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Town Clerk – Holly Goring

A Meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** to be held on
Monday 15th July 2019 at 7.00pm
in
The Council Chamber, Civic Centre

AGENDA

1.0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda. Should any Member consider that they require a dispensation in relation to any prejudicial interest that they may have, they are asked to make a written application to the Clerk well in advance of the meeting.

Notice should be given at this part of the meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should then be declared later at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

2.0. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4.0. MINUTES

- 4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on 3rd June 2019
- 4.2. Action list – For information only
(Attached)
- 4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only
(Attached)

5.0. FINANCE

- 5.1. To note bills paid
- 5.2. No income and expenditure report until accounts completed

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1. (Nothing to report at this time)

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Items for the next Strengthening Local Relationship (SLR) meeting on 7th August 2019, 9.15am in the Green Room, Civic Centre

7.2. To consider a "Bagged Dog Poo" sticker scheme
(Attached)

8.0. LEISURE

8.1. (Nothing to report at this time)

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

9.1. Children Stay Safe Day
(Attached)

9.2. Speed Indication Device (SID)
(Nothing to report at this time)

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes

10.2. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group
(Nothing to report at this time)

10.3. Uckfield and District Twinning Association
(Nothing to report at this time)

10.4. Age Concern
(Attached)

10.5. Luxford Centre Management Committee
(Attached)

10.6. Active Uckfield Group
(Nothing to report at this time)

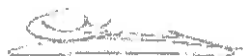
10.7. Wealden Bus Alliance
(Nothing to report at this time)

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

To consider whether to **RESOLVE** to exclude the press and public (pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) during consideration of the following confidential business to be conducted: -

12.1 To consider a report on the Marketing programme
(Attached)



Town Clerk
9th July 2019

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Agenda Item 7.2.

To consider a “Bagged Dog Poo” sticker initiative

1.0. Summary

1.1. The report sets out details of a “Bagged Dog Poo Sticker” initiative.

2.0. The Scheme

- 2.1. The initiative which has been launched in the Village of Ludham in Norfolk was a community initiative. The scheme was the idea of a local resident following the launch of a community Facebook which highlighted the concerns of residents regarding dog fouling.
- 2.2. The local parish council had no plans to install any further dog bins due to the prohibitive costs of emptying.
- 2.3. A local resident, who was also a dog owner said that they used their own black bin for their dog waste so why couldn't other dog owners use residents' black bins providing the dog waste was bagged. The scheme was also to help visitors to a local caravan park nearby.
- 2.4. Norfolk District Council had no objections to the idea providing the dog waste was not excessive.
- 2.5. Funding for the stickers came from a private donation and a local sign company provided the stickers at a reduced cost.
- 2.6. The scheme, which had the support of the parish council, was launched through social media, the local council, the parish newsletter and posters around the village. They also liaised with local shops who were happy to be “pick up points” for the stickers. The local press also covered the scheme. Social media release: -

Ludham Community Finds Innovative New Way of Dealing with Dog Droppings.

The people of Ludham have come together to find a solution to the problem of dog business not being disposed of properly around the village. By realising stickers for black wheelie bins that indicate dog walkers can put bagged dog leavings into their bin it shows an active effort to clean up the streets, something which others should look into. This is What Ludham council had to say;

“We are proud to announce that the Ludham Community Initiative to help tackle dog poo is launched. If you live on a dog walking route and keep your black bin near the road, you can support us by putting this sticker on your bin.... Thanks to all who have made this possible. It has the support of the Parish Council and NNDC. Let's make a difference and make Ludham a welcoming place for all, especially responsible dog owners.”

It's a simple idea which includes the whole community and make a real difference to the village. Hopefully others will follow suit in their own ways....

TACKLING DOG FOULING – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Dog Poo – don't we all hate it when dog owners don't pick up after their pooches? Even worse is when they pick up then toss the poo bag into a hedge or leave it on a path. GRRRRR!!!!



We know that there are very few Dog Poo Bins in Ludham and there are no funds for more.

Rather than grumbling, we are helping dog owners and visitors to be responsible owners.



We are encouraging dog walkers to dispose of bagged dog poo by putting it in dog friendly resident's black wheeled bins marked with these stickers.

KEEPING OUR VILLAGE CLEAN FOR EVERYONE!

This is a Ludham Village Community Initiative which has the backing of Ludham Parish Council and North Norfolk District Council.

Want to help?

Dog-friendly residents who live on roads where dog-walkers pass by are invited to put a sticker on their bin.

Is your black bin at the front of your house, near a road/path used by dog-walkers?

Would you be willing to let dog-walkers pop their poo bag into your bin, helping to reduce mess left on paths and hedges?

If so, please collect your **FREE Sticker** from:

- ✓ Throwers,
 - ✓ Ludham Butchers,
 - ✓ Bowline and Bunting,
 - ✓ Dog Pub,
 - ✓ Ludham Bridge Stores
- Or
Call 01692 678870



3.0. Costings

3.1. The stickers are 6" circular and costings from the company Ludham used equates to 30p per sticker for a minimum of 100. Should a similar scheme be launched in Uckfield other quotations would be obtained.

4.0. Recommendation

4.1. Members are asked to note the report and instruct the Clerk accordingly.

Contact Officer: Christine Wheatley

Meeting of the Environmental & Leisure Committee

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From: The Road Safety Day (2019) Working Group

Event: - (Wednesday 19th June 2019)

1.0 Summary

This year's event, renamed "**Children stay safe day**", had to be cancelled on the morning of the event. There had been significant rainfall the previous day in Uckfield but the forecast for Wednesday suggested a drier day, so the decision was taken to go ahead. However, there was more rainfall overnight with large thunderstorms in the local area.

The 7.00 am review of the Luxford Field, by the Town Clerk and the working group, considered it very slippery and the risk to the children of falling, slipping, sprains etc. was felt to be too great. There was still an amber weather warning of further thunderstorms in place. Equally, the national weather forecasts indicated a dry morning with rain around lunchtime shortening the event.

The safety and wellbeing of the children, and all those attending, had to be our prime concern. For this reason the decision was taken, with much regret, to cancel the event.

The Town Clerk had a very hectic hour contacting all the attending schools and organisations. It all went very smoothly and any wasted journeys were avoided. Some schools commented it was the right decision in the circumstances.

The cancellation was very unfortunate as a great deal of effort had been made to address the concerns and issue raised by schools. The widening of the scope of the event enabled additional activities to be provided and the return of Sussex police and British Transport Police was welcomed.

The confirmed attendance of only six schools is regretted and continues to show the problems of some schools. These include staffing issues, year group sizes and time tabling priorities. St Phillips school withdrew only a week before as they could not get enough helpers to support the 24 pupils they wanted to bring.

2.0 Action Points (Previous Action)

2.1 *Having more participating organisations is a critical need!*

Coast Guard support – more aspects of coastal support

Video Tent – Tent hired to show safety videos on cycling, 'BRAKE' charity provision

2.2 *Group activities that can be used to occupy waiting*

Extensive research identified several key organisation that provide some resources for educational use for our target age range Sufficient activity sheets/puzzles were provided for a specific 'activity' area to keep groups occupied

Create more activity groups by attending organisations

Discuss with attending organisations how they can provide more points of interest for the children. E.g. Waitrose have three small groups covering different parts of their activity. Sussex Police (2 officers) were going to cover two issues of importance. ESFRS similarly cover 2 (perhaps 3) parts of their activity.

Extra small group activities keeps the circulation of the children moving.

2.3 During the research for other possible attendees a contact at the local Environment Agency has committed to attend next year to talk about Safety around inland water

2.5 In partnership with the Town Clerk improvements to school contact, updates, reminders and confirmation of deadlines have to be made. Without a good degree of certainty of attendance the go/no go decision for the day becomes very difficult. Having enough children to make the day worthwhile is to be decided.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Develop more contact with the attending organisations, building on the wider event scope.

3.2 When the plan for next year's event is finalised an information campaign should be run for all our 12 attending schools to encourage more attendance.

Members are asked to:

(i) Note the report, and:

(ii) Agree the recommendation of the working Group.

Road Safety Working Group

Cllr. Ian Smith

Cllr. Paul sparks

Co-ordinator Cllr. Paul Meakin

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Age Concern

The committee meeting on 31st May received updates on the general running of the group and the finances.

Thanks, were recorded for the Town Council Grant.

Much of the meetings discussion centred around the need for more drivers and how to recruit them. The demand on the group from clients continues to increase with further new clients registering and some of the journeys covering much longer distances i.e. Guildford and Maidstone.

The Vice Chairman agreed to do an interview on Uckfield FM to publicise the needs and aims of the Group.

Cllr. Chris Macve

7th June 2019

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Luxford Centre Management Committee

At the June bi monthly Executive Committee meeting Jill Daly was voted in as vice chairman as it had not been able to at the AGM.

The House Committee gave a detailed resume of their recent activities and forthcoming events and were congratulated on the variety and the increase in numbers attending them. The Thursday lunches are also providing more popular and are also better attended, as a result, there is now more pressure to increase the number of cooks, when extra have been enrolled a hygiene awareness course will be arranged. The new dishwasher is installed and working thanks to the Mason's donations.

Several general maintenance items have been put on hold owing to lack of funds and a watching brief will be kept. Extra attention to be focused on raising extra funding to ensure maintenance can be kept up to date.

Members were updated on the latest details of the conversion to a CIO.

Councillor. C.Macve

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