



# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

LG1, SALISBURY GARDENS

9AM

8 JULY 2024

Members present:-

Councillors: Mark Jefferies (Chair), Ian Bond, Steve Milford

Clerk: Katherine Baldwin

MINUTE SUBJECT

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16/24 PUBLIC FORUM

There was 1 member of the public present.

Colin Smith raised that matter of camper vans parked on Park Avenue which was reducing on street parking and may be affecting trade and events in the park. Colin Smith thought that camper vans parking on Park Avenue may have coincided with the introduction of overnight parking. Cllr Milford noted that this was not a matter for Ventnor Town Council as on street parking is a matter for the Isle of Wight Council. Cllr Bond mentioned that it is possible to check online whether vehicles have tax and MOT. The Town Clerk could write to the Isle of Wight Council to highlight the matter raised by Colin Smith.

17/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Steve Cooper.

18/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

19/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 10 JUNE 2024

The Minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting of 10 June 2024, having been previously circulated to Members were taken as read.

**It was unanimously resolved to:**

Accept the minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting of 10 June 2024.

20/24 VENTNOR PARK – BLACK POPLAR TREE

It was noted that whilst this was land maintained by Ventnor Town Council, it was owned by the Isle of Wight Council.

**It was agreed:**

That Ventnor Town Council had no objection to the proposal from Matt Simmons to test the genetics of the Black Poplar Tree and take cuttings in the late autumn/winter subject to agreement from the Isle of Wight Council as the landowners.

21/24 MEMORIAL BENCH FOR TERRY FARLEY

The Town Clerk gave an overview of the request and the Councillors had been given a map of the proposed sites.

**It was agreed:**

That the memorial bench in memory of Terry Farley be placed at the site referred to as Site A on the plan provided.

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**22/24 PLANET AWARE – CIGARETTE BUTT LITTER CAMPAIGN**

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Cllr Steve Cooper wished to provide support providing that it did not cost Ventnor Town Council.

There was some discussion regarding support to empty the bins. It was suggested that it did not need to be emptied at 8pm as suggested but could be emptied at another time.

It was noted that Island Roads had informed Planet Aware that they required £10 million Liability Insurance is required to place the ballot boxes on posts. The Town Clerk advised that if Ventnor Town Council were to offer the Beach Safety Hut to affix a ballot box, it would require the consent of the Isle of Wight Council as the landlord.

It was noted that littering was a problem in the park as well as on the beach. It was suggested that litter is added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**It was agreed:**

- a) That the Town Clerk would write to Planet Aware to explain what VTC can and cannot do.
  - b) That the Town Clerk would check whether the VTC Public Liability Insurance would cover a ballot box being affixed to the Beach Safety Hut.
  - c) That the Town Clerk would contact Isle of Wight Council to say that VTC is happy to support Planet Aware in their endeavour.
  - d) That the Town Clerk would check with the staff regarding support to empty the ballot boxes.
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**23/24 COMMUNITY ORCHARD UPDATE**

Cllr Jefferies explained that Probation would clear the site this week while they are strimming the Ventnor sign on La Falaise. Cllr Jefferies explained that the data from the public consultation was being examined. The management of the site is likely to be the biggest cost although Cllr Jefferies hoped that Probation would be able to help as well as members of the community who had expressed an interest in being involved in the project. There would be a meeting to look at next steps on 7 August.

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**24/24 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In view of the confidential nature of the following items:

**It was resolved under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings (1960) Act:** to exclude the Public and Press whilst the next items are under discussion as they are of a confidential nature.

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The meeting closed at 09.43 am

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR

DATE

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