



Minutes of a Meeting of the
AMENITY COMMITTEE
 held on
 Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 8:00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs: Hilary Doyle (Chair), David Ellis, Katherine Giles (Deputy Chair) Ian Leake and Amanda McLean
Also Present: Ceri Rance, Parish Clerk

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

20. REPORTS FOR DECISION

20.1 Request from the WI to plant trees on Foxley Fields

Since the formation of the WI Environment Group, members have continuously surveyed Foxley Fields. A proposal was sent to the Amenity Committee in August 2023 to fund the planting of some new trees to replace dead ones on Foxley Fields. The WI may be able to fund two or three trees depending on species and cost of planting. There was also concern over how the trees will be watered over the first two years. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle and seconded by Cllr Ellis and **RESOLVED** to approve the planting of the trees with the species and location to be determined by the Clerk and Amenity Officer. It was **AGREED** that the trees will be watered by the WI, Parish office staff and Cllrs where possible. The WI environment group will be asked to draw up a watering rota.

21. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

21.1 Biodiversity Action Plan Workshop

Cllr Meka and the Amenity Officer both attended the Biodiversity Action Plan Workshop, which was organised by the Biodiversity Officer from Bracknell Forest Borough Council. The aim of the workshop was to discuss objectives and targets for the next six years and to understand the new areas of work which have been brought in by the Environment Act – Biodiversity Net Gain and the Local Nature Recovery Strategies. Members noted the report and will be considering biodiversity around the parish as part of the four-year strategy.

21.2 TREE REPORT

Members received a report detailing all recent work, both pending and completed, on Parish trees. The report was noted.

21.3 UPDATE REPORT

The update report included information on all amenity related correspondence and any issues or information regarding recent events, allotment sites, Binfield Environment group, litter picking and parish play equipment. The report was noted.

22. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Meeting Closed at 20:42