

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House
on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Absent
Councillors: A Adshead, R Chapman, J Devlin, M Thomas

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

- 64. Apologies for absence**
Cllrs Clark, Dear, Dyer, Spencer, Tutton
- 65. Declarations of Interest**
None
- 66. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**
None
- 67. Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2017**
Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 68. Environment Committee Accounts**
(a) Members received a copy of the accounts in respect of the Environment Committee from 1st April 2017 to 21st December 2017.

(b) members considered a donation request from the Open Spaces Society towards their campaign to fund the registration of all Commons in England and Wales by the end of 2020. Cllr Devlin proposed that no donation be made. Seconded by Cllr Thomas.

Resolved: (a) information noted, and; (b) that no donation is made to the Open Spaces Society
- 69. Litter Pick 2018**
A date for the annual High Street litter pick was discussed and it was;

Resolved: that the Litter Pick is held on Saturday 3rd March from 9.30am-11.00am
- 70. War Memorial**
Cllr Devlin said that he felt both of the items for discussion were linked and suggested that the removal and grinding out of the tree stump be incorporated into the illumination project. Cllr Moore said that she wants the stump out as soon as possible as the money is in the War Memorial budget but that needs to be spent by the end of the financial year so there can't be any delay. The Town Clerk will liaise with the Church to arrange.

Cllr Dansey was not in attendance therefore no update was available on the illumination project, however the Town Clerk informed those present that a design proposal was due mid to end of January.

Resolved: that the Church is asked to arrange for the removal of the stump which the Town Council will pay for

71. Hanging Baskets/Planters

Members were advised that 2018 is the last year of the three year contract with Amethyst Horticulture. Discussion took place and it was;

Resolved: that Amethyst be offered a one year extension subject to their pricing being satisfactory

72. Christmas Lights 2017

Cllr Moore suggested that a more in-depth discussion would best be left to the working party. This was agreed, although following short discussion it was;

Resolved: (i) that the Town Clerk contacts UK Power Networks regarding the need for a reduction in the cost of the electricity due to 17 columns being out since 10th December, (ii) a letter is sent to ECC Highways asking for an explanation of why the lamp columns were not working; and (iii) a message to residents about the issues with the lights is placed in the next Town Crier

73. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Litter pick

74. Questions from the Press and Public

None

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

Signed:.....Date: