



Minutes for the Environment Committee Meeting of Yeovil Without Parish Council held at Yeovil Sports & Social Club, Johnson Park on 31 May 2023 at 6.03pm – 6.51pm

Present

Cllrs Howard Ashton, Iris Coton(Chair) and Kate Stevenson

In attendance – Cllr Mike Lock & Cllr Colin Rose and Barbara Appleby (Clerk)

Members of the Public – None

EC 11/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Vyvyenne Burt
The committee **RESOLVED** to accept the apology.

EC 12/23 Declaration of Interest

Howard Ashton – Personal – 19/03242/OUT drainage Coppitts Hill

EC 13/23 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2023 were **APPROVED** as a true record.

EC14/23 Wessex Water - Drainage and sewage appraisal for the North of Yeovil, with particular reference to the land adjacent to Yeovil Marsh and Coppitts Hill and Ref: Planning Application 19/03242/OUT

The presentation prepared for the meeting was circulated to full council on 6 June and attached to the minutes. Wessex Water have been invited to attend the September Environment meeting to discuss the results of the impermeable area survey taking place June 23, in the Yeovil Marsh area.

Members **NOTED** that the outline plan 19/03242/OUT details for surface water, drainage, foul sewage are subject to change, comments should be made when the reserved matters (REM) application is received. Wessex Water are open to attend a future meeting when the reserved matters application is submitted for consultation.

EC 15/23 Change of committee membership.

The committee **NOTED** the change in committee membership following the appointments to committee's at the Annual parish council meeting held on 17th May 23.

EC 16/23 Allocated Parish areas:

i. Reports on areas:

Brimsmore – KS

- Yeovil Marsh z bend – flow of water on road – HA and ML commented on this due to the knowledge of the area, and the water originates from a stream. Ditch clearing may help, it was unclear of who owned the ditch, enquiries to be made to ascertain ownership.
- Combe Close – fencing debris and tree cuttings, enquire to whom owns land and if it can be cleared.
- Small tree planting Combe Street Lane, improvements to gardens. Enquiries would be made to the Woodland Trust for free trees, leaflet would be prepared to offer trees to local residents to plant and care for.

Summerlands – IC

- The majority of areas in Summerland's is privately owned. The condition of the pavements in Greenwood Road are in poor condition. Cllr Coton requested to contact the relevant Somerset Councillors and highlight the problem.

ii. Committee change - confirmation of area of responsibility

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Ashton would be responsible for the Combe area.

EC 17/23 Dissemination of Environment Information to YWPC parishioners

It was **AGREED** that initially the Environment Committee would concentrate on producing a leaflet for tree planting in Combe Street Lane.

EC 18/23 Parish Ranger

i. The committee **NOTED** the responses received from the parish ranger reference EC8/23

ii. It was **AGREED** to meet with the parish ranger for a walkabout and discuss some of the suggestions made, on 20 July 23 @10am, subject to everyone's availability.

iii. The Committee **NOTED** the parish rangers work reports Feb-Apr 23.

EC 19/23 Budget and projects

i. The committee **NOTED** the 23/24 budget figure and **AGREED** that there was not a requirement to allocate funding to each area of responsibility.

ii It was **AGREED** that Tree planting in the area was the focus of the committee and funds would be allocated to the purchase of trees if a need/project was identified. .

EC 20/23 Environment Communication

i. The Climate Adaptation Toolkit that had previously circulated to members was **NOTED**.

Chair **Date**