

Minutes of Environment Committee

Date 7th June 2016

Venue The Town Hall at 7pm

Persons present Cllrs Cooper (chairman), Robins, Smith, Ribchester and Byles

1. No apologies for absence received.
2. It was **unanimously resolved** that a virement of £30 be made from the street furniture budget to pay for high visibility jackets for the community speed watch group.
3. Allotment letters - the Town Clerk confirmed to Cllr Byles these will be sent out this week.
4. Allotment clearance by J Banthorpe - Cllr Cooper reported that Mr Banthorpe is clearing up the plot near Mrs Gill and streaming an area by the car park to make the car park for the allotments larger. Cllr Cooper is making arrangements to have wood chipping delivered to the allotments for allotment holders to use (free of charge).
5. The Churchyard wall - letters inviting quotes for the work will be sent out to four firms of Structural Engineers by the Town Clerk over the next 7 days.
6. Dog poo leaflets - the text agreed by the Committee and approved by Sarah Carter of MSDC and will be formatted and printed by Cllr Byles with help from Cllr Molesworth
7. The contractor carrying out the work on trees in the churchyard and cemetery will be urged to get the work done by Cllrs Cooper and Smith who knows him.
8. Pot holes in the churchyard - Cllr Smith confirmed this work had been completed.
9. It was noted with concern that the lock on the chapel door has not been replaced. The Town Clerk was emailed to arrange for this work to be done.
10. EU Referendum party has asked permission to set up a stall on town Council land. After a debate it was decided to refuse this application as the Town Council must be politically neutral.
11. Hanging baskets - it was agreed that next year a sponsor would be sought from the local community to pay for the hanging baskets - a job for the Project Manager.
12. It was unanimously agreed that a new replacement dog bin should be purchased.
13. The Rose bed at Castleton Way . It was agreed it was in an untidy state and that MSDC do not care for it properly and that the owner of the land SCC should allow J Banthorpe to maintain it and erect a notice stating that he was sponsoring the rose bed giving details of his firm. This would mean the rose bed was maintained free of charge by a local firm rather than intermittently by MSDC.

14. An email in modern text messaging format from an allotment holder was considered, deciphered and a reply drafted.
15. At the next Environment Committee it was agreed that the various tenders for grass cutting and hedge cutting will be considered and that as Cllrs Byles and Smith are away in the first week of July the next meeting will be on 12th July.

Resolutions to the Town Council

A request for a virement of £30 from the Street Furniture budget to pay for high visibility jackets for the Community Speed Watch team.

The meeting concluded at 20.40.