**Environment Report- April 2024**

Railway planters- Una has contacted the five playgroups and is in in the process of ordering the plants ready for June. Two new plaques are required for the planters.

**Proposal-** That the town council agree to the purchase of two new plaques for the station planters.

Litter picking- The launch of the Litter Free B-on-C group will take place at the Annual town meeting, where the Dengie Climate Action Partnership will be having a stand.

Litter picking Equipment audit- Chris is going to check what is in the shed, as volunteers are starting to collect litter pickers from the council office, as they sign up for their roads, areas etc. We would request approval to cost for more equipment and rubbish sacks.

**Proposal-** That the council agrees that costings can be sought for the purchase of further litter picking equipment and rubbish sacks for use by Community Litter Champions.

Asian Hornet (see attached information from Keith Lomax). The Town Council is an ideal location for the siting of a bait station, due to its proximity to the Quay, where visiting boats may disembark. (There needs to be one every square km and another one will be sited with the Harbour Master). There would be no cost to the Town Council, other than staff monitoring the bait station and Mr Lomax will show staff how to do this once they are in place.

**Proposal-** That the council supports this monitoring of the Asian Hornet and agrees to a bait station being sited at the council offices and monitored with the assistance of BTC staff.

Pollution in the River Crouch- In December the town council resolved that a letter should be written to the sewage and water authorities (C O) What if any, has the response been?

Cllr Carter and Cllr Norman