

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House
on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr D Spencer
Councillors: J Clark, R Chapman, J Devlin, C Roberts, M Thomas

Also in attendance the Committee Clerk

93. Apologies for absence

Cllr A Adshead and Cllr C Dyer

94. Declarations of Interest

None.

95. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None.

96. Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2019

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

97. Environment Committee Accounts

Members received the following:

- (a) a copy of the accounts in respect of the Environment Committee from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, and;
- (b) details of transfers to Ear Marked Reserves in the amounts of £10,000 for the new skatepark facility and £4,540 for enhancement works in Jim Shields garden.

Resolved: information noted.

98. Working Party/Project Group Minutes

Members received and considered the following minutes;

- a) Tree Wardens PG meeting held on 20th March 2019.
- b) Billericay in Bloom WP meeting held on 3rd April 2019.

Resolved: that the above minutes are approved.

99. War Memorial

Members considered the following:

- (a) approval of work by Basildon Borough Council's contractor to undertake paving work, replacing slabs and coping stones at a cost of £2,850. This will be funded from the Crowdfunding donations balance of £3,338.
- (b) Bakers of Danbury have been asked to provide a quotation for the specialist repointing works required on both the main Memorial plinth and WWII Memorial brickwork.

(c) Billericay Town Council is now registered as the War Memorial's official custodian with the War Memorials Trust.

Resolved: (i) that the paving work is approved, and; (ii) that the other information is noted.

100. Dementia Action Week 15-21 May 2019

Members considered proposals from Cllr Roberts regarding ways in which the Council can help to promote Dementia Week within the town and also to consider making Jim Shields an official dementia friendly/sensory garden. After discussion it was decided that Jim Shields Garden would not be an appropriate location for a sensory garden due to traffic noise and pollution. Two other potential locations were suggested which were Festival Gardens and the small open green area in Waitrose Car Park. Cllr Moore said she would investigate both locations and report back at the next meeting. Councillors decided that the Town Council will promote dementia action week through social media. It was

Resolved: that (a) Cllr Moore investigate the suitability of creating sensory gardens in either an area of Festival Gardens or on the small open green area in Waitrose car park and (b) the Town Council uses social media to promote dementia action week.

101. Items for Information

(a) delay to installation of new bus stop in Tye Common Road as notified by County Cllr Dr R Moore, which is due to the ECC supplier going out of business.

Resolved: information noted.

102. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

The following items to be promoted via social media:

- dementia action week
- improvement works at the War Memorial
- recent tree planting undertaken by Cllr Thomas

103. Questions from the Press and Public

None

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Signed:.....Date: