



## North Hinksey Parish Council



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### **Minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Wellbeing Committee held at 8pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Seacourt Hall and via video conference**

**Present:** Cllr Church (Chair), Blase, Berrett, Dowie, MacKeith and Potter

**In attendance:** H Broughton (Clerk)

There were no members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Received from Cllrs Kay and Bastin
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** There were none
- 3. Questions from members of the public:** There were none
- 4. 20mph limit update:** Cllr Bastin has been leading on the 20mph scheme and the Chair thanked him for his work on this. There was a County wide 20mph campaign, supported by the County Council with 5 pilot schemes being set up across the County. NHPC is not in the first round of schemes. It was agreed that Cllr Church, Cllr Bastin and the Clerk request that the County Council progress a 20mph zone locally. It would be asked if a traffic survey would be required and, if so, how this should be taken forward.
- 5. Great Big Green Week in September:** 105 events were planned across Oxfordshire as part of the Great Big Green Week. The Botley event was taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> September with 3 speakers and the launch of the Botley Green Guide. There was some discussion around the format of the event. The main focus was to ask people to commit to taking action.
- 6. Botley Green Guide:** The 8-page Botley Green Guide is being launched at the event on 25<sup>th</sup> September. It was suggested that this could be circulated with the Sprout. Copies will be printed for the whole community and handed out on the day. It was agreed to obtain a quote for 3,000 copies to go to every household.
- 7. Review of Botley in Bloom:** The winners of Botley in Bloom received prizes totalling £200 and this was recorded in the Sprout. The initiative had encouraged community spirit and it was anticipated that this would be repeated next year. Categories would be considered nearer the time.
- 8. Tree Planting for Queens Jubilee:** The Queens canopy is a major national project and HRH is asking everyone to plant a tree in honour of the Platinum Jubilee. Various options were discussed, and a semi-circle of trees suggested in the Upper or Lower Playing Field with a bench. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Church approach the Recreation and Amenities Committee regarding the planting of trees in the Louie Memorial Fields or other green space as part of the national tree week and Queens Green Canopy Project. This was unanimously approved
- 9. Air Pollution Update - Particulate Monitoring Update:** There are 20 air particulate monitors in Oxford which will enable the mapping of particulate pollution. It was agreed that Cllr Church request 2 air

pollution monitors for a 3-month period. Locations were considered for their installation, including primary schools.

**10. Future activity and development of the Committee:** Cllr Church gave advance notice that he was considering standing down as Chair of the Environment and Wellbeing Committee due to other commitments. It was hoped that on 25<sup>th</sup> September there would be interest in forming an environmental group that the Council could support. He had discussed with Cllr Bastin taking on the Chair role due to his environmental experience, although other councillors were asked to let him know if they were interested. It was agreed that an informal follow up to the Green Botley event on 25<sup>th</sup> September be held, before the next committee meeting in December, to give the committee clear proposals.

**11. Date of Next Scheduled Meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 8.00pm in the Seacourt Hall, attendance arrangements for members of the public tbc.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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