



Environment Committee

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

Members Attending:

Cllr Percy (Chair), Cllr Riley, Cllr Langford, Cllr Appleby

20.001 Apologies Received from:

Cllr Jeffes (unwell)

20.002 Public Participation and Declarations of Interest

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

20.003 Agree minutes from Meeting held on 21 January 2021.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 January 2021 were agreed by all as a correct record. The minutes will be signed in retrospect.

20.004 Comment on Winchester City District Local Plan Guidelines for reporting at March FCM.

i.) Carbon Neutrality

- a) There is a need for more detail and specific environmental targets for Council property, both domestic and business.
- b) The lack of a central bus station was questionable to being carbon neutral.
- c) The extra proposed Park and Ride facilities would not reduce carbon footprint.
- d) Funding should be provided for tree planting by Parish Councils.
- e) Solar Farms (from the Supplementary Planning Document) should have a requirement to support biodiversity.
- f) Other forms of green energy (eg. wind and water powered) should be encouraged and not just solar, also solar on roofs, new and existing, domestic, and non-domestic.
- g) Cycling routes to the centre of Winchester and the New Leisure Centre must be provided.

ii.) Biodiversity & Natural Environment

- a) The concept of a Green Belt is not thought to be a good idea. The SDNP already provides a designated green environment.



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- b) Green recreational space should be provided with all new developments. Some biodiversity credits should be allowed but funding for them must be provided by the developer before the start of a project and not left to the end.
- c) Current plans as outlined on page 31 of the report are insufficiently robust.

20.005 Couch Green Tree Planting

The recommendation is to accept the quotation from Chichester Trees (details to be provided by SP) and to follow the advice of Tree Consultant Sarah Kiss and plant Half Standard Trees.

20.006 Tetra Pak Recycling

The new recycling point for Tetra Pack cartons will be at the New Alresford Recycling Depot.

Action: SP to ask WCC Cllr Margot Power for details.

20.007 Update on Power Generation

(See Video on Village Solar Farm.)

Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall are looking at the possibility of installing solar panels to the south facing roof of the Village Hall and also batteries for power storage. Funding needs to be investigated.

20.008 Update on Village Shop

It was agreed to investigate that The Parish Council (delegated to the Environmental Committee) produce a recommended list of environmentally “Green Items” that could be stocked by the Easton Village Shop.

Action: YR to discuss with the shop.

20.009 Winchester Bus Station

See Item 20.004 (b) above

20.010 Min Farmers Market

There was an organisation which had, until prevented by Covid19 Lockdown, run a mini farmers market at Badger Farm. Could this organisation do something similar at Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall once Covid19 restrictions had ended?

Action: YR to follow up with the organisers.



20.011 News Articles for March & April

An article on use of electricity by households in the Valley, written by SP, has been put in the March edition of IVN. It was decided to wait to see the reaction to this article before writing another one.

20.012 Items for Consideration at the next Meeting

- Report on Avington to Easton Sewage Pipeline

20.013 Date and Time of following meeting:

Date: Thursday 25 March at 6.00 pm until 9.00 pm.

Location: Electronic – public welcome, contact clerk for entry.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.