

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 19.00 hours remotely via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Herschy (Chair), Smith-Winnard (Vice-Chair), Bartlett, Davies, Murdoch, Norman, Parris, Rumsey, Sutcliffe, Thomas and Williamson (19:12).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Democratic Services Officer

ES40/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

ES41/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Murdoch – Allotments
Cllr. Sutcliffe – Farmers Market/LARC
Cllr. Bartlett – Transition Leominster

ES42/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

ES43/20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

ES44/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 16th November 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.

ES45/20 CLERK'S REPORT

- Complaints had been received regarding the path on Ginhall Green which was due to a drainage issue in 3 areas. As a result of this 3 tonnes of scalpings have been applied to the 3 separate areas and this has alleviated the problem.
- Lengthsman Drainage Scheme – the Town Council has been awarded a grant for £10,240. Ditching and jetting work is being carried out in the Ivington area. Currently 32 tonnes of slop have been removed and 6-7 tonnes of solid material from pipes, and all the pipes have been jetted. It is possible that the works may run £500 over budget, due to the scale of the works, but the funding is available in our maintenance budget to pay for this.
- Allotments – since repairing the pipe there is an area that needs scraping off and the chippings put into skips. A quote has been received for £320+VAT to carry out the works and the skips will cost £600.

ES46/20 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Committee considered the update report and following discussion they

RESOLVED:

- To note the report.
- To support a request to install a gate at ZC20 near Orchard Lane.
- That Cllr.Smith-Winnard would become a tree warden for Leominster Town Council and that the clerk would investigate a tree warden training event.
- To advertise in Leominster News for tree wardens to cover each ward.
- To organise an event for National Tree Week.
- To contact Balfour Beatty and the Herefordshire Council tree officer with regards to the removal of the tree guard on Broad Street.
- To attend an informal meeting on 12th January 2021, with Natural Flood Management, to discuss flood management in the local area.
- To set up an Environmental Working Group with the aim of following the same working pattern as Herefordshire Council. This will include Cllrs. Bartlett, Herschy and Williamson, but will be raised at the next Full Council meeting, on 25th January 2021, so that Councillors on other committees have the opportunity to join. The group will address the Climate Emergency in association with Zero Carbon Leominster.

ES47/20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Committee noted that there were no confidential items to consider.

ES48/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 15th March 2021 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 19.49 hours.

CHAIR:

DATE: