



NOTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE

1. PRESENT:

Cllrs Besant, Boswell & Newton

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Turner,

3. ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Ratified at Amenities 25th Oct. The Terms of Reference need to be amended as it states the Deputy Clerk to be in attendance.

4. AMENITIES ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Ratified at Amenities 25th October.

5. MPC DRAFT ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Cllrs went through the document the Clerk had drafted and Cllr Boswell will make the suggested amendments.

6. CARBON CALCULATORS

NALC recommend: <https://impact-tool.org.uk/>

Impact is a digital visualisation tool that helps you understand your community's carbon footprint. It works for parishes, wards and local authority areas. It helps identify the areas where taking action to tackle climate change can make the biggest difference.

7. OFFSETTING EVENTS EMISSIONS

<https://co2.myclimate.org/en/event>

This is a complex document covering all eventualities and could be used at the proposed King's Coronation Event in May 2023. It was suggested that environmental/eco info could be available at the event.

8. MPC OPEN SPACE BIODIVERSITY POLICY

Refer to MBC Climate Change & Biodiversity Policy

<file:///C:/Users/HP/Downloads/Biodiversity-Climate-Change-Strategy.pdf> Can be used to inform local planning policy and decisions.

9. CARBON LITERACY TRAINING

MBC Sustainability Officers will advise once ready for delivery.

10. PARISH COUNCIL NET ZERO GOALS

MBC Sustainability Officers drafting a plan/template for Parish Councils and other resources.

11. LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

NALC has drafted this template and the Admin Assistant has put into a document. This could be a useful tool and the Environmental Group to revisit at a future date.

12. GOOD PRACTICE TEMPLATE REVIEW

NALC has drafted and could be a useful tool in the future.

13. MBC SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTERS

MBC sent info on Green Grants e.g. EC04, Sustainable Warmth Scheme, Boiler Upgrade Scheme, Smart Export Guarantee, EV Chargepoint Grant and Help with Energy Bills and some of the information was placed in the Autumn Newsletter. MBC now issue these newsletters on a regular basis and any useful information will either be cascaded via social media by the Deputy Clerk or placed in the newsletter.

14. NALC CLIMATE EMERGENCY SESSION – 27TH OCTOBER

Documents attached to draft agenda:

- Funding for Climate Action
- NALC CEN Chat What's App group update
- Local Climate Action Plan
- Good Practice Template Review

Cllr Boswell will attend the next meeting on Tuesday 14th February at 12pm.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Cllrs agreed that a Nature Recovery Plan running alongside the Marden Neighbourhood Plan and to tie in with the Estate Management Plan would be a good idea.

Cllr Besant will look at and discuss at the MNP meeting on Saturday 7th Jan.

16. KALC

NALC had suggested that County Associations should be sharing info on funding opportunities and creating a Climate Change Toolkit to share with Town & Parish Councils.

17. Other Environmental Issues

There were no other issues raised.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th February at 6pm in the Parish Office.