

## BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House  
on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.00pm

**Chairman:** Absent  
**Vice-Chairman:** Cllr D Spencer  
**Councillors:** A Adshead, J Clark, J Devlin, M Thomas

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

- 75. Apologies for absence**  
Cllrs Chapman, Dear, Dyer, Moore, Tutton
- 76. Declarations of Interest**  
None
- 77. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**  
None
- 78. Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2018**  
**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman
- 79. Environment Committee Accounts**  
(a) Members received a copy of the accounts in respect of the Environment Committee from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 15th February.  
**Resolved:** information noted
- 80. Working Party/Project Group Minutes**  
Members received and considered the following minutes/notes:
- (a) Christmas Lights WP Meetings held on 10th January and 15th February. Cllr Clark presented the minutes and informed members the first meeting looked at the strengths and weaknesses of the 2017 lights. At the second meeting it was agreed to trial holding the switch on at Sun Corner this year on Saturday 24th November. This is mainly due to the budget being cut.
- (b) Tree Wardens PG Meeting held on 20th February. Cllr Clark presented notes from the meeting as it was inquorate. Irene Guidotti, tree warden from Danbury came and spoke at the meeting and gave some very useful information to the Billericay volunteers. Cllr Clark presented a proposal to the Committee requesting that hi-vis vests and identity badges be provided for the Tree Wardens. Seconded by Cllr Devlin.
- Resolved:** (a) that the Billericay Tree Wardens receive hi-vis jackets and identity badges; and (b) that in all other respects the minutes of the above meetings are approved and adopted.

**81. Hanging Baskets/High Street Planting**

Members received and considered a quotation from Amethyst Horticulture to provide floral decoration in the High Street in 2019 at a total cost of £8,149.62. This is a 3% increase on 2018 cost.

**Resolved:** that the quotation for 2019 from Amethyst Horticulture be accepted.

**82. War Memorial**

Members considered and discussed the outline proposal from RSE. Opinion was that there may be too many lights on the WWI memorial. It was also agreed that the lights should be hidden rather than sitting on the guard rail, and that the lit effect should be a soft glow rather than floodlit. The tree stump will need to be ground out prior to any work taking place. ECC will be approached for authority to take the required electricity from the column in Chapel Street.

**Resolved:** in accordance with the above comments and subject to the addition of the WW1 Memorial being lit from the rear, the Council will accept the design with revisions.

**83. Town Trail Walks 2018**

Members were advised that it is hoped to hold 4 walks this year, in June, July, August and September.

**Resolved:** that the Town Clerk contacts the walk leaders and find out what dates they are available.

**84. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release**

The Tree Wardens group are to be asked for an article for the Town Crier

**85. Questions from the Press and Public**

None

Cllr D Spencer  
Vice-Chairman of the Committee

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.31pm

Signed:.....Date: .....