



Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Sub-Committee held at  
The Grange Sports Field, Northampton Road, Earls Barton on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Present: Cllr N Chapman, B Chapman, Cllr C Lloyd-Staples, Cllr L Morrison, B Whatton, C Weller.

1. 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 and the maintenance on the trees/hedging planted.
2. Apologies for Absence – apologies of absence were received from Cllr V Gould, Cllr C Wells, and G West.
3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest – no declarations of interest were received.
4. Tree Planting Strategy – following a successful bid to the Woodland Trust, 105 trees will be received for planting in the pocket park in the autumn. It was agreed that a meeting at the pocket park should be held to discuss the work required and set a planting date. C L-S to contact EB Primary School about being involved. It was agreed that, whilst improving one type of biodiversity, we should ensure we are not harming another. It was also noted that EBPC now have an allotment plot which can act as a tree nursery and that some work on this area is required. RS to liaise with highways about planting in the vacant tree pits on The Square and funding should be looked into. A working party will be held to identify sites around the village for highway planting.
5. Wildflower Verges and Maintenance of Highway verges – new highway contractors have now been appointed. Two test areas for wildflower planting will be established on Station Road and Aggate Way. NC to spray bank on Aggate Way. RS to investigate signs to raise awareness. LM to look into online information.
6. Electric Vehicle Charing Points (VCP) – C L-S and RS to attend information session with Northants CALC relating to EVCP.
7. Litter Strategy – A meeting is being organised with Nenescape to discuss the issue of litter by the River Nene. An update was also received from The Barton Wombles.
8. Recycle/Reduce/Reuse Strategy – Facebook page to be set up by RS. EB Library now has a recycling point and full details to be publicised.
9. Aggate Way – the site has now been cleared and seeded. It was agreed that a design meeting be organised to involve local residents and the wider community. RS to contact Northants ACRE and CPRE for advice. BW suggested that a call is made for plant cuttings from local residents when we reach that point to encourage community participation.

10. Climate Action Plan.

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
- RS to update plan for review at the next meeting, prior to making a recommendation for adoption by EBPC.

Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.