

## Minutes of Millennium Green Trust Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 14.30pm at

25A Load Street, Bewdley

**Present:** Town Councillors S Billett, J Byng, S Collingridge, A Coleman, R Coleman, C Edginton-White, P Gittins, P Harrison, (Trustees) Sharon Hudson (Trust Secretary / Town Clerk), PC S Thomas

### 1. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Sarah Billett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Town Councillors H Lacy, L Davies, D Morehead, R Stanczyszyn.

### 3. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 17/06/2019 were agreed as a true record.

### 4. To agree the contents of the Millennium Green survey.

Following discussions, it was agreed the survey questions should be open and seek an opinion of what could be done with the site. The questionnaires should be sent out to all groups, elderly, disabled, dog walkers etc. Cllr J Byng agreed to distribute the survey.

Funding streams were also considered and the involvement of community group including links with the Bewdley School. PC S Thomas agreed to approach the school. Consideration was given to holding a community event at the Shaw Hedge Road community centre.

### 5. Feed Back from WFDC Parks Manager

The WFDC Parks Manager visited the site and suggested planting wild flowers and a schedule of maintenance.

### 6. To Note the costs of removing green waste

It was noted that WFDC quoted costs of £460 to remove the waste material with further loads being £180.

### 7. To discuss the recruitment of volunteers

A volunteers' recruitment day should be held following analysis of the survey results.

**8. To agree actions to be taken with regard to the vandalised bench and 'No Dogs' signs**

Trustees were happy to proceed with the community payback teams site clearance/maintenance. It was reported that the 'No Dogs' signs are being ignored. There is a dog poo bin which is located at the bottom end of the site. The signs could be change to 'dog must be kept on a lead'.

Obtain a price for the new signage and the repair of the recycled plastic bench. Contact the WFDC Enforcement officer to request site patrols and additional bin.

**9. To discuss responsibilities for ongoing maintenance, costs and complaints received.**

All costs need to be identified and collated. The Community Payback Team charge for summer not winter months site maintenance.

A number of complaints had been received and noted on facebook relating to the manner in which the site had been cut back. There are also issues with fencing on Damson Close. The complaints were noted, issues are in the process of being dealt with.

**10. Future meeting dates**

The next meeting of the Trust will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2.30pm.

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 3.50pm