

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Environmental Forum** held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday 12 June 2019, 7:30pm.

Meeting finished: 8:50pm.

Councillors Chris Lloyd (Chairman), Joanna Clemens, Alex Hayward, David Major, Jon Tankard, Alison Wall and one representative from each of the following organisations: -

Abbots Langley Parish Council	- Parish Councillor Jon Tankard
Batchworth Community Council	- Parish Councillor Peter Loader
Affinity Water	- Becky Pointer
Education for a Sustainable Future	- Bob Sherren
Maple Lodge Conservation Society	- Keith Pursall
Rickmansworth Waterways Trust	- David Montague
The Rickmansworth Society	- Peter Waters
Colne Valley Fisheries Consultative	- Tony Booker
Friends of Stockers Lake	- Russell Ball

Officers: Kay FitzGerald, Biodiversity Projects Officer.

Also in attendance: Debbie Valman (Programme Manager Colne Valley Park), Jane Archer (resident), Barnaby Jackson (Sortition Foundation).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alex Turner, Councillor Alex Michaels, Parish Councillor Tony Edwards, Roger Bangs, Michael Hyde, Doug King and Graham Everett.

EF03/19 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM HELD ON 12 JUNE 2019

	ACTION	LEAD ORGANISATION
1.	To note that the action table summarising the meeting of the Environmental Forum held on 27 February 2019 was confirmed as a correct record.	ALL
2.	<p>Matters arising: To note the update from Development Management team regarding swifts:</p> <p><i>I discussed the matter at a team meeting earlier this week. The view is broadly there isn't much we would be able to do or at least be justified in doing in relation to encouraging the use of swift friendly building materials. Given that, to my knowledge, Swifts are not a protected species we wouldn't necessarily be justified in including something like a planning informative more than any other individual species - unlike bats for example who are EU protected.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that this may not be the outcome they envisioned at this stage.</i></p>	ALL

3.	To note that the Environmental Forum thanked Debbie Valman and Tony Booker for their presentation on the Colne Valley Landscape Partnership and all of the projects they are managing to enhance the area and wished them every success.	ALL
4.	To note the report from the Biodiversity Projects Officer.	ALL
5.	To note the information exchange that took place between the member organisations present at the meeting including:	ALL
6.	Parish Councillor Peter Loader, Batchworth Community Council: Batchworth Community Council has awarded grants towards the running of the Rickmansworth Festival and the Rickmansworth Folk Festival. The Steering group for the Neighbourhood Plan had a stand at the Rickmansworth Festival and will attend the Folk Festival. The attendance at the Rickmansworth Festival was successful with around 50 people signing up to their mailing list.	ALL
7.	Peter Waters, The Rickmansworth Society: Peter said that the Rickmansworth Festival committee were very grateful to Batchworth Community Council for the grant, as was the Ricky Week team.	ALL
8.	Keith Pursall, Maple Lodge Conservation Society: Keith advised the Environmental Forum that there would be an open day on Sunday, 11-4pm. Visitors would be able to admire the display of 2725 orchids, amongst other things.	ALL
9.	David Montague, Rickmansworth Waterways Trust: David said that Watford FC playing in the FA Cup final had affected footfall/donations over the weekend but it had been another successful event. Cllr. Lloyd thanked David and the team for all of the hard work that goes in to organising the Rickmansworth Festival every year.	ALL
10.	Becky Pointer, Affinity Water: Affinity Water is currently running a #WhyNotWater campaign. To find out more and for a link to the petition, if you would like to sign it, visit: www.whynotwater.co.uk If anyone would like to receive stakeholder updates email Becky who will pass your details on to the Communication and Corporate relations team: becky.pointer@affinitywater.co.uk	ALL
11.	Councillor Joanna Clemens: Cllr. Clemens said that it was good to see the cows back on Croxley Common Moor.	ALL

12.	Russell Ball, Friends of Stockers Lake: Russell advised that cattle were back grazing at Stockers Lake after a 50 year absence.	ALL
13.	Councillor Alex Hayward: Cllr. Hayward asked if it was true that foil had to be the size of a tennis ball in order for it to be detected at the recycling plant. Post-meeting note: There is no specified size but it is best to scrunch foil into a ball and the bigger the ball the easier it is to recycle: https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/foil-0	ALL
14.	Tony Booker, Colne Valley Fisheries Consultative: Tony advised that the final consultation on the proposed Heathrow expansion was taking place between 18 June and 18 September. Tony offered to arrange a tour of the areas of the Colne Valley that are likely to be affected by the proposed expansion. If anyone is interested please contact Tony at: tony@cvfc.org.uk	ALL
15.	Suggestions for a speaker at the next Environmental Forum included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Three Rivers District Council's plans after declaring a climate emergency. 2) American Signal Crayfish by Tony Booker. 3) Recycling by Three Rivers District Council. 4) Car idling at schools and what has been done by Three Rivers District Council. 	TRDC

EF04/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Forum noted that the date of the next meeting was 7:30pm, Wednesday 6 November 2019.

CHAIRMAN