

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
17 NOVEMBER 2011**

Present: Cllrs D Staton, Hardwick, Payne, P Staton, Watson

Also Present: Cllr Peacock, 1 Member of the Public

1. Apologies:

Cllr Barnett.

2. Christmas

2.1 Lighting Installations

The clerk reported that part of the lighting has been installed, however, the Chemist are not going to have lights up due to the canopy which has just been renewed. We must make sure that all of the lights are lit/working prior to 1 December.

2.2 Christmas Tree

Has been ordered from AVBC, the installation date is not yet known.

3. Minster Way

3.1 Island

Work has been completed and this has been planted. The Chair asked why the design had been changed, there was supposed to be pavers in the centre, to allow the hanging basket tree to be put on.

RESOLVED:

That the clerk would contact the contractor regarding the design of the island. The location of the hanging basket tree needs to be agreed.

3.2 Installation of Seat on Minster Way

The Clerk has written to DCC and AVBC regards the siting of the seat. DCC has requested the site to be plotted onto their plan, and AVBC has not yet responded.

4. Barrier Baskets o/s Steampacket

These have all been installed on the newly painted railings and now planted with winter bedding. One complaint has been received about problem with visibility. The Chair asked if the baskets had been installed in the right places, the Clerk confirmed that the contractor had been given a plan to work to, but she would check the site.

5. Western Avenue – near to electricity sub station (waste ground)

A response is still needed from Future Homescapes regarding their plans for this piece of land .

The asbestos garage has been removed and the site tidied up, as yet a reply about the future plans for the site has not yet been received from Futures Housing.

RESOLVED:

To write again to Futures Homescapes

6. Memorial Garden – continuous improvement

Beech Hedging – the beech hedging has been planted, however, there is still the need for much more.

RESOLVED:

To order a further 20+ metres of hedging so that the top left boundary can be completed.

Gazebo Planters – as yet an estimate is still to be received

Planted Area – an estimate is still to be received

Sleeper Area – the Clerk and Gardener have discussed the work to be carried out.

Childrens Planted Bed

This has been discussed with the Gardener and the school are willing to participate again.

7. High Street Triangle Seat

The seat has arrived, the exact location needs to be decided upon, and the clerk would then arrange for it to be installed.

8. Purchase of Hanging Basket Tree

The tree has been planted and the 2 free baskets have been received and would be planted up.

9. Winter Planting

Nearly completed.

10. Email regarding litter from schools

Cllr Payne declared an interest in this item.

Cllr Watson would arrange to attending a meeting with Swanwick Hall School Head to discuss the litter problems and what can be done.

The clerk would try and obtain details of the litter collected in AVBC and how much it cost to dispose of.

The clerk would also take advice from AVBC about 'organised litter picks'.

The member of the public present welcomed the floral displays around the village, but was concerned about the lack of facilities for youngsters. Cllr Watson responded that this also concerns the Parish Council who are trying to address the problem particularly with regards to improvements to the Play Area on South Street to the rear of the school.

Meeting Closed at 7.15pm

