

6th April 2021

## AGENDA

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the:

**Environmental Service Committee**  
**on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 5.30pm**  
**to be held online**

**Membership:**

<b>Cllr Davis (East)</b>	<b>Cllr Macfarlane (West)</b>
<b>Cllr Jeffries (Copheap)</b>	<b>Cllr Nicklin (West)</b>
<b>Cllr Fraser (West) Chairman</b>	<b>Cllr Spender (Broadway)</b>
<b>Cllr Fryer (Broadway) Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Nigel Linge Co-opted member</b>

Copied to all other members for information.

Normally, the committee would meet in person and provide an opportunity for members of the public to attend. However, during the current emergency, this is not possible, and the Government have put in place Regulations that allow 'Virtual' committees to be convened and held to conduct local authority business.

The Council has adopted appropriate procedures to ensure the smooth administration of such virtual meetings.

If you wish to attend the meeting and speak in public participation please contact [admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk) at least a day prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated and you will be sent a link. If you wish to view the meeting please see the link on the Warminster Town Council Website [www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) in the meetings diary.

Yours sincerely



**Fiona Fox BA (Hons) MCIPD FSLCC**  
**Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

1. **Apologies for absence**

**To receive and accept** apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

**To receive** any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's (WTC) Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

3. **Minutes**

**3.1 To approve and sign** as a correct record, the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020; copies of these minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore, be taken as read. (These will be signed by the chair when COVID 19 restrictions are lifted.)

**3.2 To note** any matters arising from the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

**To note** any announcements made by the chairman.

***Standing Orders will be suspended  
to allow for public participation.***

5. **Public Participation**

**To enable** members of the public to address the committee with an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and **to receive** any petitions and deputations. The chairman will read any statements submitted.

***Standing Orders will be reinstated  
following public participation.***

6. **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

**To note** reports provided which are relevant to this committee.

7. **Repair and Replacement of Litter Bins**

Warminster Town Council have received emails, letters (**see sample attached**) and phone calls from members of the public asking for various bins around the town to be replaced. As members are aware, currently the town council is not responsible for litter bins around the town, only those within town council-maintained sites.

As members are aware the bins are one of the services likely to be transferred to the town council from Wiltshire Council as part of the asset transfer. As part of the preparation for this, officers have begun to survey the existing bins and the town council has adopted a policy for bin replacement

Officers have prepared a report on the issue (**attached**).

**Members to determine whether to approve a sum of £3000 to be earmarked for bin repair and replacement for the financial year 2021/2022 and to instruct officers to work with Wiltshire Council to improve the condition of the bins around the town.**

**8. Communications**

**8.1 The members to** decide on items requiring a press release.

**8.2 The members to** confirm their spokesperson for any item listed on the agenda to report on the Council's decision if required.

The date of the next meeting: The Environmental Service Committee is being merged with the Parks and Recreation Committee to form the new Parks and Estates Committee. This will meet on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website

[www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

## **REPORT FOR DECISION**

**Environmental Services Committee 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Repair and replacement of litter bins**

#### **Recommendation**

Members to determine whether to approve a sum of £3000 to be earmarked for bin repair and replacement for the financial year 2021/2022 and to instruct officers to work with Wiltshire Council to improve the condition of the bins around the town.

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To provide members with information to make an informed decision.

#### **Background**

Warminster Town Council have received emails, letters (see attached) and phone calls from members of the public asking for various bins around the town to be replaced. As members are aware, currently the town council is not responsible for the majority of litter bins around the town, but only those within town council maintained sites such as the Lake Pleasure Grounds and Play Areas.

These complaints are passed on to Wiltshire Council for them to reply. However, Wiltshire Council have a policy not to repair or replace any bins. Wiltshire then send the complainant back to Warminster Town Council. Officers then have to explain that as the town council are not responsible for these bins does not have any budget to repair or replace any.

As members are aware the bins are one of the services likely to be transferred to the town council from Wiltshire Council as part of the asset transfer. As part of the preparation for this officers have begun to survey the existing bins and the town council has adopted a policy setting out criteria for bin replacement.

#### **Findings**

Officers have spoken to Wiltshire Council at length. Wiltshire Council have confirmed that if the town council purchase the bins, Wiltshire Council's contractor will fit them and continue to empty them. The cost of a replacement bin varies from £50+VAT to £400+VAT. Officers survey results suggest that around ¼ of the bins in the town require repairing or replacing.

#### **Conclusion**

Officers believe that there is a need for some bins to be repaired and some of the removed bins to be replaced. The town council has a policy in place to determine which bins are priority to be replaced.

Officers recommend members approve a sum of £3000 to be earmarked for this purpose for the financial year 2021/2022 and instruct officers to work with Wiltshire Council to improve the condition of the bins around the town.

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The £3000 would come from the Services to be Devolved budget.

#### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

WTC has the power to provide this service under the General Power of Competence.

#### **Environmental Implications**

By maintaining the bins the town council will reduce the negative environmental impact of litter and dog waste being left in the environment.

**Risk Assessment**

WTC and the contractor will carry out risk assessments for any work undertaken.

**Crime and Disorder**

Officers are not aware of any issues the council should consider under the Crime and Disorder Act.



Hello,

Somewhen around May 2020 I was in contact with a person named Dave Smith of Wiltshire County Council regarding dog waste bins in Warminster and then the conversation continued with Warminster Town Council with no further results.

Now that a new financial year is about to start and there has been a substantial increase to the Town council's funds I am asking again for all the missing dog bins to be replaced in Warminster. This would hopefully reduce the poo bags coming over my fence from the lane behind (there used to be bins at each end of the lane and one in the middle, Beacon View to Masefield Rd).

I believe there used to be a dog warden who patrolled the Town park, if this person is still around I feel it would be a good idea to patrol the rest of the Town and maybe issue on the spot fines for dog mess or owner not having facilities to collect, ie bags.

As a side note there are seven waste bins in the Town park children's play area plus several others dotted around the park.

Just to be clear I am a owner of 2 dogs and it's not difficult to clear up after their call of nature.

On a brighter note it's pleasing to see our local road sweeper doing a great job keeping the town centre and local roads clean.

I would be grateful if this could be given a favourable decision and I look forward to reading your reply.

Regards

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to request that you consider some additional rubbish and dog mess bins in Warminster. I walk, cycle and run on the footpath behind Battlesburg Barracks known locally as camp alley or dog poo alley. There are no bins at either end of the footpath and a lot of litter and dog poo. It is disgusting. I imagine how I felt when I nearly picked up dog poo when I was making a snowball last week.

Please could you put rubbish bins and poo bins at both ends of the footpath.

I would be interested for your reply.

yours sincerely,  
from

Other than the recently missing bin by Portway Lake, from memory we also have the below missing.

Post mounted bin outside 35, Manor Gardens, BA12 8PN. Bin missing, post is still in place.

Ground mounted bin at rear of 13, Sherwood Close, BA12 8RG. Bin had been removed from ground and was on its side. Bottom of bin had sharp edges protruding so removed on safety grounds.

Post mounted bin, top of Folly Lane, BA12 7RG, by Rugby Club. Bin is missing and sorry it was a while ago and I can not remember if post is still there.

I have also received the above picture from Idverde stating that the bin is leaning and in poor condition. I have checked this week and it is still serviceable but will need replacing in the not too distant future.

Please let me know if you require any further information.



