

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER 2015 at 7.15pm in THE GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW, BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Cllrs A Windsor (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs E Davies, I Roome, Mrs J Hunt, M Chamings, F Jefferies, I Williams, Ms M Lovering and L Dawson

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Assistant Town Clerk.

EN51 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr Mrs V Elkins (indisposed), Cllr J Phillips and Mrs A Dawson (Indisposed).

EN52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Councillor Mrs J Hunt and Cllr Roome declared an interest as members of North Devon Council but have been granted a dispensation to discuss all items on the agenda, in accordance with SO66.

EN53 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

EN54 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN

a) To receive information from Devon County Council

The clerk informed members that it was quicker to inform of any environmental concerns to the relevant authorities directly, as there are a number of ways to report them. The information is attached as appendix 1.

RESOLVED: That any environmental concerns are reported direct to the relevant authority and not through the Town Council offices.

(NC)

b) To receive report from Cllr A Windsor on the drainage on the High Street and consider any action therefrom.

The Chairman reported that the drains in the High Street and neighbouring streets smelt bad and felt that Devon County Council were not solving the issue.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Cllr Greenslade to enquire about the drainage issues.

(NC)

EN55 PLANTED AREAS

The Clerk informed members that the BP garage had been given permission by Devon County Council to take on the roundabout from the Roundswell Residents Group.

EN56 TIDY UP OUR TOWN 2016

Members discussed the arrangements for the 2016 Tidy Up Our Town and felt that this year there should be no competitions. Publicity and press coverage was discussed and it was felt this needed to be increased to help publicise the events during the week and also the Community Day.

Member also felt that Rock Park was a great location for the community event and that it is

RESOLVED:

1. That the TUOT Community Day 2016 is held at Rock Park from 11.30am – 3.30pm.
2. That the Assistant Town Clerk is authorised to continue organising the event with the same activities as the 2015 programme.

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EN57 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING SCHOOL 2016

Members discussed topics for the Environment section of the School. Cllr M Chamings offered to speak to people who may be able to offer support in presenting some of the topics.

RESOLVED: That the Environment and Planning School for 2016 be held on Saturday 12th March 2016 at The Guildhall.

EN58 BUDGET

Members were circulated the committee budget for 2016-17.

RESOLVED: That the budget is approved and submitted to the Finance and General Purposes committee for approval.

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EN59 ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

There were no issues from the Barnstaple Allotment Association to consider.

Meeting ended at 7.55pm.

Chairman

Signed

Dated