



Environment Committee – 20th June 2023

CLERKS REPORT

Item 4 – Matters Arising

EN/2023/13 – Cart is part of today's agenda to be discussed today.

EN/2023/07 – A meeting was held with RMBC that will be providing a knee rail through existing bars at Waverley Avenue entrance. There is also further bollards being placed on the back of RMBC's land, and the church boundary as part of Community Payback.

EN/2023/08 – Flower baskets are due to be fixed this week. The recent hot weather has delayed him putting up new baskets due to the watering of other areas.

EN/2023/09 – This is to be discussed further in the agenda.

EN/2023/10 – This point has not been advanced any further. Contact was made by RMBC, we would require a different colour bin to RMBC. We would need to identify where they are to be located and gain necessary consent. However, the issue that has stalled is the storage of the quantity of salt as we have no provision for dry storage.

Item 6 – Removal of Flower Beds

At the request of councillors where flower bed removal was considered in minute 9306. Councillors highlighted that endangered wildlife should be prioritised. Contact was made with Paul Leonard, Biological Records Officer at Rotherham Council. He has replied with the following information.

"I have checked on the database here at the Local Environmental Records Centre and we hold no records of reptiles or amphibians or of any rare species relating specifically to that particular part of Thurcroft; however, this does not mean that there are none present. In any event, we would advise caution when removing rocks that have been present for some time and to leave them for a few days before continuing with your project. This will allow any animals that may have been sheltering around or beneath them to disperse safely. Would you consider perhaps leaving a couple of rockpiles just to continue to provide some shelter?"