

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Thursday 21 March 2019 at 6.00 pm
Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington**

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Cornhill

To discuss ongoing problems with street fouling by pigeons, and cigarette ends littering the pavement and walkway to the front and side of The Iron Duke Public House. To review current street-cleaning arrangements for this area and agree any further actions necessary (see attached report).

3. Litter at Westpark

To discuss this problem, recently reported to the Clerk by the constituent who voluntarily litter-picks along the Wellington Road. She has discussed the litter several times with Travelodge staff, who claim they carry out regular litter picks. Councillors have previously noted that the site is generally littered and looks unattractive. To agree any actions in relation to this matter.

4. Litter Bins

To review the current provision of litter bins (carrying out an audit to have an updated picture on overall provision was resolved at February's Council meeting). A current schedule has been requested from the street-cleaning team. The bins along the Wellington Road have been given approval by the town council and awaits a decision from West Buckland Parish council, who next meet on 26th March.

5. Dog Waste Bins

To review the current provision of dog waste bins (report attached – those marked parish are the responsibility of this council). To consider the request for additional bins which to date are:-

- The end of Parker Close, requested by a constituent (however to note there is already a bin in Jurston Road just round the corner)
- Rockwell Green (location to be advised by Cllr Barr)

Emptying costs for the year ahead are £5.03 (plus vat) per empty, which is done twice-weekly so £10.06 per bin per week. Purchase and installation costs have been requested in readiness for the meeting.

6. Westford and Rackfield Leat Environmental concerns

In the light of recent damage to this environment, as notified in public speaking time at March's Council meeting, to review the situation and agree any further steps to be taken, including whether it is felt appropriate for a full Council meeting agenda item. A strong letter of support for the complaint was made on behalf of the Council to DEFRA and the Environment Agency on Friday 8th March.

One of the residents has suggested that the mill leat be listed as a heritage site, and has asked the Taunton Deane Heritage Officer how to go about this.

7. Grass Cutting and Roadside Weedkilling

The Town Council are once again paying for an additional three cuts during the season and updated costings have been sought from Taunton Deane in readiness for the meeting.

8. The General Environment

The Clerk will be inspecting the town generally with the ID Verde manager to identify possible tasks for the year ahead. To consider any areas of particular concern, or wish-list items for inclusion.

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Town Clerk

14th March 2019