



**Council**  
**Thursday, 22nd February, 2024 at 5.00 pm**  
**in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market**  
**Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

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1. **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Page 2)**

To receive petitions and public questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

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## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL – 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

### **1) Questions from Lee Stevens – to be slipped to the next meeting**

"Given the current focus on economic growth at both national and local level, how will the council ensure that biodiversity and the natural environment can be sustained = examples of recent developments that have maintained or enhanced biodiversity would be much appreciated."

Supplementary question:

"Having attended the recent consultation on the West Winch housing growth plan, I was advised that the Biodiversity Net Gain is currently at only 50%, meaning that biodiversity would be negatively impacted. How will the council ensure that the development will achieve the 10% improvement in BNG that I understand is now the expectation for developers?"

### **2) Question from Trudy Clark if not present at that point to be slipped to next meeting**

At the 31st January Council meeting, Mr. Robert Shippey asked the Council if the new administration had developed a plan to reach its own net zero targets on time, and what budget had been set to achieve this. Councillor Parish explained that the Climate Change Strategy was due to be reviewed, "in due Course". Mr. Shippey also asked, as the £1 million funding had already been spent, what budget would be allocated in the forthcoming budget process. Councillor Parish replied that such information would be coming, "in due time". Both of these replies, "in due Course", and "in due time", and both very vague answers and do not answer the question. So my question is, "Has the Borough Council set itself a date to finalise it's budget so it may move forward with tackling the climate emergency, or will it continue to answer questions with past achievements and decisions, instead of looking to the future?"

### **3) Question from Susan Bruce if not present at that point to be slipped to next meeting**

I refer to the plan for a new 3G artificial grass pitch at River Lane Playing Field.

Residents were very relieved when the plan for a new 3G pitch on River Lane playing field was withdrawn on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November following many concerns raised about noise and light pollution, loss of greenspace, flood risk and an increase in traffic and parking on Beulah Street. Residents have now become aware that soil tests have recently been carried out on another part of the playing field and the pitch is being considered again. Can you tell me who is paying for these tests to be carried out?