

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

143. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Dear and J Devlin

144. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda

None.

145. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda

None.

146. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 16th February 2021

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2021

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

147. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

a) a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2020 to 25th March 2021

Resolved: that the information regarding the accounts is noted

148. Working Party/Project Group Minutes

(a) Skatepark Project Group meeting held on 3rd March 2021. Cllr Clark informed members that this had been the first meeting held to start the project process. The second meeting is on 1st April which will include skatepark users and parents.

Resolved: information noted

149. Festival Gardens

(a) Members received and considered a quotation from Skippers Ground Maintenance to replace the damaged sleepers in the terraced rosebeds in the amount of £730.00.

Resolved: that the above quotation is approved and accepted.

(b) Pilgrim 400 Apple Trees - Billericay Tree Wardens have set the planting date for 4th April 2021. Following discussion, it was agreed that no Town Councillor should be in attendance due to purdah.

Resolved: the date of planting is noted, however Town Councillors will not be in attendance.

150. Jim Shields Garden

Further to Minute 138 (b)(i) and (ii) from H, W & Env 16th February the Clerk informed those present that ECC Highways has given permission for a supply for the lighting to be taken from Lamp Column 34 in Western Road and a site visit with a contractor has taken place and their quote is awaited. Members were advised that the sculptor does not support the addition of a backboard so it was agreed not to proceed with looking into that option.

Resolved: information noted

151. BT Adopt a Telephone Kiosk

There are two telephone kiosks outside the Royal Mail Billericay Delivery Office in the High Street which are in poor condition, and Cllr Moore felt they could potentially benefit from being adopted by the Town Council under BT's Adopt a Kiosk scheme. Cllr Devlin had put forward some suggestions prior to the meeting which included using the kiosks as an information office, notice board, book exchange or art display. Cllr Adshead felt this scheme was more suited to small villages and that a High Street location wasn't secure enough. The Council would need to consider the cost and implications for the future if they were adopted as maintenance could be quite expensive, and must be totally clear on what they would be used for. Cllr Roberts suggested asking residents what they would like to see in them. Following discussion it was:

Resolved: (i) to firstly investigate how much it would cost to restore the kiosks to a good state of repair, i.e. painting and replacing of glass, and; (ii) to ask the Street Pastors to tidy up the kiosk outside Connells which houses their defibrillator.

152. VE Day 8th May 2021

Resolved: that to commemorate VE Day the War Memorial is lit with red, white and blue lights and the Tommys are installed.

153. Items for Information

Members received the following information:

(a) Basildon Borough Play Review Consultation – BBC officers have been given permission to explore the opportunity for town and parish councils to take over those play areas earmarked for removal. The Town Clerk has arranged for them to present the consultation results and share Basildon’s plans to members on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 10am.

Resolved: information noted.

154. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Pilgrim 400 Apple Trees following the planting to say that the Town Council paid for this project.

155. Questions from the Press and Public

Cllr Thomas said that he was very concerned about the amount of litter he finds in Lake Meadows and would like the Town Council to put pressure onto the Borough Council to get the bins emptied more often. He suggested that after the elections a letter should be sent to the Head of the responsible committee requesting this action.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Chairman:..... Date: