



Billericay Town Council

YOUR QUALITY COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Jo Clark

8th September 2022

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 **Council Chamber at the Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay CM11 2AP on Tuesday 13th September 2022 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 K Mordecai

Councillors: J Clark, L Clark, M Dear, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, D Spencer, M Thomas, J Tutton, D Wakefield

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

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Members to declare an interest with regard to items on the Agenda**
- 3. 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.
- 4. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee Meeting held on 5th July 2022**
To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2022
(copy herewith)

5. 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 2022 to 8th September 2022 **(herewith)**

(b) to retrospectively approve the purchase of one additional litter bin (four were originally approved at H,W & Env min. 11 on 24.5.22) from Basildon Borough Council at a cost of £579. Total spend was £2,898 for five bins.

6. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

Members to receive and consider the following minutes:

(a) Christmas Lights WP meeting held on 9th September 2022 **(to be circulated)**

7. Countryside Walks Leaflets

Further to Minute 21 from H, W and Env 5.7.22 members are advised that Cllr Thomas has now undertaken all the walks in both leaflets and his revisions to the guides have been sent to and actioned by the designer. The cost of reprints are as follows:

500 each x 2 = £817

1,000 each x 2 = £997

8. Wilder Towns

Cllr May is a volunteer for Essex Wildlife Trust and has asked to draw the Committee's attention to their 'Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages' initiative. This scheme aims to promote biodiversity through the wilding of open spaces and ecological corridors and EWT are offering support and guidance to local councils to promote and facilitate such projects. Members to consider and discuss whether the Town Council sign up to this to support any local groups that undertake the scheme.

9. Recycling Bins

A resident contacted the Town Clerk saying that she regularly undertakes litter picks, but a lot of the litter she collects is recyclable and there is nowhere to place it. Members to consider identifying suitable locations around the town and forwarding these to Basildon with a request to instal recycling bins.

10. Contracts Expiring 2023

Members are reminded that the following contracts are up for renewal next year – **(i)** Festival Gardens and Jim Shields grounds maintenance, and; **(ii)** Hanging baskets and High Street planting, and are therefore asked to consider and discuss the following:

(a) Festival Gardens/Jim Shields - whether to offer Skippers a one year extension or go out to tender for the next three years.

(b) Hanging baskets and High Street planting. The existing lamp column basket fixings are not fit for purpose so can no longer be used. However, the lamp columns are due to be replaced by Basildon Borough Council before the year end and therefore the Clerk recommends that no action is taken until the new columns are in place and the Town Council knows exactly what it has to work with.

11. Tree Wardens

Members to receive and consider the following:

(a) Pilgrim 400 Apple Trees – update re their new home in Burstead Churchyard. The Church has given permission to locate the plaque at ground level by one of the trees conforming to the rules of an ancient burial site. The Tree Wardens will get the post reduced and fashioned to a point before cementing it in by one of the trees.

(b) September Newsletter (**copy herewith**)

12. Items for Information

(a) Removal of APC – the electricity supply has been removed however the water wholesaler has not yet scheduled disconnection. They are permitted to take 90 days from date of notification (27th June) to undertake the work.

(b) Cllr Devlin led a very successful Town Trail walk on 21st August and the next will be held on 24th September.

13. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

14. 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