

QUEENBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Queenborough Town Council **Environment Committee** held on
Monday 13th February 2023 in the Committee Room at 44 High Street,
Queenborough at 19.00

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AGREED AT THE NEXT RELEVANT COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Present: Councillors Shiel, Telford, Fowle, Darby, Flew, Marchington
Public members seven, all residents of Castlemere Avenue, Queenborough.

The Clerk to Queenborough Town Council, Lisa Gransden.

Councillor Sandra Fowle is Chairperson of the Environment Committee for
2022/2023.

1. Apologies received: Cllr Stockbridge – Family Social, Cllr Swarbrick – Family
Medical.

2. Declaration of Interests: Cllr Shiel Item 7 as a Church Warden for Holy Trinity
Queenborough.

3. Public Questions: None

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th of January 2023

The minutes were adopted as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting held on the 9th of January 2023 – The
Clerk reported on the Highway Improvement Plan and briefed the committee on her
recent virtual meeting with KCC last week and amendments to the plan for
consideration at the next Environment meeting.

6. Chair's Remarks

Cllr Fowle 'thank you for coming.'

7. Holy Trinity Queenborough - Closed Churchyard improvements

Referencing the Swale Borough Council photos showing Cllr Mike Baldock and Cllr
Elliott Jayes outside the Queenborough Church reporting on making improvements
at closed churchyards across the borough, including Holy Trinity Queenborough.
Reporting when Churchyards close, they become the responsibility of SBC and it is
their job to make sure that they are safe for the people who visit.

There was some reported speculation in the community about the actual works that
had been carried out at the Queenborough Churchyard, the Clerk contact with Cllr
Elliott Jayes had confirmed that there had been masonry works to a large crack in
the boundary wall and the mortar removed containing embedded glass in it on top
of another boundary wall. There was also a repair to a brick on edge loose coping.

With reports that future works will be carried out to the war memorial in the summer.

Cllr Shiel informed the Committee that Swale Borough Council had not obtained a faculty from the Diocese to carry out the works.

It was reported on loose paving slabs at the war memorial, the war memorial repairs all fall under Swale Borough Council remit.

It was agreed there was no further action on the matter from the Committee.

8. Sheppey Light Railway

Correspondence received from the planners of the Sheppey Light Railway.

The Committee agreed to look into the route suggestions for Queenborough and Rushenden but asked for a clearer map plan of the route in the first instance for consideration. **Action the Clerk**

9. Reports from working parties.

a) Christmas Lights – a date had been planned and new sockets are required, fund raising will be required. Dates for a proposed quiz were to be considered for June time. A treasure hunt will be planned in the summer.

b) In Bloom – Seed planting had taken place at the Castle Site last week, the three volunteers in attendance had received complaints from a local resident about paying for planting from community money.

Friday 17th February planting will take place by Rushenden Community House, all welcome to join.

Monday 6th March meeting at the Train Station to discuss taking on the Railway Station planting and the Clerk will also liaise with them, regarding the murals. Chair of Environment Cllr Fowle and Chair of In Bloom will also attend the meeting.

c) Allotments – The Clerk reported on a meeting planned for 27th March with allotment holders.

There are five root trees on the site to be planted, purchased from the £500 donation given by Sembcorp for tree planting at the site.

d) Community Emergency Plan – None

e) Food Bank – Cllr Darby reported more people are requiring food, there was a committee meeting last week.

f) Kings Coronation – there was a meeting last week, some acts had been booked. The Clerk has applied for lottery funding for the event, failing an award of funding the Environment will consider virements within the committee at the next meeting.

10. Correspondence –

a) A resident email was considered regarding the removal of CCTV at Queenborough Park, the Clerk has made enquires with Swale Borough Council and awaits their response, the Town Council has not been consulted to date.

b) Cllr Swarbrick had reported on the Jet Skis returning today, this was discussed and concluded that the Council were still waiting on a confirmation date to set a meeting with stakeholders. Cllr Shiel suggested an anti-social item for the next agenda of the Environment committee to include the jet skis and children anti-social behaviour in Rushenden.

11. Late inclusions – None

12. Any Other Business

Cllr Marrington reported on contact made regarding a bench at the Seafront, the Clerk asked for him to put them in contact with her. Reporting that QTC benches do not allow flowers etc., but only a plaque placement.

Cllr Telford reported on In bloom purchasing new planters, three will be placed in this area between the benches.

Cllr Shiel reported on the anti-social behaviour of children in Rushenden and foreseeing events surrounding this escalating. Cllr Fowle reported on the PCSO being available in Bosun stores on 24th February at 11 am.

The Clerk reported on the Deputy Mayor badge in the plans for Cllr Cameron Beart Funeral.

The Clerk reported she had made arrangements for the Mayors Chain to be taken for repair, this will now be after Cllr Beart funeral being held on the 7th March 2023.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00.

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th March 2023