

**STRATFORD- UPON- AVON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY REMOTE MEETING**

**30 July 2020**

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**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Coles	J Fradgley
Curtis	Lee
Cleeve	C Warren Howles
Dyer	

Clerk: J Mayes

Apologies: None received

2. Approval of Notes from Meeting held on 23 June 2020

Noted.

3 Urban Tree Planting Projects

a. Update on tree mapping project

The Chair thanked Cllr Lee for his work on producing ward maps. These had been uploaded to the Shared Document area under a standalone folder entitled maps for all Councillors to access. The intention is to identify four or five areas of land and establish ownership of the land; whether SDC, WCC or private landowner. The Chair noted that work had been undertaken on investigating biodiversity offsetting as a future project. The difficulty with this is the Town Council do not own enough land for a viable project and are dependent on other landowners and developers to provide offsetting opportunities. This is likely to take some time to implement. The Chair suggested that the group should focus on identifying small areas of land that might be suitable as wildflower sites. Cllrs discussed the possible implications of changing to a unitary authority for land ownership.

Cllr Coles reported on an initiative called B lines, which is being undertaken by the charity Bug Life. B Lines are a series of insect pathways running through countryside and towns that will create a wildlife habitat network to support insects.

Cllr Coles agreed to circulate more information to Councillors.

There was a discussion about whether it was more appropriate to contact WCC/SDC individually about land ownership rather than submitting a list. The Chair felt that at this stage individual requests would be more appropriate.

It was noted that it is critical to engage residents with plans for wildflower green space, both to help them understand why grass is not being cut and also to encourage a sense of ownership in looking after the land.

The Chair reviewed the Wards;

Cllr Warren Howles has identified land in Avenue ward.

The Chair will speak to Cllr Alcock in Bishopton ward.

The Chair will speak to Cllr I Fradgley in Bridgetown Ward.

Cllr Dyer who lives in Clopton Ward offered to speak to Cllrs Fotjik/How about identifying land.

The Chair is identifying land in Guild Ward.

Both Cllr Lee and Cleeve are Councillors for Hathaway ward and will discuss land that they have identified.

Cllr Curtis referred to some possible areas of land in Shottery ward.

Cllr Mackenzie has submitted a list for Tiddington ward.

Cllr Coles referred to some possible areas in Welcombe ward. She also suggested approaching local schools who may be interested in planting wildflowers on their sites.

### **In summary**

Cllrs to send details on 3 - 4 areas of land in their ward that may be suitable for wilding in ward to Committee Clerk.

The Committee Clerk to circulate the list for all wards to Councillors.

Identify who owns the land.

Information submitted to the full Town Council meeting on 29 September 2020.

- b. Update on Tree Planting Policy Document including discussion on what work is to be done to identify targets for tree planting and management

There was no further information to report. The Chair suggested that Cllrs should compile a list of trees in wards that have died or been damaged that could be submitted to County.

- c. Agreeing work to be done to identify targets for tree planting and management

Item deferred.

## 4 Information Hub for Local Residents

- a. Green Advent Calendar – Appendix A

Cllr Warren Howles asked for feedback on the proposed green advent calendar. The intention is to put the calendar online. Cllrs supported the calendar and suggested that it could also become a flyer that could be delivered to residents with information on other initiatives the Town Council is doing. Cllr Warren Howles agreed to discuss this suggestion at the Website, Social Media and Newsletter Panel. Cllr Warren Howles was thanked for her work on the advent calendar.

5 Update on Consultation Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Part V of the Development Requirements Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Appendix B

The consultation on this document took place earlier in the year. The Committee Clerk confirmed that she had received notification that it had been adopted by SDC on 13 July 2020. There was a discussion about the implications of the document for the Core Strategy.

6 Any other business

Cllr Coles reported that an active Eco group in Welcombe ward are due to have a Zoom meeting with Stratford on Avon's MP tomorrow (31 July) about strategic planning and environmental issues in Stratford. Cllr Warren Howles confirmed that she was going to attend. Both Cllr Coles and Warren Howles will report back on the meeting to the group.

The Chair reported that WCC have submitted a bid for finance to upgrade the cycle lane on Alcester road.

*The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm.*