



FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** of the Ferndown Town Council on Monday 2 December 2019 at 7pm at The Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown, BH22 9TH

Tina Dudley

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Acting Town Clerk

26 November 2019

Members

Cllr John Baxter
Cllr Ann Miller
Cllr Harry Worth

Cllr Stephen Drinkall
Cllr Mandy Willis

Cllr Paul Hanson Graham
Cllr Lawrence Wilson

Ex officio members: Mayor and Deputy Mayor

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

To approve by resolution any apologies received from Members and to note the reasons given.

2 Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest made by Members in respect of items on this agenda. Members of the Council should declare an Interest at the start of a meeting even if that interest is not a pecuniary interest.

3 Public participation

Members of the public may speak at this time for up to 3 minutes on any item(s) appearing on the public agenda (not pertaining to applications) to a total public participation time not exceeding 10 minutes. (In accordance with the adopted Standing Orders of Ferndown Town Council).

4 Minutes

To approve by resolution the minutes of the Natural Environment Committee meeting held on 14 Oct 2019.

5 Actions from the Previous Meeting

The Clerk will provide the Committee with and update on actions from the Committee meeting held on 14 October 2019.

5 Representation on Plastic Free Ferndown

To recommend to Council that an additional Member from the Natural Environment Committee be appointed to represent the Council on Plastic Free Ferndown Steering Group.

6 Review of land at KGV for future Wildlife Projects

To agree a site visit on land at KGV in order to make a recommendation to the KGV Management Committee.

7 Wildflower Planting

To review the previously approved sites and expenditure for wildflower planting.

8 Representation from Outside Organisations

To appoint Members of the Committee to liaise with the following organisations: Dorset Council, South West Lakes Trust and Dorset Wildlife Trust with regard to matters within the Natural Environment Committee's remit.

9 Natural Environment Committee Budget 2020/2021

To consider a draft budget for the next financial year 2020/2021 for recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

10 Protection of Wildlife

To agree to section off an area of the towns woodland in order to protect endangered species.

11 Natural Environment Committee Terms of Reference

To review the Terms of Reference and make recommendation to Council on any amendments agreed by the Committee.

12 Dorset Council Tree Applications/Decisions

To receive the tree applications/decisions submitted for approval/decision to Dorset Council Planning Authority.

13 Correspondence

To be advised of and consider any other relevant correspondence received by Clerk to the Committee.

14 Date of the Next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Natural Environment Committee will be held at 7.00pm on 24 February 2020 at the Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown BH22 9TH.

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Minutes of the **Natural Environment Committee** held on Monday 14 October 2019 at 7.00pm in the Conference Room, Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillors: J L Baxter, S Drinkall, P Hanson Graham (Chairman), A Miller,
L Wilson.

Officer: Mrs Tina Dudley – Committee Clerk Miss Susan Denton – Notetaker

199 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Willis due to family illness and Cllr Worth who was on holiday.

200 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

201 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

202 Minutes

Following consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 August 2019, it was PROPOSED by Cllr Wilson, SECONDED by Cllr Baxter and unanimously-

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Natural Environment Committee of 12 August 2019.

203 Harmont Wood

Members noted that the wood is within the jurisdiction of KGV. Following a walk around the wood with Cllr Hanson Graham, Mrs Leslie Haskins had provided advice regarding maintenance work to be carried out.

Sculptures, Bird Boxes and Signage

Members requested that the Clerk asks the Head Groundsman at KGV to clean the sculptures, bird boxes and signage. He should also be asked to repair two bird boxes which have holes in them, using metal plates as before.

Pond

Members were advised that the pond needs clearing over the forthcoming years. Cllrs Hanson Graham and Wilson agreed to make a start this Autumn by clearing the Willow around the edges in the north east section. It was noted that the pond has a liner so care will be needed. The hedges to the south west of the pond needed cutting down to approximately one metre to allow more light into the pond but this job can take place by KGV staff at a later date.

Trees

Mrs Haskins' recommendation was to remove the none native trees; Amelanchia's and two American Alders. She has offered to drill kill the larger Amelanchia's and the rest can be felled. In addition, ten pine trees require felling and after Members have identified these, quotes will be obtained for this work. Cllr Hanson Graham will ask Mrs Haskins for recommendations for a tree cutter and arrange an on-site meeting to obtain a quote.

Dog Signs

The Clerk will order 10 hard-backed dog signs from Dorset Council

It was Proposed by Cllr Hanson Graham, Seconded by Cllr Drinkall and unanimously-

Resolved that Mrs Haskins be allowed to arrange for the drill killing of the larger Amelanchia's and that quotes be obtained for the felling of ten pine trees when Members have identified them and suitable quoted received.

204 Dog waste bins

Members were advised that the dog bins in the town require emptying and sanitizing. KGV staff should be asked to attend to two bins; one situated at each entrance to Harmont Wood. Dorset Waste Partnership will be approached regarding the other bins in the town, including one at Humber Road/Ford Lane.

205 Bat Boxes

Members agreed that two Schwegler bat boxes be purchased.

206 Coppins Close, Christchurch Road, Longham

Members where advised that Dorset highways had caused unnecessary and reckless damage to the long hedgerow situated at the front of the Coppins housing estate, Christchurch Road Longham. This hedge forms part of the Coppins Estate. The hedge provided screening from noise, visual intrusion and pollution. Members agreed that the damage to the hedge had caused huge inconvenience to the residents of the Coppins Estate.

It was Proposed by Cllr Hanson Graham, Seconded by Cllr Baxter and-

Resolved that the Clerk emails Dorset Highways requesting that they supply enough hedgerow saplings to the Coppins Estate landscape manager to rectify the damage done.

207 Woodland Trust

Members asked the Clerk to order two packs of saplings; 1 x Wild Harvest pack and 1 x Wild Wood pack. It was noted that the packs were free of charge, Members requested that the order is placed as soon as possible ready for planting early in the Spring, a March delivery was requested.

208 Wildflower Planting

Cllr Hanson Graham had met with a Dorset Council Ranger and had received a quote for the provision of wildflower seeds and three days planting at a cost of £1055.70 excluding VAT. Members suggested locations including Ham Lane (if suitable), verges near Lake Farm Close, Longham, Ringwood Road at Longham and the verges around Tricketts Cross roundabout. Work would be carried out in the Spring and exact locations would be determined at a future meeting of the Committee. It was considered that any revision of the plans could result in a lesser cost, the Chairman would further discuss the planting with the Dorset Council Countryside Officers for detailed schedules and location confirmation.

As the remaining budget was only sufficient for this work, it was agreed to postpone the earlier request to order two Schwegler bird boxes.

209 Boundary of KGV Pavilion

Members considered approaching Ferndown Leisure Centre to seek approval to use part of the running track for ecological purposes. It was noted that the land is leased to Ferndown Leisure Centre by Dorset Council. It was Proposed by Cllr Baxter, Seconded by Cllr Drinkall and unanimously-

Resolved that Cllrs Hanson Graham and Wilson arrange and attend a meeting with the Leisure Centre to discuss using part of the running track for ecological purposes.

210 Budget Report

Members considered the Budget Report. The Clerk advised that £500 for the Ferndown Forest and Stour Trail was ringfenced for signage.

211 Ferndown Forest and Stour Trail

Cllr Cordery had advised the Clerk that two-thirds of the trail had been cleared and that he is seeking volunteers to clear the remaining third. Cllrs Baxter, Drinkall, Miller and Wilson may be available to assist. Other members will be canvassed, as will Dorset Rangers who have been helpful in the past. It was noted that to avoid any impact to nesting birds and infringement of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and breaching European Habitats Directive 1992 (Nesting Birds Directive), no clearing should take place between 1 March and 31 August. This was to minimise disturbance to breeding birds including ground breeding birds.

212 Longham Lakes

Members considered a list of suggestions provided by Cllr Willis.

- i) Provision of little owl boxes - Cllr Willis should be asked about the proposed location.
- ii) Provision of reptile mats with signs encouraging the lifting of these - Members noted the advice from Dorset Wildlife Trust, and other environmental groups, is that reptile mats should never be lifted.
- iii) Hedgehog boxes – Members considered that hedgehogs have their own habitats and do not require boxes.
- iv) Bug hotels - Members advised there is insufficient budget at the present time, but this could be considered during the next financial year.
- v) Wildlife cameras - Members advised there is insufficient budget.

213 Dorset Council Tree Applications & Decisions

Members noted tree applications and decisions but were mindful that some decisions had already been made by the time this Committee had met. The Clerk advised that only tree applications that were still active would be considered at future meetings of this Committee.

214 Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

215 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 18 November at 7.00pm in the Conference Room, Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

9 September 2019

The Natural Environment Committee will consist of 7 Members of the Town Council:

The Committee has responsibility and delegated powers for:

- The Natural Environment; to identify and drive Green initiatives within the town, encouraging a climate friendly community with a cleaner, healthier future.
- To work with Plastic Free Ferndown.
- Identifying ways the Council and its holdings can become climate friendly through its own working practices.
- The Natural Environment Committee will promote the Health and Wellbeing of residents through engagement with our natural environment including initiatives which ensure our natural spaces are somewhere our community and visitors can enjoy and want to spend time.
- The Committee will work together with partners such as the Dorset Local Nature Partnership (DLNP), Dorset Council, Dorset Wildlife Trust, South West Lakes Trust and Natural England.
- The Committee will identify a programme of tree, hedgerow and wildflower planting, bulb and flower displays, working with local partners.
- Ecology and Habitats: The committee will seek ways to promote ecological interests within the town.
- Seek to address the decline in protected species within the town.
- To work with the Dorset Wildlife Trust and other agencies to better understand how we can protect and enhance our natural environment.
- The Committee will review the Councils membership of the Dorset Wildlife Trust on a yearly basis.
- The rationale of the Committee is to collect and consider evidence bases, consult and partner with appropriate agencies and individuals, working

towards recommending changes to the Committee that benefits Ferndown residents, it's natural environment and our climate.

- The Committee will review, and comment on Tree applications submitted to the Planning Authority.
- To determine the amount of budget required for its activities and to make recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the necessary precept.

02-Dec-19	
REFERENCE	3/19/2228/TTPO
ADDRESS	45 Mountbatten Drive, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9EL
PROPOSAL	T1, T2, T3 & T4 Scots Pine: Crown lift to 5-6m; reduce laterals growing over dwelling by 2-3m. T5 Scots Pine: Crown lift to 4-5m.
OFFICER	Andrew Douglas
REFERENCE	3/19/2222/TTPO
ADDRESS	5 Badgers Walk, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9QF
PROPOSAL	T1 Sweet Chestnut: Fell to ground level
OFFICER	Carolyn McPhie
REFERENCE	3/19/2250/TTPO
ADDRESS	5 Maple Drive, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9ST and 15 Maple Drive, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9ST
PROPOSAL	T1 Eucalyptus (in No 15): Crown reduction by reducing height to 10m; reduce width on south side by 1-2m. T2 Silver Birch (in No 5): Crown reduction by reducing height to 6m. (Annotated in photographs)
OFFICER	Carloyn McPhie
REFERENCE	3/19/2231/TTPO
ADDRESS	50 Dudsbury Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8DU
PROPOSAL	T1 Oak: Crown lift to 5m from ground level. T2 Eucalyptus: Crown reduce by approximately 2m in height.
OFFICER	Carolyn McPhie
REFERENCE	3/19/2242/TTPO
ADDRESS	66 Carroll Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8BP
PROPOSAL	T1 Scots Pine: Deadwood. T2 Scots Pine: Fell to ground level.
OFFICER	Carolyn McPhie

PLANNING DECISIONS

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02-Dec-19	
REFERENCE	3/19/1773/TTPO
ADDRESS	10 Willow Way, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9SR
PROPOSAL	T8 Silver Birch: Fell.
DECISION	Granted
REFERENCE	3/19/1498/TTPO
ADDRESS	15 Beaufoys Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9RQ
PROPOSAL	T1 Western Red Cedar: Reduce x 2 large vertical stems within the canopy down to the point of the upward turn.
DECISION	Refused
REFERENCE	3/19/1883/TTPO
ADDRESS	23A Albert Road, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9HD
PROPOSAL	T1 Oak, T2 Rowan and T3 Silver Birch: Reduce all overhanging branches back to 1m inside boundary fence of 23A Albert Road.
DECISION	Split decision
REFERENCE	3/19/2010/TTPO
ADDRESS	Land adjacent to 58 Pinewood Road, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9RR
PROPOSAL	Scots Pine: Remove three lowest branches
DECISION	Granted
REFERENCE	3/19/2000/TTPO
ADDRESS	9 Cliveden Close, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9UL
PROPOSAL	T1 Red Oak: Crown lift entire canopy by removal of tertiary and secondary branches to achieve statutory height (5.2m) between ground and lowest foliage. T2 Lawson Cypress: Fell.
DECISION	Granted
REFERENCE	3/19/2133/TTPO
ADDRESS	Red Roofs, 1 Dudsbury Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8DS
PROPOSAL	T11, T12, T13, G17 Monterey Cypress, T35 Maple, T42 Beech & G55 Laurel: Crown lift to statutory heights over the road (5.2m) and pavement (2.4m).
DECISION	Granted
REFERENCE	3/19/2105/TTPO
ADDRESS	24 Sherwood Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8JT
PROPOSAL	Silver Birch: Fell.
DECISION	Granted