



Sodbury Town Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2022, held in The Old Reading Rooms, 26 High Street, Chipping Sodbury at  
19:30 hrs**

**Committee Members:**

**Councillors:** B Allen (Chair), S Gibson, C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney, P Smith, S Spooner, A Williams

**Present:**

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Admin Assistant: Lucy Shilcock

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**181. Appoint a Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee**

Cllr P Rumney nominated Cllr B Allen; Cllr B Romaine seconded the proposal. By a show of hands and no other nominations, Cllr B Allen was duly elected and accepted her position as Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee.

**182. Appoint a Vice Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee**

Cllr B Allen nominated Cllr S Spooner; Cllr P Smith seconded the proposal. By a show of hands and no other nominations, Cllr S Spooner was duly elected and accepted his position as Vice Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee (accepted via email).

**183. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S Spooner.

**184. Declarations of Interest**

None to report

**185. Approval of Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**186. Matters Arising**

Nothing to report

**187. Budget 2020/21 – Spend to date**

Members received and approved the current spend to date to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

It was **NOTED** that Members requested an estimated future cost for the annual maintenance of the woodland (and associated future costs which would need to be met by Sodbury Town Council) be provided to a future meeting.



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**188. Dog Bin Request**

The following information was received and **NOTED**:

- A request had been made for a new dog bin – located by the Railway Bridge at the end of Blanchards
- Pictures of the 2 types of bin available and costs: Green Shoot Bin costing £416.73+VAT and Wybone Bin £599.55+VAT
- Cost to add a new dog bin to the existing contract with South Gloucestershire Council for emptying bins is an annual cost of £224.04 for once a week empty.

**RESOLVED:** Green Shoot Bin to be purchased and installed at a cost of £416.73+VAT and to be added to the SGC bin emptying contract at a cost of £224.04 per annum.

**189. Bins in Chipping Sodbury High Street**

The following information was **NOTED**:

- Further to previous item 159, South Gloucestershire Council have responded to advise that bigger 240 litre bins will be coming to the High Street
- The sample 240 litre bin (Derby Style) which was provided by SGC cost £500 each
- Sodbury Town Council could choose a different style of 240 litre bin but would need to cover any difference in the cost per unit. A report showing 6 styles of bin was received.

Following discussion and considerations, Members **RESOLVED** to support the use of the Derby Style bin as originally suggested by SGC.

It was further **RESOLVED** that Members would like to request that SGC involve Sodbury Town Council in the future bin rationalisation in Chipping Sodbury High Street, as members would like to contribute to the decision making around the locations of the new bigger bins.

**190. Summer Activities**

The following was **NOTED**:

- Athletics on The Ridings during week of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022
- Playscheme in The Old Reading Rooms during the week of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- Costs will be slightly more than last year due to the cost of additional training
- STC will apply to Town Lands Charity for a grant to cover the costs of providing the summer activities

**RESOLVED:**

- Appointment of Youth in Sodbury to provide the playscheme was approved
- Overall content of the Playscheme can be chosen by the playscheme provider as appropriate
- Rachel Spooner and assistant be appointed to provide the athletics sessions.



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**191. Sodbury Town Council Play Areas**

A verbal update was received and the following was **NOTED**:

- The Ridings – the repair to the rocker and retrofit to the surface at the entrance remain outstanding (quotations have been requested)
- Old Sodbury Playground gate requires a return spring
- Path from Badminton Road is overgrown – but will hopefully be cut by a member of the public before Village Day in June.

A discussion took place regarding the return spring on the gate at the Old Sodbury playground. **RESOLVED**: Members requested that a quotation to purchase and install the return spring be sought and reported back to this committee, either via email or at the next meeting so a decision could be made regarding next steps.

**192. S106 – Ridings Play Area Project**

A verbal update was received and the following was **NOTED**:

- The first stage of the tender process had been undertaken and 8 tenders were received
- The tenders are being assessed and compared by our specialist consultant who will be providing a report for consideration
- Reps from Sodbury Town Council and the Town Trust are meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May to review the report and decide which of the proposals to use as the basis for a public consultation exercise in the coming weeks
- An initial outline planning application has been submitted.

**193. Climate Working Group and Local Nature Action Plan**

The following updates were **NOTED**:

- Biodiversity Officer from SGC led a community walk around Sodbury and up to the new woodland. A number of areas for potential ecological improvement and future planting were identified which will be followed up with SWaN
- Allotment field also provides an opportunity to support positive change – allotment committee is investigating a number of options for this land
- A second cross parish Local Nature Action Plan meeting took place (with Sodbury Town Council, Dodington Parish Council, Yate Town Council and Westerleigh Parish Council) . The sharing of approaches and looking for ways to work together for mutual benefit has been useful.

**194. Old Sodbury Woodland**

Cllr Spooner, although absent, had provided an update for the meeting.

The following updates were **NOTED**:

- All planned planting has now been completed
- Focus in the coming weeks will be on maintenance – a number of work days have been arranged to tackle tasks such as removing weeds and identifying trees which have failed



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- Replanting will be required towards the end of the year but it's likely existing stocks of trees will meet this demand
- Individual financial pledges have been received for 21 trees. A plaque will be produced to list everyone who has contributed. The target is to reach 70 trees (pledge is £40 per tree).

**195. Items to Report**

No items to report received.

**196. Date of next meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed ..... Dated .....