

EWG Meeting 31.7.19

Present Sian Newbert, Elizabeth Jordan, Richard Jackson, Guy Smith

Ward Councillor Yolande Watson & Andrew De La Haye Chair NDP

Absent Simeon Cole

Apologies None

Declarations None

Sian Newbert was elected co-ordinator and Elizabeth Jordan note taker.

Terms of Reference To be recommended to the council 4.9.19 with one amendment-
To meet bi-monthly.

Items discussed

1. In formulating an environmental policy it was agreed to initially collate information from relevant authorities. To this end it was agreed to draft a letter for the clerk or co-ordinator to send out.
2. It was agreed to ask the clerk for any maps/plans/documents held by the Parish council showing land owned/managed by the council. Yolande Watson brought 2 wonderful maps of the Parish to the meeting showing the designated protected areas and the outline of the Parish. She said she would see if she could get hold of copies for the council.
3. It was agreed to liaise with the NDP on environmental issues.
4. Recycling issues were discussed and it was agreed to look at ways to engage & inform the community as this is an area where there is a lot of confusion. A kind invitation was issued by Yolande Watson to attend the Walford Parish Party event. EWG will support the Walford Parish Party event with recycling information and possibly a relevant environment display to be agreed.
5. Green tourism was discussed including improving infrastructure, cycle paths, public transport, walking. It was decided to see if there was some way of reviving the Ross-Kerne bridge cycle path.
6. Loss of hedgerows was discussed which is of national concern. This is something to be factored into planning decisions.