

**Minutes of the Environment Committee held at The Rackliff Centre on
Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.30 pm**

Members Present:

Cllr A Britcher-Allan ABA; Cllr Liz Ellicott (LE) Vice Chair; Cllr P Gripper (PG); Cllr M O'Callaghan (MO'C)

Non-voting members; Jenny Blackburn; Jayne Sharratt & Phillip Wheeler

Officer Present: Deputy Clerk Linda Neusten

Members of the Public: None in attendance

1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting

No

2. To receive and approve apologies for absence:

None, full attendance of Committee.

3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None were declared.

4. Declarations of Lobbying

None were declared

5. Open session for questions from the public:

No members of the public were present.

6. Minutes of the last meeting held Minutes 23rd January 20223

i. Approved by the committee as accurate all and signed by the Chair.

ii. Matters outstanding from last minutes

a. Electric Charging Point - An update regarding the issue of the dropped kerb is required. Cllr Britcher-Allan to follow this up with contact KCC.

b. Village Emergency Response Plan – This has been deferred until after the upcoming elections.

7. Thermal Imaging Camera:

Following a positive response from residents, the scheme will be relaunched in the same format in the autumn. The scheme is to be promoted at the Summer Fete, and featured in July edition of Rusthall Life. It was suggested that the Camera could be rented to neigh councils.

8. Warmer Homes: This scheme has now been discontinued.

9. Update on litter picking event;

Cllr Paul Gripper reported a disappointing turn out at the last litter picking event in March. A discussion took place of ways to promote public interest future littler picks. Ideas included; changing date and time of picks; targeting a specific group of streets; liaise with other litter pick groups eg Commons Conservators; a banner in the high street; create a group that residents can belong to (free of charge) and be committed to. Hold a social event after each litter pick; Next litter pick will be on 1st July 2023 targeting the Ashley Gardens and surrounding streets. Cllr Gripper to compile a list of previous helpers and communicate this date to them. Jenny Blackburn offered to provide the black sacks.

10. Trees around perimeter of Mary Caley Recreation Ground:

The current Larch trees, that drop cones and a sticky residue, are to be replaced over the next 2 years, with a selection of tree species that will support wild life. The initial phase of work is expected to start in July after the bird nesting season is over.

11. . Items for information:

Jenny Blackburn announced she is standing down for this committee.

12. Next Full Environment Committee Meeting: - 24th July 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman:

Dated: