

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Environmental Working Party
Held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019, at 7.00pm
In the Council Offices, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present; Councillors Jeremy Cottam, Richard Foster, David Lister and Jennifer Walker.
 In attendance: Naomi Mildenhall (Services Manager)

EN/2019/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Ardagh-Walter, Field and Jeffery.

EN/2019/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

EN/2019/27 Minutes

Members received the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 2019.

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th August 2019 be signed as a true record of the proceedings.

EN/2019/28 Matters arising from previous meeting

a) Clerks Report

There were no matters arising.

b) Other Matter

Members asked for a Water Refill Scheme update for the next meeting.

EN/2019/29 Carbon Footprint Assessment

Members considered two quotes for conducting a Carbon Footprint Appraisal.

AGREED to recommend the Quote from Carbon Footprint Ltd.

EN/2019/30 Friends of the Earth Carbon presentation

Members received a copy of a presentation given by Mike Child at the SLCC Conference on Climate Change Emergency.

AGREED to note the information.

EN/2019/31 Action Plan

Members discussed next steps of the action plan and concluded that concentration should be given to items 9. Communication and 10. Education & Community Engagement as on page 11 of the Action Plan with a view to having a public meeting in or around May 2020.

It was discussed that item 6. Waste/Recycling/Food and 7. Plastic should be looked at as a separate document and taken out of the main Action Plan as they were quite substantial topics on their own and deserved individual attention as such.

Over all thanks were given to Councillors Lister and Foster for their work so far on the Action Plan and it was recognised that a great deal had been added to the document.

AGREED Councillor Foster would develop an introduction and key points to be worked on for the next meeting.

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EN/2019/32 Any Other Business

Members discussed a workshop that Newbury Town Council had conducted saying that it was very engaging with the public.

EN/2019/33 Recommendation to the Recreation and Amenities Committee

To Recommend to The Recreation and Amenities Committee that a Carbon Footprint Appraisal be conducted and to accept the quote of £950 ex VAT from Carbon Footprint Ltd.

EN/2019/34 Date of next meeting

21st November 2019

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____