



Draft Minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee Meeting 25th April 2022

1. Attendance and apologies for absence

In attendance: Councillors Champness, Daykin (Chair) and Whyles.

Apologies: Councillors Morrison and Rudd which Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve.

Also in attendance: Mike Simpson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest, Notification of Changes to Members' Interests and consider any requests for a dispensation.

There were none

3. Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to five minutes at the discretion of the Chair).

There were no comments

4. Minutes from the previous meeting held on 21st February 2022

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meeting on 21st February as a true and accurate record.

5. Planning Applications

SDNP/22/00623/HOUS Eedes Cottage Bignor Park Road Bignor West Sussex RH20 1EZ: Construction of outdoor swimming pool and installation of grey water harvesting plant.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to remain neutral on this application.

6. Pill Pond

To receive an update on plans to renaturalise Pill Pond

The Chair advised that the planning application was still being drawn up by the South Downs National Park Authority who were currently very busy but hoped it would not be too much longer.

7. Queen's Jubilee Tree Planting

To receive an update on plans to plant oak trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Chair advised that any trees planted on the ridge by Lord's Piece would require fencing protection from cattle. He had obtained a quote from Primavera for the seven trees which was £2,900 and therefore made the area unviable. The Chair had spoken to a resident who had lost 12 trees in the recent storm so the Council could ask to place the trees on his land. Councillor Champness suggested the cricket ground and the Chair stated that some of trees planted by Chris Briggs had not taken so there could be room there.

Councillors **AGREED** that they should visit the recreation ground to inspect where would be best to plant them.

8. Fingerpost signs

To receive an update on plans to refurbish the fingerpost road signs in the parish

The Chair informed the committee that Primavera was still working on the signs and that they should be ready by the Jubilee weekend

9. Footpaths

To receive an update on plans to install steps on public footpath 761

The Chair informed Councillors that he had met the landowner on which footpath 761 leads to the riverbank and that he agreed steps could be installed to prevent people slipping during wet periods. He said a handrail would not work as the cattle would rub against it causing it to snap. The Chair believed permission was required from the Environment Agency along with a Bespoke Flood Risk Activity Permit which would cost £170. However, WSCC said they would pay for the steps to be built.

The meeting ended at 7pm