

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Colman (Committee Chairman), Mclymont, Rush & Sherlaw

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

**CC & E 56 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** It was proposed, seconded and resolved. That the apologies from Cllr Barker and Cllr Petty (Council Chairman) who had prior commitments be approved.

**Unanimous**

**CC & E 57 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND/OR LOBBYING:** Cllr Rush declared an interest in the allotments. **Noted**

**CC & E 58 DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION TO RECORD:** Cllr Rush stated his intention to record. **Noted**

**CC & E 59 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**CC & E 59.1 Minutes:** It was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be approved.

**By Majority**

**CC & E 59.2** Matters arising not included elsewhere on the agenda.

**CC & E 35.3 Anaerobic Digester** – The Committee was advised that the site Manager preferred the councillors to visit the plant at 9:00 AM on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. However, it was subsequently communicated that the Manager was unable to attend the meeting, and a new date was being awaited.

**Noted**

**CC & E 35.4 Litter lotto** – Regrettably, KHPC attempted to purchase these posters. However, the Clerk of KHPC was unable to secure the posters at that time, as the initiative was not fully operational. A follow-up would be conducted.

**Noted**

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**CC & E 60****CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES:**

**CC & E 60.1 Climate Change Action Plan:** Following the discussion, it was agreed that the Assistant Clerk and Councillor Colman would continue their efforts to update the Action Plan. **Noted**

**CC & E 60.2** The Assistant Clerk was tasked with contacting the primary schools on Kings Hill to ascertain their need for additional support with climate change initiatives. **Noted**

**CC & E 61****ENVIRONMENT ISSUES:**

**CC & E 61.1 Tree Wardens** - No Tree Warden report was given. **Noted**

**CC & E 61.2 Tree Surveys** - Three quotes were received by KHPC regarding tree works for Anson Avenue, Lapins Lane, and Garden Walk. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to obtain two additional quotes for the tree works. The Committee requested that, for biannual surveys, Tree Wardens be informed of the findings. **Noted**

**CC & E 61.3 Noticeboards Refurbished** – The Committee approved the quotes for refurbishing the noticeboards in the following areas:

- Pippin Green
- Anson Avenue
- Cricket Pitch (Tiffin Way)

**CC & E 62****ALLOTMENTS:**

**CC & E 62.1 Allotment Management:** - Allotment inspections were completed in April, resulting in a comprehensive report. The Allotment Representative recommended an annual, rather than quarterly, visit by the Allotment Panel.

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The Allotment Representative suggested that perhaps a greater number of councillors attend the allotment holders' plant sale in May. The Assistant Clerk stated that she would inform all councillors of the date and time of this year's sale, scheduled for Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025, and of next year's sale closer to the event date. This event was also advertised on the KHPC Facebook page.

**Noted**

- CC & E 62.2** The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the KHPC had placed an order for a small sun bubble and a robust greenhouse for the allotments. A quotation was received for the installation of a base and the erection of the greenhouse. The Assistant Clerk was advised to get another quote for the base. However, the quote for the Greenhouse to be erected was accepted and approved.
- Unanimous**

Furthermore, the KHPC had installed the hedgehog boxes within the allotments. Subsequently, toads, frogs, and small lizards had been observed in the area.

**Noted**

- CC & E 62.3 Site Improvements:** - Cllr Rush noted persistent water drainage issues within the allotments. He expressed the belief that further field drainage was necessary. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that inquiries into this matter would be pursued.

**Noted**

- CC & E 62.4** The Climate Change & Environment Committee reviewed the Annual Allotments Rents and resolved that there would be no increase for the year 2025–2026

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