

Otley Town Council

- Meeting:** Environment & Sustainability
- Date:** 13th July 2015
- Venue:** Otley Core Resource Centre, Orchard Gate, Otley
- Committee Members Present:** Cllr R Georgeson (Chair)
Cllrs S Dabill, J Brown, I Jackson, P Jackson, M Vickers
M Bradley, C A Campbell, L Hoare
- Members Present:** Cllrs R Smith, N Francis
- In Attendance:** Ms S Kidger (Executive Officer)
Mrs E Bradley (Admin Officer)
- Apologies:** It was resolved to accept the following apologies:
Cllr W Green

22. Declarations of Interest

Councillors L Hoare and M Bradley declared a personal interest in Item 24 as allotment holders.

23. Wharfedale Greenway

The Community Development Officer's report is attached.

Resolved: **that the report be noted and the action taken to date be approved**

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26. Gallows Hill Community Orchard

The Community Development Officer's report is attached.

Resolved: that the recommendations contained in the Community Development Officer's report at paragraph 4 be accepted, that:

- 1. the report be noted**
- 2. Members progress with the development of a community orchard at Gallows Hill, and to develop an agreement with Practically Green to use an agreed area of the site for a community orchard**

27. Resolution on Working Parties

Resolved:

- 1. to create a Working Party to develop a new Cycling Strategy for Otley. A new Cycling Strategy will seek to map out a plan for increasing short-distance use of cycles for work, shopping, leisure and education as well as building on the increasing importance of sporting cycling culture to the town. The Working Party will utilise the expertise of the local community and co-opt interested parties wherever necessary**
- 2. that Cllr Bradley be appointed Chair and Cllr Hoare be a member of the Working Party**

Resolved:

- 1. to create a Working Party on Local Amenity. The tasks of this Working Party will include the development of new plans to tackle key local amenity issues in Otley, including dog fouling,**

street scene and litter, and other local amenity improvements. It will seek to work closely with business and community groups in the town, and will utilise the expertise of the local community and co-opt interested parties wherever necessary

2. that Cllr J Brown be appointed Chair and Cllr Green be a member of the Working Party

Resolved:

1. to create a Working Party on Community Renewable Energy. The primary initial task for the Working Party will be to examine the potential for community-owned renewable energy in Otley (such as solar PV, small-scale wind, ground source heat and micro-hydroelectricity, amongst others), commissioning technical feasibility work where necessary and ensuring full engagement of the local community. The Working Party will utilise the expertise of the local community and co-opt interested parties where necessary

2. that Cllr Bradley be appointed Chair and Cllr Georgeson be a member of the Working Party

Resolved:

to create a Working Party on Asset Management. This replaces the former Committee on this subject, and it will carry responsibility for the oversight of the Town Council's assets

That Cllr Ian Jackson be appointed Chair and Cllr Hoare be a member of the Working Party

Chair