proposal for setting up an Allotments Subcommittee, as a subcommittee of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee, to undertake oversight of all aspects of the Community Council allotments.** Agreed by all.

**c) to consider and agree terms of reference for the Allotments Subcommittee, if setting up agreed.** Agreed by all.

**Action:** For Council agenda at next suitable/appropriate meeting following updates from ABC.

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MINUTES –**

**27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**



**010/21E Governance**

- a) To consider inviting residents to join the Committee and the Allotments Subcommittee as Non-Councillors**

**Action:** Cllr Morley agreed to take the action to do a spec for the role for EandOS and work with Communication team

- 011/21E Stour Valley Regional Park – to review Consultation document and agree response and agree next step/actions.**

**Action: EandOS:** To work with Planning committee and work a response to be submitted to Council for approval of submission.

- 012/21E Items for inclusion on the next agenda.** Little Burton/Fishing (August), Litter bins (Little Burton), Spring Clean – Keep Kennington- Litter Pickers, Planting Schemes, Land of Community Value, Combined Sewer Overflows, Plant for Britain (August), Cycling and Walking Strategy, Spearpoint Recreation Grounds/Friends of, Supervised Play Schemes (Physical meeting return), Tree carving at Spearpoint and EandOS Working Groups for development between meetings, Conningbrook Cycle Way, Pocket Parks.

- 013/21E To agree a date and time for next meeting.** 7<sup>th</sup> April.

- 014/21E Close of meeting.** The meeting closed at **20:15**.