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### Environment Committee Meeting Monday 31 March 2025

**Present:** Councillors: Barrett, Chaudhuri, Harris, Smith, Phillips

**In Attendance:** Ruth McAllister (Admin & Committee Clerk) and NSC Ward Councillor Stuart McQuillan

## MINUTES

### Public Participation

A resident from Churchill spoke about a bike accident involving horses that occurred on 20/11/24 on the Festival Way Cycle route at the junction of Perry Road and Paulman Gardens. He sustained very serious injuries. Resident believes horses should not be on pathway. Recognises that NSC has ultimate responsibility, but PC should take some action. Cllr Barratt to approach the horseriders and Ruth McAllister to continue conversation with resident via email.

- E25.009     **Apologies for Absence** *LGA 1972 section 85 (1)*  
Apologies from Cllr Andrews, Cllr Fenton, Cllr James, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Stoodley, Cllr Barks were noted.
- E25.010     **Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations**  
Dispensation granted to Cllr Barratt regarding item E25.016.
- E25.011     **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *LGA 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 41(1)*  
**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 27 January 2025 were approved and signed as an accurate record.
- E25.012     **Transport, Highways & Road Safety**
- a) Bus Service Improvement Plan ('BSIP')  
**NOTED** - that there was no update on the BSIP plan for road amendments along the A369 at the Bridge Road / Ashton Court junction.
  - b) VAS Rownham Hill  
**NOTED**- that NSC update dated 25 Feb 2025 stated that the request passed the policy check with 50% by scoring against three JLTP4 policies and aligning with the Place and Movement framework. The request is currently at Stage 3 – Officer Assessment where it has been scored by the theme lead officer.
  - c) Kingcott Mill Farm Park Home Estate  
**NOTED** - Cllr Stuart McQuillan (Ward Councillor) stated no progress to report.
  - d) Amended bus routes and cancelled bus services affecting Long Ashton  
**RESOLVED** - The draft letter to Sadik al-Hassan MP, First Bus and NSC reflecting residents' dismay in response to recent bus service changes was **AGREED**.
  - e) NSC Double-yellow lines consultation

**RESOLVED** - A response to each numbered site of NSC's double-yellow line consultation, taking residents' comments into consideration, was agreed.

f) Leigh Woods name road sign

**RESOLVED** – to approve expenditure of £254 + VAT for the manufacture and installation by NSC of a new 'Leigh Woods' sign on existing posts.

g) Disabled Parking Bay application on Glebe Road

**RESOLVED** – it was agreed that the PC should refer the decision to the NSC Officer to make a judgment based on their highways expertise.

#### E25.013 **Leigh Woods**

An update on behalf of residents from Cllr Martyn Harris was received and included the following:

1. 20mph in all roads in LW except Abbots Leigh and Bridge roads. Approval was given to ask NSC for their thoughts. Martyn Harris to draft letter.

2. Speed watch. A group of residents/parish councillors are in discussion with the police to setup SW in LW. In progress.

3. St Mary's Road. Reinstate missing sign, no left turn for traffic travelling along Abbots Leigh road towards Bristol during the hours 7:30 to 9:00am. Email sent to NSC asking for sign to be restored.

4. Rownham Hill. Police accident statistics have been supplied. New parish councillors to arrange meeting with resident to acquaint themselves with the problems and at the next meeting decide if any action need to be take.

5. Paint white line at the junction of Church Road and St Mary's Road. Quote obtained from NSC of £1000, item to be on Environment meeting agenda for approval.

6. Flooding in North Road, with NSC to take action to rectify.

7. Install camera at entrance to North Road from Abbots Leigh Road. Currently being reviewed by NSC, unfortunately officer dealing with the task has resigned so job needs to be reassigned. Stuart McQuillan helping with this task.

8. Drain Schedule, obtain from NSC.

#### E24.014 **Working Groups**

a) Biodiversity Working Group

A report was not received.

b) Public Art Working Group

The meeting was suspended to hear a report from a member of the Working Group. The meeting was resumed.

c) Burial Ground Working Group

**NOTED** - that the Burial Ground Working Group be tasked with deciding whether to allow burials in the bottom section of the Burial Ground with regard to the groundwater sampling and levels report.

d) Providence Lane Traffic Calming Working Group

**RESOLVED** – that Cllr Faisal Chaudhuri would join the working group and that proposals will be brought to Full Council for its consideration and consequent inclusion on the NSC Highways Improvement Scheme.

E25.015 **Parks, Play Areas and Open Spaces**

a) Operational (Monthly) Inspection Reports

**NOTED** - Inspection reports for Chancellors Park, Gardeners Walk and Kings Croft playparks were reviewed. Low risk and no action needed.

b) Groundwater sampling & levels – Burial Ground

**NOTED** - the content of the report and the recommendation regarding future sampling.

c) Unauthorised tree planting on Perry Road affecting public art position

**NOTED** - that a cedar tree had been planted (unauthorised) in the allocated position of the public art sculpture. Councillors encouraged to visit the site and consider the possible options with a view to making a decision at the next Environment Committee meeting (2 June).

d) PROW LA12/25

**RESOLVED** – to ask NSC to write to the landowner and request removal of the stile.

e) PROW LA12/34

**RESOLVED** – to ask NSC to write to the landowner and request removal of the stile.

f) Higher capacity bin for litter picking refuse

**RESOLVED** – to agree expenditure of £536.75 per annum (exc VAT) for a higher capacity bin for the collection of litter picking refuse.

g) Donation of new oak arch to Burial Ground

**RESOLVED** – agreed to accept the proposed donation of an oak arch replacement at the Burial Ground under the Bench and Tree Donation policy and to allow suitable memorial engraving/plaque.

E25.016 **Contribution to LANCE Trust event to mark International Day for Biological Diversity**

**RESOLVED** – expenditure of £500 as a contribution to the LANCE Trust event (*Climate Action budget // Community support and engagement (Local Government Act 1972 s 142)*) was approved.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 02 June 2025 at 6:30pm