

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE RIVER BURE ROOM, CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL,
WHITE POST ROAD, BODICOTE ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2020,
COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs M. Christer (Chairman), N. Buttler, J Sacha, Mrs S Steel, Mrs. C. Hill (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Blencowe (personal commitment) and Mrs. Washburn (personal commitment).
2. **Declaration of Interest**
No interests were declared.
3. **Open session**
No questions from the public.
4. **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Sacha proposed that they be accepted and signed by the Chairman, seconded and carried unanimously.
5. **To consider the following matters arising from previous meetings:**
 - a) **Roads, footpaths and pavements;** There is still an issue with the High Street sinking. The clerk said that this has been reported to Thames Water and County Highways. She was asked to liaise with County Highways. There is a large pothole outside number 1 Molyneux Drive. The clerk reported the vegetation on the Oxford Road has still not been removed by County Highway and there is now a manhole cover which needs re-positioning. This has been reported to County Highways.
 - b) **Town Furlong green posts update;** Cllr. Buttler reported that the posts have finally been installed.
 - c) **Villages buses and shelters update;** The Chairman said that she has met with a resident and a representative from the County Council following a complaint about the bus stop on the Oxford Road. This matter seems to have now been resolved. The Chairman further updated the meeting on bus shelters and new stops in the parish.
 - d) **Possible projects for developers' contributions;** The clerk was asked to write to a landowner enquiring about purchasing or leasing land for a community project.
 - e) **Weeping Cross Memorial Carving and Sundial;** Cllr. Buttler reported that the sundial will be fitted shortly. Councillors agreed that information detailing the history of the Weeping Cross should be displayed in a lectern. The Chairman circulated several designs for lecterns. The area would also benefit from the planting of 2 small trees.

- f) **Town Furlong green bench;** The Chairman circulated different designs for benches. The Phoenix bench was the preferred design but without arms. The Chairman said that she would find out whether this was possible.
 - g) **Flower beds;** The Chairman said that the bed would be planted the second week of May. The wall will need to have been repaired by that date. The clerk was given names for 2 possible contractors and asked to contact them.
6. **To consider any matters relating to the Churchyard;** No new matters.
 7. **To consider matters relating to the flyover land;** No new matters.
 8. **To consider matters relating to the burial ground;** The road side hedge has been cut. The bin was very full suggesting that it is being used by people not just visiting the burial ground.
 9. **Spring clean;** We have been notified of the annual spring clean. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to community groups. The clerk to mention that the street name signs need cleaning.
 10. **To consider matters eligible for OCC grant funding;** Enhancements to the Weeping Cross memorial and the Town Furlong bench.
 11. **Date of next meeting;** 6th May 2020
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.