

ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Monday 16 September 2019 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, 28 Fore Street, Wellington

AGENDA

1. To elect a Chairman for the Committee

2. To Receive Reports concerning Local Footpaths

(a) To review the status report presented by the Footpath Liaison Officers, Tom and Eunice Borg, accompanied by the Footpath Management Volunteers Martine Thurtle and Jackie Marsh (copy attached).

(b) To review and approve the draft letter for residents with overhanging vegetation (copy attached).

3. Transition Town Presentation – Street Trees

To hear a presentation from Transition Town Wellington concerning proposals for planting trees in Wellington Streets (paper attached).

4. Wellington Rugby Club – footpath issue.

To discuss recent changes to a footpath used by town residents. A member of the rugby club will be invited to join the meeting.

5. ‘Hospital Drive’

To review concerns raised by a resident about the condition of this road.

I wondered if anything can be done about the weeds on Hospital Drive. I know XXX thinks they are lovely but not if you have to walk up and down there everyday. I used to clear the weeds myself but was told off for not being covered by insurance.

At the same time I also wonder if someone could look at the sign post at the end of the drive which is in the middle of the path. There are no signs attached to it and there hasn't been for at least the last five years. So the ideal thing would be for it to be cut off with an angle grinder.

6. Provision of town-centre Benches

To agree the number of new benches to be installed within the financial year and agree locations. Suggestions to date are:-

Opposite the chip shop in Rockwell Green (Cllr MB)

Green area in Oakfield Park (SWT are tidying then a bench proposed- Cllr CB)

7. Litter and Dog Bins

To review the current provision of litter and dog bins and establish if further bins are needed. (dog waste bin is being installed at Exeter Road junction next week).

Emptying costs for dog bins are £5.03 plus vat per twice-weekly empty so £10.06 per bin per week (SWT).

Emptying costs for litter bins are also around £5.00 per week (ID Verde)

7. Grass Cutting and Roadside Weedkilling

To discuss generally what services are being provided by the District Council.

Kathryn Hemensley

Town Clerk

10 September 2019