

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Public participation: A member of the public attended the meeting to give the Committee his views on the potential content of replacement Epworth signage.

1. **In attendance-** Councillors R Whittaker (Chair), Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Woods and Councillor Stewart
Also in attendance-
C McRoy, Assistant Clerk
1 member of the public
2. **Apologies** were received and accepted from Councillor Finch
3. **Resolved:** to move item 9 up the agenda to be dealt with first.
4. **Epworth Signage:** to resolve the design of the North Lincolnshire Council sponsored signage. Committee discussed several ideas for the signs and illustrations on them.
Resolved: To request the signs to read 'This is Epworth' rather than 'Welcome to Epworth'.
Further resolved: To request that the Wesley family and Barons de Mowbray connections both be included on the signs.
5. **To dispose of any issues** arising from previous committee minutes. The Assistant Clerk updated the Committee on the improved condition of the flower borders to Manor Car Park. A provisional date of Sunday 6 October for a Town Council litter pick and dog care action day was agreed.
6. **To discuss** plans for Lincolnshire VE day 75 – May 2020. The Committee discussed several potential ideas for appropriate commemoration events.
Resolved: The Assistant Clerk to find out what else is planned locally and report back to the next Committee meeting.
7. **To review** the comments made on the marking sheet of The Best Kept Village competition. All agreed that this was a fantastic result for the area, and the result of the efforts of both the community and Town Council.
Recommended: That the Town Council enter the Best Kept Village competition again in 2020
8. **To consider** adopting The Beacon. There was a discussion of the history of the Beacon and previous ownership and maintenance.
Recommended: The Town Council to investigate formally adopting the Beacon

9. To receive and discuss all issues linked to Epworth in Bloom. Councillor R Whittaker handed out a report she had produced regarding Epworth in Bloom. There was a discussion about replacing hanging baskets, and a suggestion of setting up an Epworth in Bloom working group.

Resolved: That thank you letters be sent to all those whose properties received a special mention and to the volunteers and staff who looked after the planters.

Recommended: That the Town Council consider replacing the existing water bowser with a 4-wheeled one.

Further recommended: That the hanging baskets be replaced with all cup and saucer baskets for next year.

10. To approve the amended risk assessment for Epworth in Bloom activities
Not discussed

11. To nominate items for Facebook. The date of litter pick to be publicised once agreed at full Council.

12. To discuss the date of the next meeting- it was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7.00pm

To record the closure of the meeting- the meeting was closed at 8.10pm

Signed..... Date.....