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To members of the Environment Committee: Councillors: Fagg, Jackson, Anderson, Hardingham, Harris, Ives, James, McAllister Kemp, McQuillan (NSC Ward Councillor) and Purkiss.

You are summoned to a meeting of the Environment committee to be held on **Monday 20 March 2023 at 7:30pm** at the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DP.

Karen Aniola
Assistant Clerk
14 March 2023

As per the Council's Standing Orders, members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend only during the time designated for public participation. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairman may permit further public participation. The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 30 minutes, this will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

Participation should be requested in advance by contacting the Clerk to ensure appropriate time is made available.

A G E N D A

Public Participation

1)	Apologies for Absence LGA 1972 section 85 (1) To receive any apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given.
2)	Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations To receive any Declarations of Interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 17 th March 2022) and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33. <i>(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).</i>
3)	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (<i>Paper</i>) LGA 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 41(1) To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 30 January 2023.
4)	Transport, Highways & Road Safety
	a. <u>Rownham Hill – Leigh Woods</u> To note that LAPC contacted NSC to request an urgent meeting to discuss accident rate data and receive clarification about resurfacing works. The Head of Highways and Parking responded last week to confirm that a meeting would be arranged on his return from leave to involve NSC, LAPC and Police.
	b. <u>Kingcott Mill Farm Park Home Estate</u> To receive an update.

	<p>c. <u>Durnford Quarry</u> To receive an update.</p>
	<p>d. <u>Cancellation of X2 Bus Service and Introduction of Demand Responsive Transport</u> To receive an update from councillors who attended a briefing (1 March) on proposed changes to Long Ashton By-Pass as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan project.</p>
	<p>e. <u>Potholes on Birdwell Road</u> To note recent complaints from residents on facebook about potholes on Birdwell Road which are large and numerous, for referral to NSC.</p>
5)	<p>Leigh Woods (Paper) To receive an update on behalf of residents. To note cost information provided and authorize purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign.</p>
6)	<p>Burial Ground</p>
	<p>a. <u>Flooding (Paper)</u> To receive an updated report and advice received since the last meeting about flooding in the burial ground, to authorise recommended investigative work at a cost of £5477.50 + VAT, to then go to Full Council for approval and release of earmarked reserves.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Trees – Cedar Tree in Closed Churchyard</u> To note recent instruction of urgent works to remove a dangerous hanging branch and fallen branches as a result of snow, about which the NSC Tree Officer has been notified given the tree's TPO status. The tree was made safe and several branches were removed, at a cost of £300 + VAT (4299 Burial Ground Contingency). To note that a tree report has been ordered at a cost of £150 + VAT to provide advice on how to make this tree safer, given that a large branch fell off the same tree and needed emergency works following bad weather a year ago.</p>
	<p>c. <u>Fire-Proof Safe (Paper)</u> To approve the purchase of a fire-proof safe for storing Deeds of Ownership.</p>
	<p>d. <u>Memorial Repairs</u> To note that the Assistant Clerk has written to those plot owners whose memorials need urgent repairs, offering a deadline of 24 March to confirm whether they will instruct their own stonemason to carry out repairs, or give LAPC permission to instruct its stonemason to carry out repairs on their behalf for which they would pay LAPC directly.</p>
7)	<p>Working Group Reports</p>
	<p>a. <u>Biodiversity Working Group (Paper)</u> To receive an update, and to receive further information about the proposal discussed at the last meeting to adopt a commitment to COP15 2030 targets.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Public Art Working Group</u> To receive an update.</p>
	<p>c. <u>Village Enhancement Scheme/Piccolo's Working Grp</u> To receive an update.</p>
8)	<p>Paths & Public Rights of Way</p>
	<p>a. <u>ROWIP</u> To note progress to-date in negotiations with NSC: recent agreement between LAPC and NSC that LAPC has permission from NSC to install LAPC preferred metal finger/sign posts and LAPC preferred signage (precise type of posts tbc) and way marking discs on footpaths,</p>

	<p>including installation of posts at the start of those paths leading directly from – but not on – metalled roads. Permission is required from landowners to install way marker discs on landowner property eg fence posts.</p> <p>To authorize extra spend of up to £430 (in addition to £750 agreed at January Committee), to purchase 20 signs for installation by NSC on 20 new posts (NSC funded), costing £45 each, plus 350 way marker discs at a cost of £0.80 per unit (£900 plus £280 = £1180).</p>
	<p>b. <u>La12/12 – Cricket Ground Diversion</u> (<i>Paper</i>) To discuss and provide a view for NSC on the proposed diversion of LA12/12 involving construction of a new footbridge.</p>
	<p>c. <u>Pre-Order Consultation – LA12/4 Birches Farm</u> (<i>Paper</i>) To note a Public Path Diversion Order and deadline for comments of 7 April.</p>
9)	Committee Documents - Terms of Reference & Policy
	<p>a. <u>Terms of Reference</u> (<i>Paper</i>) To recommend changes that need to be made to the Terms of Reference for approval at Full Council May meeting.</p>
	<p>b. <u>Playground Inspection Reports Policy</u> (<i>Paper</i>) To discuss and agree any changes that need to be made to improve the Playground Inspection Reports Policy.</p>
10)	Annual Parish Meeting – 3 April To discuss content for the Chair's Annual Parish Meeting report.
11)	Street Furniture – Installation (<i>Paper</i>) To note that a (missing) bench purchased before the pandemic for Festival Way has been located, and together with the two bins purchased for Warren Lane and Gatcombe bus stop, are awaiting installation. To note quotes and authorize spend for installation.
12)	Preparation for End of Current Council To agree that councillors who are not planning to re-stand for election in May, should provide 'handover' notes for the committee (to be held by the Assistant Clerk) about important projects, outlining: background, progress, outcomes, main contacts and suggested next steps. To be provided for the May Environment Committee meeting.
13)	Coal Mining Information (<i>Paper</i>) To note a report and map prepared by LANCET highlighting a recent new study showing that most Green Belt area around South Bristol and Long Ashton that NSC is considering to release for redevelopment is categorised as Development High Risk as a result of mine workings.
14)	Date & Time of Next Meeting Monday 22 May 2023 at 7:30pm