

MINUTES
of the Environmental Services Committee
held online Monday 14th September 2020 at 5.30pm

Membership:

Cllr Jeffries (Copheap)	*	Cllr Nicklin (West)	*
Cllr Fraser (West) Chairman	*	Cllr Ridout (West)	*
Cllr Fryer (Broadway) Vice-Chairman	AB	Cllr Spender (Broadway)	A
Cllr Macfarlane (West)	*	Nigel Linge (co-opted member)	A

Key: * Present A Apologies AB Absent

In attendance:

Officers: Tom Dommett, Assistant Town Clerk, Stuart Legg, Parks and Open Spaces Manager.

Attendees: 2 attendees

ES/20/019 Apologies for Absence

Apologies where received and accepted from Cllr Spender.

ES/20/020 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

ES/20/021 Minutes

ES/20/021.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

ES/20/021.2 Matters arising - None.

ES/20/022 Chairman's Announcements

None.

ES/20/023 Public Participation

The Chairman read out a message from Amelia Ap Ellis who asked, please could it be minuted that I do not support the gradual phasing out of the use of glyphosate/herbicides and would prefer an outright and immediate ban.

ES/20/024 Reports from Unitary Authority Members

None.

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ES/20/025 Environmental Services Policy Working Group

Members reviewed and approved the draft policies with regard to: Grounds Maintenance, Litter Bins, Pesticides and Trees, produced by the Environmental Services Policies Working Group, with one amendment, the inclusion of a line “In all grounds maintenance we will endeavour to use electrically powered equipment or any such equipment that reduces our carbon footprint.”

The POSM confirmed that use of glyphosate was extremely limited, probably no more than 10litres a year, mainly on the Japanese Knotweed on the Islands in the Lake Pleasure Grounds.

ES/20/026 Communications

ES/20/026.1 Members requested for a press release to be issued about the adoption of the new policies for Grounds Maintenance, Litter Bins, Pesticides and Trees.

ES/20/026.2 Cllr Fraser would be the spokesperson for any item on the agenda should it be required.

Meeting ended: 5.50pm

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Signed.....Date.....