

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**In attendance-** Councillors R Whittaker (Chair), Councillor Finch, Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Woods

**Also in attendance-**

C McRoy, Assistant Clerk

1. **Apologies** were received and accepted from Councillor Stewart
  2. **To receive** an update from the Assistant Clerk regarding ongoing Environment Committee issues. The Assistant Clerk updated the Committee on progress with salt bins, potential tree locations and potential cycle stand provision.
  3. **To discuss** VE Day weekend 2020 activities There was a discussion about potential VE Day commemoration events. There was a suggestion of a joint afternoon tea event with the local churches for the older people of the community, a further 1940s-themed evening event for all, and the lighting of the Beacon on the Friday evening. To discuss further at next committee meeting.  
**Proposal to Full Council:** To discuss potential funding for any proposed VE Day events.
  4. **To discuss** official quotes received for replacement hanging baskets. The quotes provided by the Assistant Clerk were discussed.  
**Proposal to Full Council:** That the Council purchase 50 replacement hanging baskets and brackets from Amberol at a cost of £2,466.16 (including VAT).
  5. **To review** the amount charged to local businesses for hanging baskets. There was a discussion around potential price increases of plants.  
**Proposal to Full Council:** That businesses be charged £20.00 per hanging basket again next year.
  6. **To discuss** replacement of water bowser (ref Council minute 16.11.19 19c). The Committee discussed whether to replace the water bowser, and wished to see the existing bowser before making a decision. The Assistant Clerk reminded the committee that there was a health and safety issue to consider in deciding what action to recommend to Council.
- 7.15pm-** Councillor Finch left the meeting.
7. **To discuss** ‘20 actions parish and town councils can take on the climate and nature emergency’ report- section 1. There was a brief discussion regarding this document, to be continued at future committee meetings (as a standing agenda item).

8. **To discuss** the precept request from the Environment Committee for 2020-21. There was a discussion about what amount would be required by the Committee next year.

**Resolved:**

<b><u>Precept Request for Environment Committee 2020/21</u></b>			
	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual to Nov 19</b>	<b>Request</b>
Hanging baskets, plants and feed	£2,595.00	£2,170.37	<b>2595.00</b>
Equipment maintenance/repairs	£200.00	£80.00	<b>£200.00</b>
Street furniture	£1,000.00	0	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Best Kept Village competition	£40.00	0	<b>£40.00</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>£3,835.00</b>	<b>£2,250.37</b>	<b>£3,835.00</b>

9. **To resolve** for a Committee member to check and sign the Kings Head Croft inspection sheets- item deferred
10. **To nominate** items for Facebook- item deferred
11. **To discuss** the date of the next meeting- item deferred
12. **To record** the closure of the meeting. The meeting was closed at 7.40pm