

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

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Members of Woburn Sands Town Council Environment Committee are hereby summoned to attend the

Meeting of the Environment Committee on

Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 6.30pm in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Minutes

| | | ACTIONS |
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| 1/24 | Elect the Chair of the Environment Committee: Councillor D Hopkins nominated Cllr K Temple and Cllr R Townend seconded. Councillor K Temple agreed to be Chair of the Environment Committee | ELECTED Cllr K Temple as Chairman |
| 2/24 | Present: Cllrs Keith Temple, Richard Townend, David Hopkins Clerk A Jordan Member of the public x1 | |
| 3/24 | Apologies: Cllr Gwynn Smitham | ACCEPTED |
| 4/24 | Review terms of reference and how the committee will work. Councillors discussed the minimum number required to for the committee, which is four, and the minimum number required to make a meeting quorate, that is three. Resolved to approve the terms of reference. | APPROVED |
| 5/24 | Mowbray Green: Greg's jump and Holocaust Memorial need some attention. Some Mowbray residents might be interested in setting up a group to look after the green. Councillors to look at the jump to see what maintenance might be needed. Clerk to see if there is a photo to see what originally looked like, contact Frosts as they installed the jump originally, and ask Louise Izod if the restoration be covered by section 106 | Councillors to visit the jump. Clerk to contact Louise Izod. |
| 6/24 | Edgewick Farm: an environmental survey has been completed by the Greensand Trust. Some tools have been ordered for volunteers use and more to be ordered as agreed in the budget. It was noted the Edgewick Farm budget has over spent in this first quarter due to the purchase of an expensive item of equipment, but this should balance over the next quarter and the rest of the year. | |
| 7/24 | Memorial Green: we need to be aware of the weather conditions for the Beech tree. Clerk to ask Steve Dear to carry out the maintenance work on Beech as identified in the Tree Survey earlier this year. The other work is dependent on the budget. | Clerk to contact Steve Dear and look at the budget |
| 8/24 | High Street: a. A member of the public contacted the council regarding an accessible audit . Some High St shops are accessible, some partly or not at all. Cllr Hopkins has tried to find out who is responsible for audits across Milton Keynes Council. We could ask CIL (the Centre for Integrated Living) for assistance. An audit will indicate if shops and businesses have done all they can to allow accessibility. In future the council could investigate funding from 106 from | Clerk to write to Stuart Proffitt regarding residents lobbying for an accessibility audit. |

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| | <p>SEMK and developments that can be used to help with accessibility.</p> <p>b. Anti-social parking: Cllrs are unhappy with the number of drivers who park on double yellow lines. The Clerk has an appointment with Highways to discuss use of pavement furniture to deter parking.</p> <p>c. Street furniture – see above.</p> <p>d. The CCTV camera has been moved to the recreation ground. Cllr D Hopkins suggested inviting Police Commissioner Matthew Barber to a meeting to discuss parking, other traffic issues, and CCTV.</p> <p>e. Road repairs: the recent road works on Russell Street did not include the pot hole at the car park entrance, a stretch of road belonging to MK Council. Wood St pavements have been repaired but the road works area waiting for Anglian Water to repair/clear gulleys first. (Road repairs to be a standing item on the Environment Committee meeting agenda).</p> | <p>Clerk to request the MK Highways plan of works from Murray Woodhead.</p> |
| 9/24 | <p>Grounds maintenance:</p> <p>a. the contract with RTM ends March 2025 it was resolved to agree to look for three quotes for this contract. The Clerk requested assistance to ensure the specification for the contract covers everything the council need.</p> <p>b. Club Lane treatment for weeds has been controversial with some residents enjoying the wildflowers and others asking for them to be removed. The Committee takes residents opinions into account but also has a commitment to support the environment, any maintenance work is taken under advice. While plants are flowering and of particular benefit to insects they will be left, when the flowering season is over they will be removed.</p> | <p>AGREED to get quotes before end of year. Cllr D Hopkins and Cllr K Temple to look over the contract.</p> |
| 10/24 | <p>Young Environmentalist Award: Councillors suggest this becomes known as the 'Mayor's YEA' and each year the new Mayor can take on this role. This is to be taken to the full council for approval.</p> | |
| 11/24 | <p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th Oct 6.30pm</p> | |

Meeting ended 7.45pm

Signed:

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