

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 19.00 hours remotely via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Herschy (Chair), Smith-Winnard (Vice-Chair), Bartlett, Davies (19.05), Murdoch, Norman, Rumsey, Sutcliffe, Thomas.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk and the Environmental Services Supervisor.

ES21/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

ES22/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Murdoch – Allotments

Cllr. Sutcliffe – Farmers Market

ES23/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

ES24/20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present. No issues were raised.

ES25/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr. Thomas asked if Cllr. Harrington had been contacted regarding the verge pilot and it was stated that the clerk would contact Balfour Beatty with regards to this matter as the end of Summer cut had only just taken place.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020 be agreed and signed as a correct record as soon as the social distancing guidelines are relaxed further and normal meetings resume at 11 Corn Square.

ES26/20 CLERK'S REPORT

- The clerk reported that she had received notification that day regarding Leominster War Memorial from Historic England. It has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building is now listed at Grade II. A report can be found on the following link:
<http://services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=DD26B0C-0CFC-4E0D-905F-2CCA6A92DB6D&cn=FFF4ECF8-1C47-4B8A-9A06-851977BD5958>
- There has been a request from CCTV office for the ivy to be removed from the Pine Trees on Etnam Street car park to improve vision. It was **RESOLVED** that the Environmental Services Supervisor should assess and action removal from the base of the trees.

- Trees were felled in a garden at the rear of Broad Street today as a result of the planning application lapsing. Cllr. Thomas proposed and Cllr. Norman seconded the proposal and it was **RESOLVED** that a formal complaint should be sent to the Leader of Herefordshire Council.

ES27/20 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Committee considered the update report and following discussion they **RESOLVED:**

- To note the report;
- To investigate options to move the CCTV post, rather than remove/prune the Birch tree that is obstructing the view from the CCTV camera on The Grange.
- To agree a budget for tree maintenance to carry out a number of tree works each year.

ES28/20 GROUNDS TEAM UPDATE

Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED:**

- To note the report;
- To appoint Future Arbor Ltd to carry out a tree survey of Town Council open spaces as soon as possible. This was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Bartlett.
- To accept the 100 trees offered by the Environment Agency and heal them in at the allotment site. Suggestions for planting sites included the cemetery extension, the Enterprise Park and possibly sites associated with the NFU flood management scheme, subject to approval.
- To purchase 2 x 1kg bags of Restore and Enrich wild flower seed mixture by Boston Seeds to use in the verge trial areas at a cost of £196 and 1 x 1kg bag of Bees & Wild Flower mixture at a cost of £125 for the extended wild flower meadow on Ginhall Green to help tackle the decline in bees, butterflies and insect pollinators.
- To purchase 300 wildflower plugs to plant into the verges and wildflower meadow in the Spring at a cost of £185. The purchase of seeds and plugs was proposed by Cllr. Smith-Winnard, seconded by Cllr. Davies and unanimously voted for.
- To purchase a Greenmech Arborist 150 Wood Chipper at a cost of £14,125 + VAT (including operator and service training and the first service) to allow the Environmental Team to chip brash/branches on site saving time and the cost of fuel removing waste brash/branches to the allotment site for storage. There is now no storage facility for green waste on site at the allotments, so all green waste would have had to be disposed of privately at added cost to the town council. This was proposed by Cllr. Thomas, seconded by Cllr. Sutcliffe and unanimously agreed.

ES29/20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(a) Ginhall Green Easement – The Land Agent and the Town Council Solicitor are currently dealing with the developer on this matter.

ES30/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 16th November 2020 at 19:00hrs either remotely via Zoom or in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP depending on the lifting of social distancing restrictions by central government.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at hours.

CHAIR:

DATE: