

ASHBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment Committee held on
Monday 15 October 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ashbourne.**

Present: Councillors: A Bates; Mrs Bull; S Clayton; Mrs Harris; N Harris; D Moon

In attendance: Carole Dean; Town Clerk; Samantha Higton, Assistant Clerk

A/18/904 Apologies for absence

It was agreed to note apologies from Cllr's I Bates; Mrs Brown and Mrs Smith

A/18/905 Variation of Order of Business

None.

A/18/906 Declarations of Members Interests

None received.

A/18/907 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None.

A/18/908 Public Questions and Comments – (3 Minutes per speaker a maximum 15 Minutes in total)

No Members of the public were in attendance.

A/18/909 For Information – Cllr Mrs Spencer has advised that she wishes to take a sabbatical from the Environment Committee until further notice

Members agreed to Cllr Mrs Spencer's request for a sabbatical. The Clerk advised that Cllr White did not wish to sit on the Environment Committee.

A/18/910 Update re 'Lasting Memorial'

The Assistant Clerk gave an update. Cllr Clayton advised that the concrete base was being made; however, it was unlikely that it would be in-situ until late November.

A/18/911 Update re Fireworks Event – 2nd November

a) Members to confirm availability to attend on the evening

Cllr's A Bates; Mrs Bull; S Clayton; Mrs Harris; N Harris and D Moon confirmed they would be available on the evening. Members asked that an email be sent to all other Councillors asking to attend the event.

b) Members to confirm who will meet with the Firework Company at lunch time (approximately)

Cllr Mrs Harris stated that she would meet the Firework Company; The Assistant Clerk advised that the exact time would be confirmed the time, nearer the time.

c) Members to confirm who will collection and return of the key for the pavilion

Cllr Mrs Bull advised that she would collect the key for the pavilion and return it to the Town Hall.

d) Members to confirm who will be litter picking on Saturday 3rd November

Cllr's A Bates; Mrs Bull; S Clayton; Mrs Harris; N Harris and D Moon confirmed they would litter pick on Saturday 3rd November and meet at 8.30am. Members asked that an email be sent to all other Councillors asking to help litter pick.

e) Members to note the following have been arranged / booked: -

- Cokayne Avenue Carpark Closures
- Security
- First Aid
- Fairground rides

f) Cllr Mrs Harris advised that she would meet Sherman Wyn on Thursday 1st November at 6.00pm. Members asked that additional matting be arranged to cover cables.

g) Members asked whether two refreshment vans could attend the event.

h) Members asked whether a ban on bringing alcohol could be enforced. The Clerk advised that she would seek advice from DDDC.

A/18/912 Christmas Light Switch-On – Update

a) Members to consider allowing one small children's ride on the Market Place at no charge to use or attend in lieu of payment to attend the Fireworks, Light Switch-On and Late-Night Shopping event
It was Proposed by Cllr A Bates seconded by Cllr Mrs Harris and RESOLVED that this be agreed.

b) Members to note the following have been arranged / booked: -

- First Aid
- TENS Application
- Book Security
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c) Members noted that the Sax Quartet had confirmed attendance for the event, and would play in the Ballroom from 2.00pm.

A/18/913 Late Night Shopping Update

a) Christmas Meeting Update

Cllr A Bates gave an update from the meetings. Cllr Bates advised that 10,000 brochures had been

b) Members to note the following have been arranged / booked: -

- First Aid
- Fairground Organ
- TENS Application
- Apply for Road Closures
- Security
- Street Trading License
- AA (diversion) signage

Members were advised that the signed used within the town could not be borrowed from the company used the previous years. The Assistant Clerk suggested contact the AA to hire them; which Members agreed to do at a cost currently un-known.

A/18/914 Bradley Wood

a) Update re 125 trees in Bradley Wood. Members to note the delivery date is 1-9 November

Cllr A Bates advise that there had been a good report in the previous weeks Ashbourne News Telegraph. Cllr A Bates advised that he would collect and keep the trees once they had been delivered to the Town Hall until planting was ready to start on the 18th November.

b) Cllr's A Bates and S Clayton to give an update on the promoting of the planting

The clearing of the area would start on Sunday 4th November at 10.30am, which anyone was welcome to assist with. Planting would be on Sunday 18th November at 10.30am which again anyone was welcome to attend and assist with.

The Clerk suggested asking the event to be promoted on Dales Diary (Ashbourne Radio).

A/18/915 Consideration of a Town Council Policy for Benches

Members agreed that they felt a Policy was needed for Benches. It was agreed that a maximum of seven benches in Bradley Wood and that specific areas' would be permitted, this would be a starting point for the policy. Members also stated that benches would only be permitted from re-cycled plastic.

Members agreed to add this to the November Agenda for other idea's to come forward to start forming the policy.

A/18/916 To consider as a project for 2019; Improving the area surrounding the Millennium Clock

a) replacing the seating

Members agreed to obtain quotations for the seating to be replaced with re-cycled plastic seating.

b) fixing a piece of bench engraved for the Queen's Silver Jubilee to the wall

It was noted that the engraved wood was in need of some repair; Members agreed to contact local joiners for quotations.

c) sanding down and re-painting the railings

Members agreed to ask David Turner (the blacksmith creating the Lasting Memorial) to provide a quotation to repair, sanding down and re-painting the railings. It was noted that ownership of the railing was not confirmed.

d) addressing the un-even paving slabs

Members agreed to ask Derbyshire County Council to address the issue of the un-even paving slabs.

e) asking DDDC to address the low-level planters around the town

It was proposed by Cllr A Bates seconded by Cllr Mrs Harris and RESOLVED to ask DDDC to remove the low-level planters around the town

f) Millennium Clock

Cllr A Bates stated that the Millennium Clock was in need of some attention; Members agreed to ask Smith of Derby for a quotation.

A/18/917 To agree Members to monitor Grit Bins for winter 2018/19

A copy was given to Members. It was noted that the contractor did advise when the Grit bins were low and needed to be re-filled, however Members were also asked to check them.

a) To Consider appoint a Town Councillor as a Snow Warden (DCC scheme winter 2018/19)

No Member wished to be appointed as Snow Warden for Winter 2018/19.

A/18/918 To sign the Minutes of the Environment Committee meetings approved by Full Council

It was Proposed by Cllr Bull seconded by Cllr Mrs Harris and RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman.....

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