

**REPORT of the Meeting of the Environment  
Committee held 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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Present: Cllrs: Matthew Stringer (Chairman)  
Clare Fardell Angela Symonds (Vice Chairman)  
Benj Emmerson  
Helen Harrison  
Pam Shipp  
Martin Trueman

Allan Burberry (Filnore Woods)  
Brett Harrison (Thornbury Composting and Filnore Allotments)  
Felicity Harrison (Sustainable Thornbury)

Sandra Richardson (Deputy Clerk)

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: Vincent Costello (Other Meeting)  
Guy Rawlinson (Out of Thornbury)  
Gail Whitehead (Out of Thornbury)

Judith Hurford (Tree Warden)

Absent: Jeff Pead (Thornbury Ramblers)

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF MEETING OF 20.6.17**

**(a) Fairtrade Status – Update**

Cllr Clare Fardell reported that it had been brought to her attention that Tesco Stores were selling fewer Fairtrade goods and that perhaps they should be encouraged to offer more to help with the renewing of the town's Fairtrade status.

It was also reported that St Mary's School had achieved a level two Fairtrade status and it was agreed to write and congratulate the school.

**(b) Seating In The Town**

**(i) Seating Along Streamside Walk**

When the seats had been removed from Rock Street Garden and one was made from the two, then it would be sited on Streamside as agreed previous.

(ii) Seats on Rock Street Gardens

Two replacement seats had been ordered and were awaiting delivery

(iii) Seats on Bath Road

Three South Gloucestershire Council seats had been removed from the Bath Street area and donated to Town Council. They had been refurbished by council's handyman and one had been resited outside of the Rock Street car park entrance. Members were asked if they could identify any areas of the town that were owned by South Gloucestershire Council that would benefit from a seat. Any ideas would be brought to the next committee meeting.

Cllr Benj Emmerson asked if there had been any progress on moving the seats at Grovesend that he now felt were sited in the wrong place. He was informed that the licence had been granted for the sites the seats currently occupied according to previous information given but that the deputy clerk would talk to South Gloucestershire Council to investigate if they could be moved.

(c) Wildlife in Thornbury

A list of email addresses and contact for the various volunteer groups was tabled and the information noted. It was agreed to publish the list on council's web site and to also have an item on the facebook page

(d) Walks Booklet Information

There had been no further information forthcoming on this item and it was agreed to contact the ramblers and ask on their progress of checking the walks in the booklet. It was felt that the matter should be progressed quickly as it formed part of the NDP

(e) Heritage Open Doors – Update

Cllr Clive Parkinson was now unable to carry out his slot for the guided tours and Cllr Pam Shipp offered to help with this.

Information to be given to members of the public had been tabled and noted. Cllr Guy Rawlinson had written notes for those who were giving the guided tours and laminated copies of these would be supplied on the day.

The event would be publicised on the website and via facebook

(f) Summer Walkabout

The chairman reported that the walkabout had been very interesting and informative.

It was reported that unfortunately the wildlife area would have to wait as there had been a problem with the pitches that required treatment which meant that they would not be played for a while yet and so it would not be possible to investigate the wildlife area until the pitches had been marked and played for a short time.

**4. MATTERS IN PROGRESS**

(a) Schedule of Minor Matters

The schedule had been circulated and the information noted.

## **5. OPERATIONAL REPORT**

### **(a) Operational Matters**

The deputy clerk reported that the watering of council's hanging baskets throughout the town would be ending on 8<sup>th</sup> September and that the results of the south west in bloom judging would take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October at Torquay.

Members were informed that a request for a litterbin to be sited between Tesco and the Skatepark had been received and that the deputy clerk would be investigating the matter.

### **(b) Community Composting Site Report**

Brett Harrison informed members that they were continuing to communicate with the Leisure Centre to try to prevent contractors being given access to the site, and to monitor what was coming in.

### **(c) Filnore Allotments Report**

There was nothing to report on this item.

### **(d) Filnore Woods Report**

The chairman reported that Allan Burberry had made the decision to retire from the Environment Committee after 33 years of service and thanks were expressed for all the hard work and advice Allan had carried out over the years.

Allan informed committee that all was going well at Filnore Woods

### **(e) Medieval Fishponds**

The Clerk reported that Historic England had been contacted by the developer who informed that they were moving forward with the management plan and would be presenting it in the near future. Historic England was looking to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter.

### **(f) Tree Wardens Report**

There was nothing to report on this item.

### **(g) Sustainable Thornbury Report**

Felicity Harrison informed members that the group were represented at several of the Neighbourhood Development Plan meetings.

### **(h) Footpath Warden's Report**

There was nothing to report on this item.

### **(i) Thornbury Ramblers Report**

There was nothing to report on this item.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Request for a Seat Opposite the Anchor Pub**

An email had been received from a member o U3A requesting permission to site a seat at the bus stop on Gloucester Road opposite the Anchor Pub where several of their members meet to pick up a coach for their various outings. The group would be willing to purchase the seat to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

**8. SCHEDULE OF PUBLICATIONS**

No publications had been received.