



Billericay Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Jim Devlin

21st May 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held in the **Main Hall at the Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay CM11 2AP on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7pm** when the under mentioned business is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully,

Deborah Tonkiss
Town Clerk

Chairman: Cllr M Moore

Vice-Chairman: Cllr D Spencer

Councillors: A Adshead, G Bott, J Clark, M Dear, J Devlin, K Mordecai, E Sainsbury,
M Thomas, D Wakefield

Members are reminded that they should declare an interest, where appropriate, with regard to items on the Agenda.

AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chairman for municipal year 2021-22**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**
- 4. Members to declare an interest with regard to items on the Agenda**
- 5. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**
Members of the public to be invited to speak on any matters contained within the agenda and which are of mutual interest.
- 6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 30th March 2021**
To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th March 2021
(copy previously circulated)

7. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

To receive and consider the following:

(a) a copy of the accounts in respect of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee from 1st April 2021 to 21st May 2021 **(herewith)**

(b) members to consider and approve renewal of the Council's annual membership of The Open Spaces Society at a cost of £36.00

8. Basildon Borough Play Area Review

To receive and consider the following:

(a) the Billericay Play Area review presentation prepared by Basildon Borough Council **(electronic copy herewith)**

(b) a report from the Town Clerk following a meeting with Basildon Council officers held on 14th April to explore the possibility of the Town Council taking over the areas in Queen's Park which are earmarked for removal. **(report herewith)**

9. Jim Shields Garden

Further to Minute 150 from H, W & Environment Committee meeting held on 30th March 2021 members to receive and consider a quotation for the lighting of the Mayflower Statue in the amount of £3,942.46 inclusive of VAT **(quotation herewith)**

10. War Memorial Illumination

Members are advised that there have been regular issues with the power supply for the lights and investigations have found that the 8 lights in the flower beds are corroded which may be the cause due to ingress of water. If the lights are replaced this will only be a short term fix as the same thing will happen again due to the lights being embedded in the soil. It is proposed that approval is given for further investigations to try and find a long-term solution which would surround the lights and hold back the soil.

11. Chantry Centre "Green Space"

Members are advised that regular work is required on the "garden area" at the front of the Chantry Centre to keep it neat and tidy, i.e. weeding the beds and paved areas, pruning trees and maintaining the hedge. Cllr Adshead proposes that this work is added to the contract of Skippers Ground Maintenance.

12. Festival Gardens

The commemorative Pilgrim 400 apple trees planted by the Tree Wardens in early April were recently damaged and then ripped out completely. They have been removed from the site and will now be grown on in the safety of a tree warden's garden. Previously the Town Council has tried to deter anti-social behaviour by removing the hedge along Crown Road and asking the Neighbourhood Policing Team to increase patrols. However, Basildon Council's CCTV does not extend beyond the High Street. In response to resident's concerns, members are asked to consider what additional measures (if any) could be implemented to enhance security of the area.

13. BT Adopt a Telephone Kiosk

Members are reminded that at H, W & Environment Committee 30th March (minute 151) members agreed to investigate the cost of restoring the kiosks to a good order before committing to the Adopt a Kiosk scheme. Preliminary enquiries have given an estimate of

£2,000 – which is for materials only. This includes replacement of a whole door and various glass panels, BT ‘official’ coloured enamel paint, door closers, etc. In light of the cost members are asked to consider whether to continue with the adoption project.

14. Radford Way Railway Bridge

Members to consider the following proposal from Councillor Henshaw:

“The footbridge over the Radford Way railway bridge is unlit and very dark. There is lighting either side but not on the bridge itself and pedestrians are hidden from the ground once on the bridge. The industrial estate on one side is empty outside of office hours and the houses on the other side are shielded by heavy wooden shuttering, restricting the volume of any calls for help. The Sarah Everard murder has focussed our minds on the safety of women pedestrians. The Town Council should be seen to be doing all it can to make sure the streets of Billericay are as safe as possible, and I would like to propose that a request on behalf of the Town Council is sent to Network Rail to install lighting to the bridge without delay”

15. Remembrance Sunday 2021

Members are reminded that the Town Council arranges and pays for the road closure to permit the parade and wreath laying ceremony to take place at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. This has been the case since 2015 when the Police announced they would no longer be providing traffic management for the event. Members are asked to approve continuation of the arrangement with Capital Traffic for a rolling road closure which also allows a parade to take place from Emmanuel Church at a cost of approx. £1,000.

16. Items for Information

(a) Update on the damaged paving stones in The Walk. County and Borough Cllr R Moore has advised that a project has now been raised by Essex Highways to take up and re-set loose/rocking paving slabs and replace any broken slabs in The Walk, Billericay High Street. Essex Highways has requested detailed underground utility ‘maps’ before works can start and once these ‘maps’ are received the works will be programmed for implementation.

(b) Billericay Tree Wardens Group. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2021. **(copy herewith)**

17. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

18. Questions from the Press and Public

Those present may ask a question about anything on the Agenda or any other matter that is of mutual interest.

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend

Please contact the Town Clerk for further information