

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13 June 2018**

Present:

Chair - Jane Bilisland (JB)

Start: 6.05pm

Judith Wheeler (JWh)

Finish: 7.20pm

Sharon Harris (SH)

Ken Arnett (KA)

Gerry Palmer (GP)

Judith Walker (JW)

Irene Derbyshire (Asst Clerk) (IAD)

1. Telephone Boxes

Telephone Box - Lyons Lane – to house a defibrillator/display local history

Telephone Box - Bridge Lane – children's library, book swap for residents

JWh gave an update. When Neil Drinkwater returns from holiday JWh will get details of accessories (screws etc) to complete the kit. BT has been contacted to remove the electricity although this could take 6 months as it is not considered a priority by them. JWh will send another email. Telephone boxes need to stay red due to the terms of the National Lottery grant and also because they will become locally listed. Perspex will be used instead of glass and around the top of the boxes the wording of Appleton PC and Defibrillator (on the box at the top of Lyons Lane only) will be annotated. There is also some work to be done inside the boxes and as the electricity needs to be removed it was agreed that this will be done once the exteriors have been renovated. Amount of National Lottery grant for project £2725.

Action: IAD to check that the price quoted by Neil Drinkwater is for parts and labour.

Once the required accessories are known, IAD/Joanne Monks will issue an order to supplier.

JB to set up a finance sheet for project No, I said it needed doing, this should be the clerk or assistant clerk.

JWh to contact Neil to arrange a meeting.

JWh/IAD to organise temporary robust signs on each telephone Box advising what the PC intends to do with the boxes. PC phone number to be included

2. Planters & Plot

Four quotes received:-

Allseasons Ground Maintenance: summer/winter planting £610

Northwich Town Council: summer planting £297 + VAT

Steve Bebbington: summer planting £25 per plant for 4 planters and flower bed at the side.

Neil Kenyon: summer planting £300

After discussion, it was recommended unanimously to take 2 quotes for approval at the PC meeting on 19 June – Allseasons (preferred option) and Northwich Town Council.

It was also mentioned that the existing bedding plants had been removed by JB.

3. AOB

JW suggested hanging baskets and JWh suggested more planters with signs 'Entering Appleton' coming into Appleton. There is already 5k in this year's budget but agreed that both projects to be considered for next year.

JB asked for a copy of the budget amount for environmental expenditure.

Action: IAD to obtain details.

SH suggested small Christmas tree with lights for the lantern walk. She suggested a tree for the area next to Gossip hairdressers. JB suggested using the small conifers in the planters, with battery operated lights.

Discussed whether this is Environment committee or new Events committee responsibility. No decision made. For discussion with Kevin McCready.

JW asked if there could be smaller bulb planting in the area for more colour. Generally, bulbs are planted where the public can see them. Discussion on different places where we can plant.

Action: JB to speak with Kevin McCready to arrange a meeting with the committee him to discuss bulb and wildflower planting for next year. JW also asked about planting on unsponsored roundabouts. No decision made.

4. **Date of next meeting**

JB to ask Kevin McCready for available dates in order to discuss bulb and wildflower planting for next year. To be advised but will be during the day.