



A G E N D A

To all members of the Council, Press and Public

Members are hereby summoned and notice is given that the **MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be taking place at the Madginford Hall, Egremont Road on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7:30pm when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Reports from members of the public

This is a concessionary short session before the meeting commences and will be limited to 15 minutes. Three minutes per person will be allowed and only if time permits will further comments be heard. This is a for information session only and no action can be taken upon those items raised (15 mins)

1. **Declarations of intention to record**

Legislation allows for meetings to be recorded by anyone attending. Persons intending to record or who have concerns about being recorded should please speak to the Clerk. Details of our full recording policy can be found on our website.

2. **Apologies and absences**

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Clerk or the Administrator prior to the meeting.

3. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations or Lobbying**

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

4. **Signing of the Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 25th June 2024.

5. **Clerk's report**

To receive an update on previous actions

6. **Church Landway/Church Car Park** (Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s57(1)(a) and LGA 1972s126) Anti-Social Behaviour: to consider options for prevention.

7. **General Maintenance** (Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10 and Highways Act 1980 s96)

- a) Community Payback Scheme: to consider areas for work days.
- b) Grounds maintenance: to receive an update from the Clerk.
- c) Holy Cross Church: Closed graveyard maintenance.
- d) Skip hire costs: to consider need and costs to clear allotment and office sheds.

8. **Bearsted Green** (Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10)

- a) Road drain covers: to receive an update from the Clerk.
- b) Defibrillator: to receive an update from the Clerk.
- c) Cricket Club: to discuss safety procedures whilst practice is in progress.
- d) The Pond: to receive an update from Cllr Jagger and the Clerk.

9. **Allotments** (Small Holding and Allotment Act 1908 ss23,25)

- a) To consider costs for replacement gate lock at Church Lane site.
- b) To consider an updated contract.

10. Open Spaces (Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9-10)

- a) Planters:
 - i. to consider costs for planting and maintenance.
 - ii. to consider cost to repair planter outside Marino's.
- b) Elizabeth Harvie Field fencing: to consider cost to repair.
- c) Spot Lane Nature Reserve: to receive feedback from Cllr Spooner.
- d) Medway Valley Countryside Partnership: to receive an update from the Clerk.

11. Benches

- a) To consider asset inspection and work required.
- b) To consider frequency of bench asset inspections.

12. Budget 2024-25

To consider the budget for the next financial year.

13. Biodiversity Net Gain Training

To receive feedback from Cllr Ash.

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Date of next Meeting, 26th November 2024

Signed:



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