



Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Sub-Committee held at  
The Grange Sports Field, Northampton Road, Earls Barton on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Present: Cllr N Chapman, B Chapman, Cllr V Gould, Cllr C Lloyd-Staples, Cllr L Morrison.

1. Election of Chair – Cllr Nick Chapman was duly elected Chair.
2. Public Speaking Time – 2 members of the public were in attendance and 1 spoke to members about the planting of spring bulbs on the green area on Compton Way.
3. Apologies for Absence – apologies of absence were received from Cllr C Wells, G West and B Whatton.
4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – no declarations of interest were received.
5. Tree Planting Strategy – the trees to mark the Queen’s Green Canopy have been planted on Station Road and are doing well. It was agreed that further planting should take place in the autumn on Station Road, at the pocket park and on the land on Aggate Way. LM to apply to the Woodlands Trust for a tree pack. It was also agreed that a tree nursery/community orchard be established at the EBPC allotments on Wellingborough Road. NNC also be asked for an inventory of trees in the village before a request is put on social media to nominate trees that could be considered for protection under a TPO.
6. Wildflower Verges and Maintenance of Highway verges – it was agreed that the moat/mound and the eastern side of Mears Ashby Road could be left un-mowed to see what wildflowers appear. It was noted that any areas designated for wildflower verges would have an impact on the highway mowing contract, and that needs to be considered prior to going out to tender. It was decided that the slopes on the land on Aggate Way and the area of land south of the barrier on Station Road could be used as areas to experiment with wildflower sowing. RS to contact Northants ACRE for guidance.
7. Electric Vehicle Charing Points (VCP) – RS to look into government strategy via NCALC update.
8. Litter Strategy – The good work being carried out by the Barton Wombles to encourage young people to be more aware of the importance of not dropping litter was noted. The Environmental Sub-Committee and EBPC will support the Barton Wombles request that rubbish is taken home after village events. The PC will also look into the provision of bins at the bottom of Station Road to make it easier for people to dispose of litter when they are visiting the River Nene. Viridor and White Mills Marina will also be asked for help with this.

9. Recycle/Reduce/Reuse Strategy – Facebook page to be set up within the next month. Also, monitor the situation regarding the Fire Station to ensure the clothes recycling bin is not lost when the station is relocated.
  
10. Aggate Way – a plan needs to be put together for the land. A request for a landscape designer to help to be put on social media. Need to make sure that any action taken is followed up swiftly so the land doesn't become overgrown again and also consider future maintenance/liability. RS to meet with contractor regarding completing the flailing of the site. RS has also applied for grant funding from the Co-op for the project.
  
11. Climate Action Plan – RS to update.  
Action Points (including those carried forward):
  - Planters to be looked into further with Andrea of Barton Today - Clerk
  - Solar Panels – JW to look into possibility of solar panels on warehouse roofs.
  - Cycle Racks – liaise with library – Clerk
  - Planning – look into creation of Planning Policy with guidance on green initiatives – Clerk

Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.