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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting
Held on
2nd July 2007
Community Room Shire Hall**

Present: The Chairman Councillor Mrs V Mitchell
Councillor Mrs M Atkins, Councillor Mrs S Chivers, Councillor T Christopher,
Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst, Councillor J Fletcher, Councillor R Hayward,
Councillor Mrs C Pearce, Councillor D Stevens and Councillor Mrs S White

Agenda Item	Details	Action
12.	<u>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</u> Cllr Mrs Pearce: Waldbronne Twinning Association	
13.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:</u> Cllr L Robson	
14.	<u>To approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st May:</u> Approved with the amendments of Cllr Mrs Mitchell: Item 6: Drybridge Park: It was agreed to request a site visit with the County Council tree officer: Action: CA, not Clerk Item 9: Reclaiming Our Town Centre: Add final paragraph as follows: It was however agreed that we should visit a town where the Shared Space concept is in operation. Action: VM	
15.	<u>To review action summary and receive Town Clerk's report:</u> <u>Form Joint Committee with interested parties to promote public safety in town:</u> This has largely been taken over by the work of CSATs. Cllr White explained how this body worked and the functions it performed. She agreed to report on a regular basis. <u>Lighting on Chippenham:</u> The Town Clerk wrote to Roger Joy on 7 th June to say that unless the lights were reverted to a heritage style lantern and the columns painted green the Town Council would withhold its match funding. Apart from an acknowledgement no further correspondence has been received. <u>Civic Society Proposals for a Blue Plaque scheme:</u> The Civic Society will present proposals at the next meeting.	Clerk

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16.	<p><u>To Receive Correspondence:</u></p> <p><u>Open Spaces Society:</u> Cllr Chivers took a copy of the booklet.</p> <p><u>MCC Highways: Regional Transport Plan:</u> Cllr Hayward is reading this and Cllr Mitchell agreed to also read it and report back to the Committee on relevant items.</p> <p><u>Road Safety Markings Association:</u> Members were asked to note that the Association specifically excludes the urban environment from their campaign that claims improved safety from the use of white lines. Also, since the members of the Association make their money out of painting lines on roads they are unlikely to agree that advantages are to be gained from minimising the use of road lineage.</p>	RH VM
17.	<p><u>To Consider Forward Plan for 2007/2008:</u></p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	LR
18.	<p><u>To Consider the Draft Proposal 'Reclaiming our Town Centre':</u></p> <p>In the light of the extended discussion at the last meeting it was proposed that the concept be considered in principle only. It was agreed that a small Working Party should look into the feasibility of the Town Council providing a strategic role on future developments. Members of this Working Party to include: Cllr Mrs Atkins, Cllr Christopher, Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Stevens, the latter on an ad hoc basis. It was agreed that Cllr Robson be invited to participate.</p>	VM
23.	<p>It was agreed to bring item 23 up the agenda for discussion first.</p> <p><u>To Receive a Report on the Connect 2 Bid:</u></p> <p>Cllr Mrs Dewhurst gave an up to date report of the Connect 2 Bid. The 27th of September will be National Connect 2 Day and activities will be organised to promote the bid and increase awareness. Annette Baker, Chairman of the Walking & Cycling Group that had submitted the bid, was to hand to answer members' questions.</p>	
19.	<p><u>To Discuss Proposed Local Area Projects:</u></p> <p>The following projects were proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: An all weather path from Watery Lane to Bridges Community Centre (part of the proposed Connect2 project) 2: Cycle racks on the Old Bridge 3: Cleaning town furniture 4: Benches at the bus stops on the Hereford Road and Dixon Road 5: Refurbish town benches: It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for Mr Griffiths to undertake minor repairs and paint/varnish all benches, including that in Somerset Road, as a matter of urgency, but to exclude the bench by the Old Bridge which is thought to be beyond repair 6. Mowing of St Mary's Church Yard: MCC have requested payment of £3,000 a year from the church to undertake this work. It was agreed that we should write to MCC requesting that they continue to mow this area free of charge to the church on the basis that it is a public space 7. Mowing of river bank between the two bridges 	CA CA VM AD Clerk Clerk AD

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	<p>8. Replacement of the bench by the Old Bridge</p> <p>9. Litter pick Chippenham Field over the weekend</p> <p>10. Gravel path at entrance to the playing fields near the Rockfield Community Centre</p> <p>11. Make good with gravel the allotment road</p> <p>It was agreed that members making each proposal should obtain a cost quote for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>JF</p>
20.	<p><u>To Discuss Installation of Bench from the Waldbronne Twinning Association:</u></p> <p>It was agreed that this should replace the bench by the Old Bridge that is beyond repair.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we contact Debbie McCarty as she is thought to have a list of people wishing to donate benches to the town.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>VM</p>
21.	<p><u>To Consider Further Proposals of the Litter Policy Working Group:</u></p> <p>Time did not allow for adequate consideration of this item but Cllr Atkins made a brief summary of the main points. It was agreed that the problem of litter on Chippenham Field at weekends was an urgent problem. A quote of £86 per day had been given by MCC and it was agreed that for a trial period of one month MCC should be requested to litter pick on either Saturday or Sunday.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
22.	<p><u>To Agree Storage and Transportation Costs for the Christmas Lights:</u></p> <p>Transportation of lights from the existing storage facility in Cinderford to Bridgend: It was agreed to accept the quote of £450.00 from Centregreat, the current contractor</p> <p>Storage: It was agreed that the storage cost of £300 quoted by Centregreat was acceptable</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
24.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>To consider draft contract for Christmas lights: Deferred to next meeting</p> <p>To consider replacement of bench outside Commerce House which has been badly vandalised: Deferred to next meeting</p> <p>Accept and confirm Mayor's letter to the Chief Constable regarding resources at Monmouth Police Station: Agreed</p> <p>BMX Park: Councillor Christopher reported that Tim Bradfield had been approached by someone willing to give BMX riding tuition. Consideration would be given to providing facilities on the field adjacent to the Nature Reserve</p>	
25.	<p><u>To Confirm Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>It was agreed that we should hold a special meeting to adequately consider the proposals of the Litter Policy Group.</p> <p>It was also agreed that in future the police should present their report at meetings of the Community Committee.</p> <p>The next regular meeting will be held on 13th August 2007.</p>	
Meeting Closed at 9.44 pm		

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