

## Madeley Town Council

Minutes of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 commencing at 5.30 pm at Jubilee House, High Street, Madeley.

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**PRESENT:** Councillors: **D White (Chair)** arrived 17.47pm, **J Jones, A MacKenzie and H Morgan (Mayor of Madeley)**  
Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

**E23/001** **Apologies**

Cllr R Meadows (prior commitment) and Cllr P Taylor (illness)

**Resolved:**

Councillors unanimously resolved that the apologies received were accepted.

**E23/002** **Remarks from the Chair**

Nothing to report.

**E23/003** **Public Discussion**

*Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. The period which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.*

No one attended.

**E23/004** **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jones declare an interest in agenda item 23/014 - update on Sutton Hill Village Green.

**E23/005** **Minutes**

**Resolved:**

The Committee unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were confirmed and approved for signature (see Appendix A).

**E23/006** **Finance**

**006.1 Expenditure Transaction List from 01.04.22 – 31.08.22**

*To note Environment expenditure transaction agreed by Finance & General-Purpose Committee.*

The Clerk had prepared a list of all Environment expenditure for the period between 01.04.22 – 31.08.22 that was agreed. See Appendix B. Noted.

**006.2 Income Transaction List from 01.04.22 – 31.08.22**

*To note income transaction.*

Noted.

**006.3 Budget Cashbook Report from 1.4.21 – 31.08.22**

*To note Budget Cashbook report for the Environment budget*

The Clerk had prepared the Budget Cashbook report for the Environment budget for the period 01.04.21 – 31.08.22 for information (see Appendix C).  
Noted.

**006.4 Financial Budget Comparison Report**

*To note actual Environment budget monies received and spent compared to 2022-23 budget.*

The Clerk had prepared the Environment Budget Comparison report for the period between 01.04.21 – 31.08.22 for information (see Appendix D).  
Noted.

**006.5 Payments for Approval**

To agree and approve.  
Appendix E  
Nothing to note.

**E23/007 Public Realm – Action Plan Report**

*To work in partnership with the Local Authority to identify and implement environmental improvements.*

The Clerk presented a revised and updated Action Plan for the Environment Committee covering Public Realm (see Appendix F).  
Noted.

**E23/008 Open Spaces – Action Plan Report**

*To seek involvement and influence in the management and improvement of recreational and public open spaces.*

The Clerk presented a revised and updated Action Plan for the Environment Committee covering Open Spaces (see Appendix F).  
Noted.

**E23/009 Planning & Conservation – Action Plan Report**

*To work with partners to promote, improve and protect the heritage of Madeley civic parish in general and the World Heritage Site in particular.*

The Clerk told the committee of issues that the Clerk was having with the planning team, and it was agreed that all planning applications would go the committee and if required extension would be sought in line with committee dates.  
Noted.

**E23/010 Plastic Free Madeley, Sutton Hill and Woodside**

The mayor said we had nearly reached the number of businesses/groups required to be a credited Plastic Free Council, we only need 4 more and she asked that if anyone knew any to let her know.

Climate emergency update- the Deputy Clerk has taken Carbon Literacy training and was going to working with Clerk on an action plan for the Town Council. The Town council had agreed at Finance to loan Telford and Wrekin's Climate action Investment £500.

**E23/011 Update on Community Action Team**

Updates received from both teams. Cllr White and Jones both stated how well the teams are working in Sutton Hill and praised their work.  
Noted.

**E23/012 Lease and SLA for Madeley Community Orchard**

The Clerk updated the Committee on a recent meeting with a representative from Madeley Community Orchard who is requesting that a new lease and SLA for Madeley Orchard is agreed asap. The current lease between Madeley United Charities and Madeley Town Council expires on 24 March 2024 and the SLA between Madeley Town Council and Madeley Community Orchard Group expires on 22 March 2024.

Cllr Jones to organise a meeting and Cllr White to contact John Batty so that the group can move forward.

**E23/013 Update on New Friends of Rough Park**

The Clerk updated the Committee on a recent meeting with Bridget Ashfield who would like to re-launch the Friends of Rough Park group. Bridget is going to have a stall at the Christmas Lights event to try and get some more people to join the group.

Noted.

**E23/014 Update on Sutton Hill Village Green**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**E23/015 Bench to Bench project.**

The mayor gave an outline of a project that MIND would like to run in Madeley. The project involves a series of benches that people can sit on whilst walking and have a chat with others.

Cllr White is going to talk to Dave Otley from Telford and Wrekin about recycled plastic benches.

Deputy Clerk to feed back to MIND and discuss at further meeting.

**E23/016 Garden Volunteers.**

Deferred to next meeting.

**E23/017 Forrest School Activity Room**

The group are going to be invited to apply for a Grant from the Leisure Committee. Cllr Jones and White said what a great set up it was and how much the children enjoyed it.

**E23/018**    **Correspondence**

The committee to send a letter of thanks to the Friends of Lodge Hill for all the work they had done.

**E23/019**    **Upper Road**

Agreed at Finance to purchase benches but not path upgrade.

**E23/020**    **Pesticide Free**

To consult allotment holders on going pesticide free.

**E23/021**    **Information**

Nothing to report.

**E23/022**    **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Environment Committee of Madeley Town Council is scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6.30 pm at Jubilee House, Madeley.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.27 p.m.

Signed:

(Chair)

Dated:

