



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2023
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Julie Tucker (Chair), Mark Goodge, Sarah Schaathun, Robert Hale, Nigel Deacon, John Clatworthy and Bill Kimberley
Gill Pawson, Robin Walker

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs Alan Booth, Julie Haines, Tim Haines and Sue Amor

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jo Adams, Town Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Caroline Tredwell, Place Project Officer for Evesham.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests

Cllr Goodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in the items relating to Battleton Brook as his property shared a boundary with part of the area.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the 5th December 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2022 be adopted as a true record.

4. Financial Report

The Financial Report was noted.

5. Water Quality

Cllr Tucker reported from a meeting held at Wychavon with representatives of the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water. There had been frequent discharges of sewers into the River Avon and Battleton Brook with over 40 episodes in 2021 amounting to 146 hours of discharge (figures for 2022 were not yet available). This had affected the quality of the water in the Avon and it would not be possible to designate it a suitable for bathing. The water quality was tested twice a year and there were no checks for public health, only for biodiversity. The committee discussed the need for more frequent testing and partnership with the Avon Navigation Trust to address the problem.

6. Report of the Town Plan Review Open Event – Residents' responses

Gill Pawson reported that the residents responses had been collated into groups and these (sections) were being analysed to identify which of these items had been completed, which were still to do and new issues that needed to be added. Good progress on the work was being made. The priority areas would be identified and a report would be made at the next committee meeting.

7. Funding for Wallace House Sports Hall

A request had been received for funding towards repairs to the Wallace House Sports Hall. It was resolved that Wallace House be invited to apply via the council's usual Small Grant's Scheme.

8. Evesham Place Project Officer Update

Caroline Tredwell had sent apologies but had provided a report as follows:

- Advertisements had gone out for artists to create a mural for the old Argos shopfront.
- The Place Board had provided funding for the 2023 Bands in the Park programme. The Board was also considering the creation of a shopfront grant scheme and branding for Evesham.
- The 2023 What's On guide for Evesham was in progress.
- Coronation flags were being designed and created.
- Work was underway to promote the Blossom bikeaway. Work on the Evesham accessibility audit was in progress.

9. Evesham Anti-Litter Group

The group had requested funds to print hi-vis jackets with their group name. This was agreed and funds would be made from the Town Plan committee budget. They had requested the installation of a litter bin along the path off Costard Lane. The request was not supported; the group would be advised to contact the management company of the housing estate to see if they would pay for it.

A further request for a new litter bin at Greenhill had been received. The request was not supported.

10. Transport matters:

a) Active Travel Update

Robin Walker reported that parts of the cycle path on the Cheltenham Road had been repaired. The Blossom Bikeaway would take place on 16th April. The route had been redesigned to take out the most punishing hill.

An Active Travel Stakeholder Group was being set up; he would be joining this.

b) Public Transport Bus Travel

Cllr Mike Rouse, the WCC cabinet minister for Highways and Transport was presenting on local bus transport at the Town Hall later in the week. Cllr Tucker reported that she would be attending the North Cotswold Rail Forum.

11. Battleton Brook Update

Funds to cover the shortfall on the interpretation boards and the preparation work on the ground for wildflowers: it was ascertained that this was in fact already funded.

12. Scarifying at Battleton Brook

As above, this was already funded.

Cllr Julie Tucker
Chairman