



Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Environment Committee  
held at The Rackliff Centre on Monday 20 January 2025 at 7.30pm

## PARTICIPANTS

### Committee Members Present:

Cllrs Alex Britcher-Allan; Paul Gripper;  
Jayne Sharett; & Paul Froome

### No Officer Present:

**Others Present:** 2 members of the public

## 1. RECORDING OF THE MEETING

No one was recording the meeting

## 2. APOLOGIES

None were received

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were none.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING

There were none.

## 5. OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A query was raised about the chemicals used to spray weeds in the streets, and who was responsible. KCC are responsible and spray twice a year. Glyphosate is used as the most efficient chemical. Greener alternatives would be hand weeding, or leaving weeds to grow.

## 6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

6.i It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the Environment Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, copies of which had been previously distributed to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6.ii MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM LAST MINUTES:

There were none.

## 7. CLIMATE EMERGENCY – OPEN DISCUSSION.

There was a discussion regarding the issues of the Climate Emergency and potential initiatives the Committee could progress. Topics included:-

- i. Bee Hives on the allotments – **Action: Cllr Angela Funnell**
- ii. Water butts; compost bins; wild flower seeds for the provision to residents. Dispersal and engagement methods and activities – **Action: Cllr Alex Britcher-Allan**

- iii. Provision of a community skip - **Action: Cllr Paul Gripper**
- iv. Addition of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Co-Wheels to the village - **Action: Cllr Jayne Sharratt**
- v. Introduction of edible plants/ fruiting trees to Common land (subject to liaison with Commons Conservators) **Action: Cllr Alex Britcher-Allan**
- vi. Public surveys and talks **Action: Paul Froome**
- vii. Business engagement **Action: Paul Froome**

Next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The meeting closed at 21.00 pm

Cllr Alex Britcher-Allan 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

..... Chairman

Dated .....