

Environment and Allotments Committee

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Minutes of the Environment and Allotments Committee Meeting held 15th October 2019, 7:00pm, Chairman's Room, Victoria Hall

- EA/19-20/3/1 Present**
- Cllr K Robinson, Cllr S Dymond, Cllr A Cooper, Cllr H Maxfield, Cllr J Waring, Cllr S Burgess
- In attendance: Sue Davies, Town Clerk
- EA/19-20/3/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence**
- Cllr A Cartwright, Cllr P Waring, Mr S Blaze.
- EA/19-20/3/3 To note declarations of Member's Interests**
- None declared
- EA/19-20/3/4 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2019.**
- The minutes of the meeting on the 9th September were approved by those present.
- EA/19-20/3/5 Public Participation – A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.**
- None present.

- EA/19-20/3/6** **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
- a) **Waste bins on King Street which are currently not emptied by NULBC**
- It was reported that the waste bin on King Street has now been moved onto Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council land.
- EA/19-20/3/7** **CCTV – Clough Hall Park**
- A meeting is being arranged with a CCTV commercial company in order to ask questions and establish some costs including Victoria Hall provision.
- An email has been received from Newcastle Borough Council requesting a meeting.
- An update was provided on the covert camera
- EA/19-20/3/8** **To receive correspondence relating to a footpath connecting Poplar Drive/Windmill Avenue from MP Ruth Smeeth and to agree any action required.**
- The clerk was asked to look at the historical background of this issue and to report back to the next meeting.
- EA/19-20/3/9** **Ranger Report**
- The Clerk reported that the Ranger service continues to be well received by Kidsgrove residents who, overall, are noticing the improvement this service provides in enhancing that done by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.
- EA/19-20/3/10** **Play Areas and Green Spaces – To discuss progress and actions**
- Cllrs still need to get the information to the Clerk to enable the final report to be produced. It was noted that it may be more productive if the council concentrate on one play area for improvement and that innovative ideas should be considered as local needs may have changed.
- Cllr J Waring noted that she has managed to get NULBC to clean the equipment at one play area in her ward.
- Action: Cllrs to provide the information for their wards.*
- EA/19-20/3/11** **Footpaths – To receive an update and to agree actions required.**
- The Clerk is attempting to locate the footpath map or to request a new one.
- The meeting with the Stafford County Council footpath officer is being pursued.
- Actions: The Clerk*

EA/19-20/3/12	<p>Allotments update:</p> <p>a) Crown Bank.</p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>b) Lamb Street.</p> <p>Deferred.</p>
EA/19-20/3/13	<p>Five year-plan and Budget Update</p> <p>Deferred – all Councillors were again requested to send their thoughts and contributions to the Clerk.</p>
EA/19-20/3/14	<p>Budget Review</p> <p>The Committee considered its budget requirements for the following year in detail but also looking at the following three years. The Clerk agreed to collate the figures ready for presentation to F&GP.</p>
EA/19-20/3/15	<p>Chair and Clerk's Items</p> <p>None</p>
EA/19-20/3/16	<p>Future Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider a Town Council Environmental Policy • To consider ways of reducing single use plastics in the town • Woodlands Trust – arrange a meeting • Community Orchard schemes
EA/19-20/3/17	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 5th December 2019</p>