

Knutsford Town Council

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Minutes

of the

Environment and General Purposes Committee meeting held 13th January 2020

In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices

EGP19/045 Present

Cllrs Robertson, Abel, Beswick, Dalzell, and Malloy.

In attendance: A Keppel-Green (*Town Clerk*)

EGP19/046 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fletcher (parliamentary business), Gardiner and Power (personal business).

EGP19/047 To note declarations of members' interests

Cllr Robertson declared a personal interest in EGP19/039 on the grounds of living on Beggarmans Lane.

EGP19/048¹ Public Participation

A group of residents spoke in support of the council applying to register Sandfield Wood as a Town Green, noting their regular use of the woodland as an open space.

EGP19/049 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

EGP19/050 To consider the committee budget and spending to date

The budget and spending to date was noted.

EGP19/051 To consider flooding issues in Knutsford

Flooding issues were noted on Higher Downs, Mereheath Lane, Ashworth Park and Moberley Road. It was noted that the issues were often due to gullies being blocked due to the infrequency of clearance.

It was agreed to explore the costs for the council to provide additional gully emptying to prevent flooding and to consider utilising the Town Ranger to clear leaves from roads during autumn.

EGP19/052 To consider updates in respect of applications to register public rights of way and town greens

It was noted that College Wood had been registered as a town green and that the

¹ Cllr Abel arrived during this item.

order to create a public right of way between 95 and 97 King Street had been referred to the Planning Inspectorate by Cheshire East Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council advising them that the council intends to progress an application to register Sandfield Wood as a town green unless the parish council objects.

EGP19/053 To consider updates on committee projects

The Town Clerk reported that the Cheshire Wildlife Trust had advised it was unable to sow a meadow for 2020 due to ground conditions but would for 2021 and that Friends of the Moor were supportive of a proper wildflower meadow being created.

The Town Clerk reported that tree works at the Obelisk had been given consent and that he was in discussions with an arboriculturalist about the works and that a start date was awaited for the grounds works to the Booths Garden.

EGP19/054 Member questions to the Clerk

It was requested that the cleanliness of the Town Centre be discussed at the next meeting.

The Town Clerk responded to a question in relation to the Town Centre Masterplan, advising that the information would be provided to members in advance of the public consultation.

EGP19/055 To consider the town maintenance log

The log was noted.

EGP19/056 To consider the actions log

The log was noted.

EGP19/057 To note the date of the next meeting

The date was noted.