

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Natural Environment Committee held on Thursday 4 March 2021 7.00pm via zoom.

Present: Councillors: J Baxter, P Hanson Graham (Chairman), Willis and Wilson.
Wilson.

Officers: T Dudley (Committee Administrator).

390	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Miller. Cllr Hanson Graham proposed that the apologies for absence be accepted, seconded by Cllr Willis and agreed by all. Resolved – apologies for absence from Cllr Miller were accepted.
391	Declarations of interest and dispensations None.
392	Public participation None.
393	Natural Environment Committee minutes 14 January 2021 Cllr Baxter proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman when appropriate, seconded by Cllr Willis and agreed by all. Resolved – minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman when appropriate.
394	Matters to report from the Committee Administrator Members were informed that: a) Subscriptions to the Badgers Trust and Hedgehog preservation society were to be considered later in the agenda for the current financial year. b) An invitation to Dorset Council countryside officer to attend the virtual meeting had been declined however, a meeting on site at Holmwood Sang had been suggested when the COVID19 restrictions had been lifted.

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Signed as a true and accurate record Chairman, Ferndown Town Council on

395	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Cllr Hanson Graham proposed that the draft terms of reference be accepted, seconded by Cllr Willis and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved – the draft terms of reference for the Natural Environment Committee be approved.</p>
396	<p>Budget Comparison report 1 April 2020 – 22 February 2021</p> <p>Members noted that the wildflower invoice had not been received at this time.</p> <p>The budget comparison report was noted.</p>
397	<p>Consider commissioning a Nature Recovery Report and a detailed DERC Ecology map for Ferndown</p> <p>Members agreed that an ecology report would be beneficial and would aid future consideration for development and ecology within the town.</p> <p>Cllr Willis proposed that the Clerk contact a number of companies to gain further information and costings to be considered at the next meeting of the Natural Environment Committee, seconded by Cllr Hanson Graham and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved – further information and costings be made available to the Committee to enable the budget allocation 2021/2022/2023.</p>
398	<p>Items for procurement</p> <p>Members agreed to purchase: 2 bat detectors (magenta) to aid record keeping. 10 bat boxes (2FN special) locations to be provided. 50 hedgehog highway signs to encourage residents to provide hedgehog highways through their properties – to be promoted at Fete on the Fields along with 1000 leaflet to be printed for distribution to residents at the Fete on the Field. The Clerk be authorised to purchase a number of recycling bins to be sited in the council offices and youth centre to the value of £500.00</p> <p>Cllr Willis proposed that the purchase of the above items be approved, seconded by Cllr Hanson Graham and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved - the purchase of 2 bat detectors (magenta), 50 hedgehog highway signs, 1000 hedgehog information leaflets and recycling bins to the value of £500.00 be approved.</p>

399	<p>Membership and subscriptions 2021</p> <p>Cllr Hanson Graham proposed that membership of the Badger Trust and Hedgehog Preservation Society be approved, seconded by Cllr Willis and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved – membership of the Badgers Trust and Hedgehog Preservation Society be approved.</p>
400	<p>Location for Bat Boxes</p> <p>Members considered several locations within the town that bat boxes should be located including, near to Bracken Road, North Wimborne Road, Slop Bog, Land near Ferndown Golf Club and land near Stapehill all of which bats had been sited.</p>
401	<p>Identification and Mapping of Ancient Trees</p> <p>It was agreed that Members of the Committee would undertake a mapping process of ancient trees within Ferndown for submission to the Woodland Trust.</p>
402	<p>Close of meeting and date of next meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting 10 May 2021 was noted. The meeting closed at 8.21pm.</p>