

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House
on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr D Spencer
Councillors: A Adshead, J Clark, J Devlin, C Dyer, C Roberts, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

67. Apologies for absence
Cllrs R Chapman, M Dear.

68. Declarations of Interest
None.

69. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
None.

70. Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th November 2018

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. Environment Committee Accounts
(a) Members received a copy of the accounts in respect of the Environment Committee from 1st April 2018 to 10th January 2019.

Resolved: information noted.

72. Working Party/Project Group Minutes
Members received and considered the following minutes;

a) Tree Wardens PG meeting held on 12th December 2018. Cllr Devlin informed members that the group are actively pursuing tree planting in Billericay, and Cllr Thomas said that the damaged cherry trees in Lake Meadows have now been replaced.

Resolved: that the above minutes are approved.

73. Formation of Project Group to deal with Health and Safety Issues
Cllr Dyer spoke to members about how resident's everyday lives are affected by health and safety issues which they don't bother to report as the perception is that nothing gets done. He wants the Town Council to let residents know what is being done. Cllr Devlin said that the Town Council has no authority and therefore cannot achieve repairs, only report them. The office already reports and follows up, however Cllr Adshead said that there is possibly

a need to publicise the fact that the Council does this, and that by publishing this information it puts pressure on the authority responsible for the repair.

Cllr Adshead proposed that on a regular basis (to be determined by the Town Clerk) the Council puts out via social media/website and in the Town Crier details of issues which have been reported on behalf of residents. Seconded by Cllr Dyer.

Cllr Moore proposed an amendment to the above, that the reported issues are published in the Town Crier only. Seconded by Cllr Devlin.

Resolved: that a table of reported issues is included in the Town Crier going forward.

74. Festival of Remembrance - 9th November 2019

Members discussed the provision of administrative support for the event and that there should be a clear demarcation between the festival content and the administration. Cllr Adshead proposed that the Town Council runs the event again in 2019. Seconded by Cllr Thomas.

Resolved: that the Town Council organises the 2019 Festival of Remembrance.

75. Brightside Primary School - Community Involvement

Members discussed a request from the Headteacher for any community tasks that his pupils can undertake. Cllr Devlin proposed that as Alyssum Walk is close to the school it could be regularly litter picked by pupils, and they could also design a sign for the pathway stating that they look after it. Cllr Roberts also suggested that he could provide dementia awareness training.

Resolved: The Town Clerk will contact the Headteacher with the above suggestions.

76. Spring Litter Pick

Cllr Moore proposed that the High Street Litter pick takes place in April.

Resolved: that the High Street litter pick takes place on Saturday April 27th 2019 at 9.30am.

77. Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-24) Consultation

Resolved: Information noted

78. Items for Information

Members received the following information:

a) War Memorial clean and tidy up will take place on Saturday 2nd February at 8am.

Resolved: information noted.

79. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

None.

80. Questions from the Press and Public
None

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Signed:.....Date: