

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**14 June 2017 at 10.30 a.m..
Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington**

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman

2. Apologies

3. Dog Fouling

At the March 2017 meeting of the Council, Lyn Partridge-Webber and Addy Bloodworth of Wellington Action Group for Dogs (WAG) drew attention to a scheme currently operated by Boston Borough Council and Daventry District Council which made it an offence for dog walkers not to carry a bag.

It was agreed to refer this initiative to the Environment Committee for further consideration.

4. Emptying of Dog Bins

The DLO will once again be providing a dog bin emptying service for those bins in the Town Council's ownership. The rate will be £2.85 + vat per bin per visit. There are 25 bins in town, 7 of which we pay for. They are emptied twice a week.

5. Town Centre Seating

When the Committee met last year Councillor Thorne indicated that it had been drawn to his attention that people with difficulty walking but who did not use mobility scooters, did not have many seats to sit on when in the town centre. Although it started as a 'town centre' issue, he had since been thinking it should be wider than that, particularly given the accent these days on healthy living styles. Councillor Thorne had offered to map out the existing sites and some proposed ones.

The suggested mapping exercise has now been carried out and Councillor Thorne will report further at the meeting.

6. Tonedale Play Area

The Committee has previously discussed the arrangements for collecting and removing litter from the Play Area and surrounding public open space. It was part of the Town Clerk's job description to undertake weekly inspections of the play equipment and to collect the litter. This situation needed to be reviewed.

Now that a Community Warden has been appointed these duties are being undertaken by him.

Since the Committee last met the play equipment has been repaired, refurbished and repainted. Quotations were obtained to replace some of the equipment but these proved to be prohibitive.

7. Town Guide

The 2017 version of the Town Guide has recently been produced and is in the process of being distributed. The Guide is produced, free of charge to the Council, annually by The Edge.

8. Grass Cutting and Roadside Weedkilling

The Town Council are once again paying for an additional three cuts during the season. The cost will be £1,175.48 per cut. I have asked the DLO to confirm when the cuts will be carried out so that they can be monitored.

Greg Dyke
Town Clerk

Environment Committee members: Councillors Biscoe, Critchard, Lloyd, Reed and Stock-Williams

Note: The terms of reference of the Committee are set out below for information.
To consider and make recommendations in respect of all environmental issues affecting the town
To deal with the production of the Town Guide
To promote and encourage tourism for the town