



Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Wellbeing Committee held at 7pm on Thursday 9th December 2021 in the Seacourt Hall and via video conference

Present: Cllr Church (Chair), Bastin, Dowie, Kay and Potter. Cllr Blase attended virtually

In attendance: H Broughton (Locum Clerk)

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Berrett and MacKeith
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none
3. **Questions from members of the public:** There were none
4. **Reducing our own footprint**
 - a) Assessing the environmental impact and carbon footprint of NHPC activities
 - b) Exploring the use of the centre for CSE 'climate emergency action planning tool' to enable NHPC to undertake this assessment.

Cllr Dowie expressed surprise at the timing given the new pavilion and skatepark projects and demolition of the scout hut. Cllr Church said that the Council should be looking at its current activities as a base line. It was asked what was involved in using the tool and Cllr Church explained that questions are asked, and the results give a carbon footprint and a set of recommendations. This is something other parish councils and businesses have undertaken.

It was proposed and seconded **that NHPC considers assessing the environmental impact and carbon footprint of NHPC activities and explores use of the centre for CSE 'climate emergency action planning tool' to enable NHPC to undertake this assessment. This would be reported back to full council.** A named vote was requested. All voted in favour other than Cllr Dowie who was against, and this was therefore APPROVED.
 - c) Contacting OALC regarding a workshop for parish councils led by CSE in Spring 2022
 - d) Reporting to full council on the level of interest in for a workshop

It was proposed and seconded **to contact OALC and local councils to gauge possible interest in a workshop for parish councils led by CSE in spring 2022 and to report back to full council.** A named vote was requested. Cllr Dowie abstained and all other councillors were in favour, so this was APPROVED.
5. **Botley Energy Event:**

It was proposed and seconded **that NHPC offers to support the Botley Energy Event by funding the cost of use of the Seacourt Hall from the Environment Committee budget.** A named vote was requested. All councillors voted in favour, so this was unanimously APPROVED.
6. **Green Spaces and Footpaths**

Cllr Kay explained that he has been investigating green spaces, footpaths and other related issues

and developing a database. He suggested that the next stage would be to liaise with Cumnor Parish Council which already has information available on-line.

It was proposed and seconded **that NHPC enters discussions with Cumnor Parish Council to develop a local map and to come back with a formal proposal and budget to the next committee or Council meeting.** A named vote was requested, and this was unanimously APPROVED.

7. Great Big Green Week 2022

The original proposal was that NHPC commits to enabling local activity for the Great Big Green Week 2022 and that this be discussed in more detail at the March meeting.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to read 'that NHPC commits to support in principle activity for the Great Big Green Week 2022 and that a proposal will be discussed at the March Environment Committee meeting'. A named vote was requested. All councillors voted in favour, so the amendment was unanimously APPROVED.

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8. 20mph limit update

The County Council had acknowledged the parish council's interest in reducing the speed limit on most residential roads to 20mph, although it will be a few months before it is known if the criteria have been met. It was confirmed that a survey had been undertaken by the Parish Council.

9. Tree Planting for Queens Jubilee update

It was reported that a hedgerow had been recently planted with the support of residents.

10. Air Pollution update

There was nothing to report.

11. Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 8.00pm in the Seacourt Hall

The meeting closed at 7.37pm