

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Natural Environment Committee held on Monday 15 October 2020
7.00pm via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Councillors J L Baxter, P Hanson Graham (Chairman), A Miller and L Wilson
Officers L Harrison (Town Clerk) & T Dudley (Committee Administrator).

133	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Willis due to a previous commitment. Cllr Baxter proposed that the apologies for absence be accepted, seconded by Cllr Wilson and agreed by all. Resolved - apologies for absence from Cllrs Willis were accepted.
132	Declarations of interest and dispensations There were no declarations of interest or dispensations for this meeting.
133	Public participation None.
134	Natural Environment Committee minutes 24 February 2020 It was proposed by Cllr Hanson Graham that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2020 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman when appropriate, seconded by Cllr Miller.
135	Matters to report from the Town Clerk and Committee Administrator. (i) Members reviewed the current budget and agreed to: Seek a price for 20 Bat boxes and 1 Maternity roust for 2021 financial year. Purchase Hedgehog road signs that will be placed on Ringwood Road and Wimborne Road, one to be sited each way. Costing for ID tabs to be screwed on to all newly purchased bird and

	<p>bat boxes.</p> <p>It was agreed to subscribe to the Badgers Trust in January 2021. A request for information leaflets detailing walking and leisure trails in Ferndown was to be costed and that additional information was available to Members of the Committee.</p> <p>An update of the report from the Head Groundsmen relating to Harman Wood, Land at King George V recreation ground was to be sought.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that he was disappointed in the wildflower planting completed by the Dorset Rangers, it was agreed that the Committee Clerk would seek confirm if an invoice had been received and paid.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the saplings stored at KGV, the planned planting had been postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic. The Chairman asked that the planting of the saplings be put on to the next KGV agenda so that some saplings were able to be planted out before winter.</p> <p>The Clerk was to ascertain how the partnership working was progressing.</p> <p>Resolved that the budget expenditure as detailed above be approved.</p>										
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137	<p>Climate and Ecology Crisis</p> <p>Resolved that the Committee does not support a recommendation to Council to declare a Climate and Ecology Crisis.</p> <p>Voting Unanimous</p>										

<p>138</p>	<p>Consultations and Correspondence</p> <p>Government Planning for the Future ‘White Paper’:</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Baxter and unanimously;</p> <p>Resolved to support the East Dorset Environmental response to the Planning for the Future white paper August 2020.</p> <p>East Dorset Forestry Design Plan</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Baxter, seconded by Cllr Wilson and unanimously:</p> <p>Resolved that the Committee supports the following response to the Forestry England’s East Dorset Forest Management Plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the retention of heathland where proposed. • Request that other surviving heathland areas be retained and linked together and be connected to Uddens Heath SSSI.
<p>139</p>	<p>Close of Meeting and date of next meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:05pm.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be 4 January 2021.</p>