

**Minutes of the Environmental Awareness Committee meeting held remotely on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 11am**

Attendance

Councillors- J Boyce, K Deffley (left the meeting at 11:55), J Kenyon, C Renwick.

Others- R Bullimore (Clerk) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)

08/020 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Ridgway (Work)

09/020 Minutes of and Environmental awareness committee meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

RESOLVED minutes 01/020-07/020 received and approved

Councillor Kenyon updated members on the Ida's road play area bio-diversity project. The land is currently owned by the County Council and leased by the school. The Parish Council's plans were well received by the school, but they would like to wait to see what the long-term plans are for the field before they agree to anything.

The chairman duly signed the minutes

10/020 Utility figures for community buildings review

Members discussed the high electric use at the cemetery, this is due to the temporary cabins, which are not energy efficient and also waste a lot of heat in winter due to not being insulated. Staff members could use the kitchen in the cemetery lodge, which could have a hive or Evohome heating system and LED lighting to make it a more energy efficient building.

RECOMMEND removing the cabins to conserve energy usage.

Members discuss the high gas usage at Renishaw Community hall.

RESOLVED the reading provided was taken before the new Evohome system was installed. Members discussed the energy usage at Marsh Lane, currently the committee pay the bills and the Parish Council reimburse them.

RECOMMEND allowing the Marsh Lane committee to source their own energy providers but to look at potentially obtaining green utility contracts for all community buildings and combine them into one account. These will need reviewing three months before the renewal date, RFO to research 100% green energy electric quotes for the Civic Centre.

Members discussed ways to reduce the water costs at the cemetery such as draining the water off in winter to prevent burst pipes and leaks. Water butts to collect rainwater, Push taps could be installed for public use rather than the current standard taps which can be left on. A separate lower tap could be installed to allow the staff to still connect a hosepipe for watering in summer but be low enough to the ground for public not to fit a watering can underneath.

RECOMMEND Assistant Clerk to obtain prices for push button taps.

11/020 Cavity wall update

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the task of obtaining quotes for cavity wall insulation at the Civic Centre, and the lack of response from companies contacted. Councillor Kenyon suggested contacting the District Council to ask which company they have used recently, and the type of filling used. Members also discussed the bar area of the Civic Centre and ways to adapt it to stop the cellar door having to be opened frequently causing cold air to enter the bar.

RECOMMEND inviting a bar designer to look at moving the glasswasher from the beer cellar into the bar area.

12/020 Parish Climate Change Action Plan

Members discussed each page of the plan and which tasks were already in place and which could be addressed by the Council.

RESOLVED to create 3 separate action plans for the community buildings. Assistant clerk to fill in the action plan with all tasks which are already in place and those which can adopted to help create greener, and more efficient buildings and a greener Parish Council, such as

- Look into ceiling fan for the Civic Centre.
- Look at heating and cooling options for Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall.
- Contact and energy consultant for advice on energy ratings for all buildings.
- Replace strip lights with led lights where possible at the Cemetery and Renishaw.
- Obtain price for a new fan and thermostat for the window fan at the Civic Centre kitchen.
- Replace public toilet taps with push taps in the community halls.
- Ensure boxes are flattened correctly in the recycling bin at the Civic Centre and remove one of the trade bins.
- Reduce foil and clingfilm use at Civic Centre, look at using recyclable boxes instead.
- Use recyclable items at civic; cups, plates, cutlery etc for children's events, adult parties to use crockery and glassware.
- Replace hand dryers at Renishaw and Marsh Lane halls, obtain prices for both blade and standard automatic dryers.
- Look into Biodiversity events such as Moss Valley Wildlife.
- Check the printer rental costs, ink and paper usage of the Parish Council office.
- Set up a Grant committee to look at funding options
- Clerk to Circulate previous solar panel quote for Renishaw