

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024, 6.45PM, AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, 13 ST MARK'S CRESCENT, KINGSTHORPE, NN2 8EG

PRESENT: Cllrs, Steve Miller, Eluned Lewis-Nichol, Anthony Antoniou, Titus Ajayi

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Wrighton (Deputy Clerk) Jon Cornwell, Cllr Helen Hodgkinson (Wootton Parish Council)

ABSENT: Cllr Dilip Kumar

16/24 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None received.

17/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared.

18/24 MINUTES

Unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024.

19/24 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None made.

20/24 ACTION LOG

Log discussed and considered. It was agreed to remove outstanding item 9, regarding number of bins in the parish as this has not progressed since it was added in June 2002. Unanimously resolved that any consideration of individual recycling bins can be considered as individual items

21/24 NORTHAMPTON LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Cllrs Lewis Nichol and Miller updated regarding the plan, stating that NLCWIP plan to identify priority areas

22/24 KIER POCKET WOODLANDS

Unanimously resolved to suggest locations of the middle park on Obelisk Rise and the grass area behind the bus stop at the corner of Kingsland Avenue and Eastern Avenue

23/24 STREET TREE PLANTING

Discussion with Cllr Helen Hodgkinson from Wootton Parish Council about their "Wild about Wootton" tree planting project. Cllr Hodgkinson helpfully explained how they had gone about this work, funding from Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTC on the .gov website) and support from Russel Horsey and others, to include volunteers locally. The committee were grateful for Cllr Hodgkinson's expertise and experience and thanked them for attending to share this with us.

Cllr Lewis-Nichol fed back from the Street Tree Forum and Strategy workshops, to include that they are hoping for a 30% increase in tree cover, that packs will be sent out to Parishes for them to identify areas and fund tree planting. A "Tree Officer" is being employed by WNC and will lead this project.

Unanimously resolved to jointly identify all green areas in the Parish with a view to possible tree planting, to consider the possibility of a separate Facebook page, similar to "Wild about Wootton" to start to gather expertise and volunteers, Deputy Clerk to discuss the project with Russel Horsey and liaise with Cllr Hodgkinson regarding information discussed and forms for UTCF.

24/24 DETAILS OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted the date of the next meeting as **Monday 8th April 2024, 6.45pm** at St Mark's Church Hall, 13 St Mark's Crescent, Kingsthorpe, NN2 8EG