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Environment Committee Meeting Monday 27 January 2025

Present: Councillors: James, Fenton, Chaudhuri, Harris and Smith

In Attendance: Ruth McAllister (Admin & Committee Clerk) and NSC Ward Councillor Ashley Cartman

MINUTES

Public Participation

Residents from Leigh Woods spoke about increasing concerns re traffic in Leigh Woods.

- E25.001 **Apologies for Absence** *LGA 1972 section 85 (1)*
Apologies from Cllr David Andrews, Cllr Amanda Barrett and Cllr Dan Barks were noted.
- E25.002 **Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations**
Dispensation granted to Cllr Fenton regarding item EH25.008
- E25.003 **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 18 November 2025 were approved and signed as an accurate record.
- E25.004 **Transport, Highways & Road Safety**
- a) Bus Service Improvement Plan ('BSIP')
A report from Cllr Martyn Harris was received.
 - b) VAS Rownham Hill
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 - c) Kingcott Mill Farm Park Home Estate
In his absence, a brief report from Cllr Stuart McQuillan (Ward Councillor) was read aloud by the Clerk
 - d) Disabled parking bay at Long Ashton Surgery
NOTED that, at Long Ashton surgery, double yellow lines to cover the length of the original disabled bay to allow disabled badge holders to park on the lines, have been installed as per the NSC TRO.
 - e) Air quality test request
NOTED that the request of an air quality test was approved by NSC. A diffusion tube will be placed near to Northleaze School, and below the elevated section of the A370, from Jan 2025.
 - f) Love Saves the Day & Balloon Fiesta
NOTED that Bristol Balloon Festival organisers have not responded to repeated requests to discuss resident feedback regarding car parking, residents' permitted parking, and road closures during the festival. Love Saves The Day set up an online feedback form to gather resident views, which will help inform their

planning of the 2025 event. Note this positive engagement with the local community from LSTD event organisers.

- g) Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signs
NOTED that the Village Ranger will collaborate with Dave Addis regarding the handover of responsibilities for vehicle activated speed signs, including their maintenance and placement.

E25.005 **Leigh Woods**

An update on behalf of residents from Cllr Martyn Harris was received.

E24.034 **Working Groups**

- a) Biodiversity Working Group
A report was received.
- b) Public Art Working Group
NOTED that enquiries are being made regarding artwork information board(s)
- c) Burial Ground Working Group
No report was available
- d) Providence Lane Traffic Calming Working Group
In his absence, a brief report from Cllr Stuart McQuillan (Ward Councillor) was read aloud by the Clerk
- e) Climate Action Working Group
RESOLVED to close the Working Group

E25.007 **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) Green oak arch – Burial Ground
RESOLVED – To approve expenditure of up to £1000 to remove the structure and to store the timbers for a maximum of 6 months. The item will be discussed at a later committee meeting to decide next steps with consideration to resident feedback
- c) Amendments to No Mow May areas - Perry Road & Pear Tree Avenue
RESOLVED – that amendments would be made to the No Mow May areas in Perry Road and Pear Tree Avenue. The area to be remain unmown will be adjacent to the office building on Pear Tree Avenue to encourage growth of Bee orchid.
- d) Information signs for No Mow May
RESOLVED – a budget of up to £250 was approved for the purchase of reusable signage to demarcate No Mow May areas.
- e) Proposed Tree Management Policy
RESOLVED – the proposed Tree Management Policy was approved with the following addition:

The Parish Council acknowledges the guidance and information from the government and other organisations that shows dead wood and standing trees are vital components of any healthy ecosystem with benefits for a whole range of

endangered species. The Parish council will strive to retain dead wood and standing trees where public safety is not compromised in line with government guidance:

<https://defrafarming.blog.gov.uk/sustainable-farming-incentive-pilot-guidance-create-or-maintain-dead-wood-to-benefit-wildlife/>

However, where tree felling is necessary the Parish Council will strive to retain dead tree stumps and leaving dead wood in situ. In addition, it will strive to replace two trees for each tree removed and place them in an appropriate location nearby.

f) Devolved responsibility to empty litter bins

RESOLVED – to make a recommendation to Full Council that the weekly emptying of 22 litter bins at the cost of £4,576 + VAT per annum should be approved

E25.008

Contribution to LANCE Trust event to mark International Day for Biological Diversity

DEFERRED – decision deferred to next Environment Committee meeting as venue (and subsequent hire costs) had changed.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday 31 March 2025 at 6:30pm