

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCILS' CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE KINGS HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 07 DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Coleman, Sherlaw, Mclymont, Rush

**ALSO PRESENT:** K.Bell (Clerk) & N.Cooper (Assistant Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Barker

**CC & E 39/2023** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** It was proposed, seconded and:  
**RESOLVED:** That the apologies from Cllr. Baker (prior Commitment) be approved. **Unanimous**

**CC & E 40/2023** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND / OR LOBBYING:** Cllr Rush declared an interest in respect of item CC & E 45 as he was an allotment holder. **Noted**

**CC & E 41/2023** **INTENTION TO RECORD:** There were none. **Noted**

**CC & E 42/2023** **MINUTES**  
CC & E 42.1 **Minutes from the meeting held on 09 November 2023.** It was proposed, seconded and:  
**RESOLVED:** That the minutes from the meeting be approved. **Unanimous**

CC & E 42.2 **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising which had not been included elsewhere on the agenda. **Noted**

**CC & E 43/2023** **CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES**  
CC & E 43.1 **Climate Change Action Plan:** It was reported that the KHPC Climate Change Action Plan included short- and long-term actions which were being progressed. **Noted**

CC & E 43.2 **Carbon Footfall:** It was reported that KHPC was grateful to a resident who was working on the KH Carbon Footprint and would report to KHPC shortly. **Noted**

CC & E 43.3 **Bee Keeping:** Cllr Coleman reported that she was awaiting feedback from the Golf Club regarding keeping bees in an area on the course. **Noted**

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**ENVIROMENT ISSUES**

**CC & E 44.1 Kings Hill Tree Wardens:** Attention was drawn to the following:

- Cllrs. Coleman, Sherlaw, The Clerk and Assistant Clerk had met with Mr Carey from the Kent Tree and Pond Warden Scheme, they discussed Clearheart Lane and the tree warden scheme. **Noted**
- Mr Carey stated that he would speak to The Woodland Trust to see how KH stood regarding the status of the Woodland and suggested the National Register called Magic Map might be helpful. It was noted that it would be advantageous if the woodland was classified as ancient. **Noted**
- Mr Carey and the KH Tree Wardens would be meeting shortly and report back to KHPC. It was noted that it was intended to have two KH tree walks in 2024. **Noted.**

**CC & E 44.2 TMBC Tree Works.** Information received from TMBC stating that essential tree works in Spitfire Wood, Mitchell Road to Stirling Road and Anson Avenue to Russell Way would be carried out. **Noted**

**CC & E 44.3 Salt Bins:** In accordance with the Local Winter Management Protocol, KHPC had arranged for its salt bins to be checked and topped up. **Noted**  
It was further noted that during icy conditions, KHPC would endeavour to keep the CC Car Park and Entrances to the Kings Hill Community Centre and Pre-School clear of snow and ice. **Noted**

**CC & E 44.4 Buy Nothing New Month January 2024:** KHPC had signed up to the campaign. **Noted.**

**CC & E 44.5 Visit to Blaise Farm Anaerobic Digester.** The Clerk was awaiting dates and times for the visit. **Noted**

**ALLOTMENTS**

**CC & E 45.1 Solar Power at the Allotments:** It was reported that the Assistant Clerk had contacted numerous electricians regarding the work and was awaiting quotes for councils' consideration. **Noted**

**CC & E 45.2 Allotment Shed Colour Palette:** The committee were given information on guidelines for using the colour green on the allotment sheds. **Noted**

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**CC & E 45.3 Allotment Shed Policy:** It was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the committee would recommend to full council that the policy be reapproved unchanged.

**Unanimous**

**CC & E 45.4 Allotment Management:** It was reported that Mrs Cooper would now be managing the allotments.

**Noted**

**CC & E 46**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** To be confirmed.

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