



Needham Market Town Council Community & Assets Committee Minutes – 19th April 2023

Present: Cllr A Reardon, Chairperson; Cllrs Annis, Lea, Mason, Phillips, J Reardon and Stansfield.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

CA010/23 Chairperson's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

Apologies: Cllrs Darnell, Lawrence, Norris and O'Shea.

CA011/23 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Community & Assets Committee held 22nd February 2023.

Cllr Lea proposed the Minutes of the Community & Assets Committee held 22nd February 2023, be adopted. Cllr Phillips seconded the proposal. The Committee agreed the proposal.

CA012/23 To receive Councillors Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

CA013/23 To consider outstanding projects including those in course of delivery.

Cllr A Reardon reported on:

- Safety surfacing has been added to the Crowley Park older children's play area
- A younger children's play area, located in School Street, is to be reinstated
- The Crowley Park younger children's play area project is being taking forward by a Working Group (Cllrs Lea, Annis and Phillips)
- The Scout Hut Replacement Project is at funding application stage
- Funds have been received from Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District in relation to the Speed Indicator Devices Project, which will allow for purchase and installation

- Funding has been made available by Suffolk County Council towards the installation of a toilet within the Crowley Park Boxing Club building
- A site meeting had been held to consider how to improve the Barretts Lane pond area and who could be carrying out the necessary work
- The commitments made to the Needham Market Skatepark Committee were raised
- The venues that offered Warm Winter Spaces and their comparative take up

CA014/23 To consider new projects, their prioritisation and funding, including allocation of CIL funds.

The Committee discussed a proposal which is aimed at controlling excess water in the event of flooding by placing impenetrable barriers across the B1078 at the Coddendam Road railway bridge. The proposal is with the Environment Agency, for assessment.

CA015/23 To consider the Council’s Communications functions.

Cllr J Reardon reported there have been 3,500 engagements on the Town Council’s Facebook page in the past 28 days. It was suggested extending social media presence to Instagram may increase public engagement.

CA016/23 To receive a report from Council’s Civic Events Working Group

Cllr Lea reported the Civic Service had gone well and the event was enhanced by the involvement of the Rabble Chorus.

Cllr A Reardon reported on what local events and activities are planned to celebrate the King’s Coronation.

CA017/23 To consider Crime Prevention and Community Health and Wellbeing issues.

The availability of information relating to local Police activity was discussed.

CA018/23 To receive an update from the Council’s Climate Action Group (CAG).

Cllr A Reardon reported:

- the Group has confirmed its arrangements for the forthcoming Earth Day events (Saturday 22nd April)
- the Thermal Imaging Camera Project had seen property surveys undertaken from which both householders and CAG members had gained knowledge
- ‘Let it Grow’ signage is being put in place at locations where wildflowers and pollinators are being managed

The Meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Signed..... Committee Chairperson

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