

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, at 7.30pm**

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

**Present**

Cllrs Rob Green (Chair), Liz Child (from Item 4), Sue Fenton, Mark Graham, Steven Naumann, Naomi Seffar and Gill Tavner.

**Absent**

Cllr Sutton

**In attendance**

Kate Montgomery (Deputy Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

None received.

**2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations**

None

**3. Questions from members of the public**

None

**4. Chair's welcome and role of the committee working group**

Cllr Green welcomed the new members to the working group and gave an overview of the staffing, current issues and projects and a brief history of the committee.

Cllr Green reported that the Environment Committee was created in January 2020 to replace the Green Spaces Committee and provide a more strategic direction for officers. The committee also now looks after the Carbon Reduction Grant Fund.

**5. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the council meeting on 30th March 2021 were **approved** by the members present and will be signed as a correct record by the Chair at the next possible opportunity.

**6. Deputy Clerk's report**

The Deputy Clerk presented the report and answered questions relating to the contents.

**7. Budget Monitoring**

The report was received by the working group.

**8. Update from Climate Action and Nature Recovery Officer**

The report was presented by Cllr Green in the absence of the Climate Action and Nature Recovery Officer.

Cllr Green outlined the set up of ST CAN, the organisations involved and the development of the action plan for the group. The Climate Action and Nature Recovery Officer role was created in November 2020 for twelve months to support this work.

A more detailed outline was given of some of the projects and task and finish groups. Councillors were reminded of their preferences and the Deputy Clerk was recommended to communicate these to the Climate Action and Nature Recovery Officer.

**9. Dates for visits to council green spaces**

The working group recommended the following dates to the Clerk;

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – Cemetery, Daisy Bank and Uplands

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – Bank Gardens, Park Gardens and the Long Ground

The Deputy Clerk was asked to pass these dates onto the new Green Spaces Manager and the Ranger team

**10. Notes from ST CAN meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

The working group received the notes from the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chair .....

Date .....