

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Tuesday 14th September at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: A Adshead, J Clark, J Devlin, E Sainsbury, D Spencer, M Thomas
D Wakefield

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

31. Apologies for absence

Cllr M Dear

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

Cllr Devlin declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to Agenda Item 8(b) War Memorial

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

None.

34. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 6th July 2021

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021.

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

35. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

a) a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2020 to 8th September 2021

Resolved: that the information regarding the accounts is noted

b) Renewal of the annual membership of the RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex) at a cost of £115.50

Resolved: that the RCCE membership is renewed.

36. Working Party/Project Group Minutes

(a) **Christmas Lights Working Party** – minutes of meetings held on 26th July and 7th September 2021. Cllr Clark presented the minutes and informed those present that it has

been arranged for the lights to be switched on from 19th November and go off on 6th January 2022. The Chantry Centre tree lights will be switched on at the H,W and Environment meeting of 23rd November and members were asked to wear their Christmas jumpers for the social media photographs. Cllr Clark said that a walk around had been held with the Contractor on 7th September and it was noted that the lamp columns are in poor condition. Additional CCTV cameras have recently been placed on columns which makes it unfeasible to instal motifs due to exceeding the weight limit of the columns. It may be possible to wrap strings of lights around the columns that can't have motifs and the working party is considering additional lights in Jim Shields as an enhancement to the current scheme. Members felt that the working party should start considering alternative schemes that aren't reliant on the lamp columns.

Resolved: information noted.

(b) Events Working Party – minutes of a meeting held on 5th August 2021. Cllr Clark said that the working party is starting to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. The beacon will be lit in the evening on 2nd June and the event will follow a similar format to the Battle's Over event from 2018 with a piper. A budget of £3,000 is proposed.

Resolved: information noted.

37. Automated Public Convenience

Further to the previous meeting the Town Clerk had prepared 3 consultations for members to consider and decide which one should be put to residents. Cllr Adshead said that members should think about what the Council wants the consultation to achieve. Residents should be informed about how much a new toilet would cost in terms of precept increase and be given the three options **(i)** supply and install replacement facility; **(ii)** maintain existing; **(iii)** complete removal. The consultation questions must include whether residents are willing to pay an additional amount on the precept to fund the toilet.

Following discussion, Cllr Adshead proposed that the Town Council should use version 1 of the questionnaire but remove question 4 and replace question 9 with the three options. Seconded by Cllr Mordecai.

Resolved: that the consultation document goes out to residents and is included in the next Town Crier.

38. War Memorial

(a) Members received and considered a quotation from AJA Property Services to undertake renovation work to the War Memorial lighting at a cost of £362.00.

(b) An event is being organised to commemorate the centenary of the War Memorial which will take place on 16th October 2021. A service in Mary Magdalen will be followed a wreath laying ceremony and the Chairman has been invited to attend and lay a laurel wreath at the memorial. On the day of the event an exhibition about the War Memorial will take place in the main hall at the Chantry Centre

Resolved: (i) that the quotation for AJA is approved and accepted; and (ii) information regarding the War Memorial Centenary event is noted.

39. Pilgrim 400 Apple Trees

Members were informed that following removal of the apple trees from Festival Gardens due to vandalism, the Tree Wardens had found a new location in the Great Burstead church grounds. Members considered whether this was an appropriate location being outside the town boundary and following discussion it was;

Resolved: that Rev Paul Carr is approached by Cllr Moore to see whether the trees could go into the Community Garden. If this is not possible then they should go to Great Burstead Church with a plaque noting they were purchased by Billericay Town Council.

40. Items for Information

(a) Basildon Borough Council had met and responded to the Town Council's request to extend the High Street CCTV to Crown Road and cover Festival Gardens. The cost would be in the region of £10,000 for the CCTV and there would be additional costs for using the column to obtain power as that is the property of Essex County Council. BBC also felt that the lack of crime reports in the area meant that the request does not meet the criteria for new use of CCTV due to the disproportionate use of surveillance within a public space.

Resolved: that the above information is noted.

41. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Consultation on future of the public toilet

42. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm

Chairman:..... Date: