



Environment Committee

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held electronically on Thursday 25 March 2021 at 6.00pm.

20.014 **Members Attending:**

Cllr Jeffes, Cllr Langford, Cllr Percy (chair), Cllr Riley

20.015 **Apologies Received from:**

Apologies received from Cllr Appleby (earlier commitment to another event)

20.016 **Public Participation and Declarations of Interest**

There were no members of the public present or declarations of interest made.

20.017 **Agree minutes from Environment Committee [Meeting held on 25 February 2021](#).**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25 February 2021 were agreed by all as a correct record. The minutes will be signed in retrospect.

20.018 **Response to Winchester District Local Plan – Living Well**

Q 25 Re Adequacy of Open Spaces

We believe that the pandemic has illustrated that additional open space is required, particularly as the population is growing. There is also a need for additional footpaths and the effective maintenance of existing footpaths.

A mechanism to ensure that people of limited means are not excluded from the use of the new sports facilities is also critical.

Q26 Re Suggestions for multi-generational neighbourhoods

The creation of more mixed housing developments is indicated.

20.019 **Response to Winchester District Plan – Low Carbon Infrastructure**

Q 27 Key Infrastructure Issues

In relation to solar farms, which in general we support, we also believe that a supplementary planning doc is essential to ensure that environmental impact assessments are undertaken



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and positive nature outcomes are required and identified.

Q 28 Re Other Options

In addition to solar, we would also stress the need to consider the exploitation of wind and hydro energy and the increased use of anaerobic digesters.

20.020 Tetra Paks

Cllr Percy awaiting response from Cllr Martin Tod on the siting and implementation date of new collection bin in Alresford.

20.021 Power Generation

Cllr Langford pursuing Itchen Abbas Village Hall scheme. Cost and damage from cricket balls may preclude a scheme in Easton.

20.022 Village Shop & Framers Market

Cllr Riley pursuing useful leads.

20.023 Grass Cutting at Cemeteries

It was agreed that future grants to the Parish for grass cutting should involve a commitment to re-wild parts of the cemeteries. Some progress by Verity Coleman's group in hand but is a long-term project.

Political pressure on WCC to prevent contractors cutting verges will be essential.

20.024 News Articles

A range of ideas for future articles were discussed including positive interviews with local personalities such as Mark Stent, the health of the River Itchen and a suggested valley-wide questionnaire.

20.025 Date and Time of following meeting:

Date: No April meeting but a May date will be advised.

Location: To be advised.

The meeting was closed at 7.15pm