



Matlock

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor 2024-2025 - Councillor Jason Knighton
Town Clerk – Simon Hosmer

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 3 June 2024 at 6:00pm in the Riber Room of the Imperial Rooms, Matlock

Present: In the chair: Cllr David Hughes
Councillors: Cllr Sue Burfoot, Cllr pat Wildgoose

In attendance: Simon Hosmer, Town Clerk

Meeting begins at 18:00

ENVC 51/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Diane Fletcher – Prior commitment

Cllr Len Best –

Cllr Paul Cruise -

ENVC 52/2024 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received

ENVC 53/2024 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

None received

ENVC 54/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE, COUNTY COUNCIL OR DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

No members of the public were present

ENVC 55/2024 MINUTES

It was agreed not to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Monday 08 April 2024

Minutes are noted but cannot be approved as nobody here tonight was present at the last meeting.

The Chair asked about the well dressing. The Clerk said that they wanted to do more with it next year but after an approach to Helen LeGood it is uncertain whether she wants any help. The Clerk plans on calling Helen nearer the time and having a conversation with her.

The Chair mentioned he felt Helen was struggling to relinquish well dressing to anyone else.

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: That the minutes be received and to be approved at the next meeting

Agreed unanimously

**ENVC 56/2024 REPORTS FROM THE CLERK
NEW ENERGY AUDIT REPORT**

The Clerk talked about the new energy audit that took place in the Imperial Rooms. The Chair mentioned that we are on a green tariff and so our carbon footprint is healthier than it would otherwise be. The Clerk mentioned that he is now at the stage of getting 3 quotes for the work as the application for funding from the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce has been accepted in principal. He said that it was proving to be a struggle getting local firms to quote for heat pumps and insulation. He also mentioned how potential insulation in the Derwent Hall for the stained glass might be available as technology has moved on and a clear film that fits over the stained glass and doesn't ruin the aesthetic of the building. He also added that solar panels have been recommended too.

Proposed: Cllr Sue Burfoot, seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To receive the report

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 57/2024 TOILET EPAY OPTIONS

The Clerk talked about the coin machines at the Hall Leys Park and how they don't work properly, or at all. How they seem to have encouraged vandalism at the toilets and that he has looked at not replacing them but complementing them with an electronic payment system which would be a contactless machine installed on top of the coin machines. The issue with the current coin machine is that we own them and the company we bought them off, Electromatix, has no interest in repairing them outside of warranty whereas DANFO who have quoted for the new contactless machine, as part of our contract with them, would take on maintenance of the coin machines also. We are losing revenue. From £120 a month down to around £40 a month. The card option would add to the monies being taken and alleviate the lack of toilets should the coin machines not be working.

The Clerk explained the 3 different options that we could use and felt that option 1 in which the main door would be used with 1 machine instead of having 3 machines on the 3 doors would be the best option for ongoing maintenance and ease of use for the general public.

Cllr Burfoot explained about the potential replacement of the splashpad in the park would be happening but that the District Council are looking at keeping the current system open until September of this year and then to do the work so the new splashpad would be ready for next summer.

The Clerk explained that there is a charge from the card processing company that is 2.95% for each transaction. He suggested that we do a mini survey with park users and to

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To do the survey as suggested and to wait on the result of that before making any decision

Agreed unanimously

ENVC 58/2024 SAFETY OF ELECTRIC-POWERED MICROMOBILITY VEHICLES & LITHIUM BATTERIES BILL

The Clerk explained what the report says including the 12 deaths in the UK from faulty E-batteries on E-bikes and E-scooters and that the author is looking to gain support from local councils for a bill in parliament to ban the import of untested, no quality control E-batteries

Proposed: Cllr Sue Burfoot, seconded Cllr David Hughes

Resolution: To defer this item until after the general election to see if it continues as potential legislation

Agreed unanimously

ENVC59/2024 PARK BENCH REQUEST AT DIMPLE FIELDS

The Clerk explained about the lady who has requested additional seating at Dimple Fields. Cllr Wildgoose said that she had a look at Dimple Fields and there are currently only 2 benches covering quite a huge area of park and that she thought we should have new ones. The Chair asked if the lady was requesting memorial benches and it was explained that no, she simply wants to be able to have more options to sit down. Cllr Burfoot suggested asking the District Council if they have any requests for memorial benches and the Clerk said that he has the Closer Working group meeting tomorrow and would ask them there. Cllr Burfoot suggested if we do have new benches they should be of the reclaimed plastic ones.

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to scope out position for two benches and get the costs and to bring them back to this Committee at a later date

Agreed unanimously

ENVC60/2024 COUNCIL PUBLICITY: Website, Social Media, Newsletters and news releases

The Chair said he would write a new environmental plan which he would bring a draft of to a subsequent meeting.

Cllr Burfoot mentioned an email she had received from Val Durward which described where our outside team have mowed an area she has been growing wild flowers and the Clerk said he had not received any email but asked Cllr Burfoot to get Val to call him and he would ensure that it didn't happen again.

The Clerk mentioned the issue with the Platform housing tenant at Wellfields and that it is largely resolved now.

The Chair mentioned he felt that Groundworks are doing an amazing job at Denefields.

The Chair suggested that the Events Committee set up a fruit picking day for the public at Denefields in the autumn as there are many different fruits available

Proposed: Cllr Sue Burfoot, seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To send an Email of thanks to Groundworks for Denefields works.

Agreed unanimously

Meeting ends 18:40



Simon Hosmer
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATED: