

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 5 July 2022 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: J Clark, M Mordecai, D Spencer, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Committee Clerk

15. Apologies for absence

Cllr L Clark and Cllr E Sainsbury.

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

None.

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

None

18. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 24 May 2022

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

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

19. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

(a) a copy of the accounts in respect of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee from 1st April 2022 to 29th June 2022

Resolved: that the information regarding the accounts is noted.

(b) to approve renewal of annual membership to the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) at a cost of £36.00

(c) to approve renewal of annual membership to RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex) at a cost of £138.60 (inc. VAT)

Resolved: to approve renewal of the annual membership to CPRE and the annual membership to RCCE.

20. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

Members received the following:

(a) Events WP meetings held on 26th May 2022 and 15th June 2022

Resolved: information noted.

21. Countryside Walks Leaflets

Cllr Thomas reported that he had nearly completed all the series 2 walks and had partially walked series 1 routes. There was a correction to be made on the Series 1 map which refers to the Cock Inn at Stock which is now called the Havard Inn.

Cllr Thomas said that part of the path on Route A, series 2 walk was very overgrown in places especially at the point on the boardwalk near the small pond. Cllr Thomas asked if it was possible for this to be cut back. Cllr Moore said that it was difficult to determine who is responsible for maintaining the paths and proposed that Cllr Thomas ask Cllr Hedley who is both the Borough and County Councillor for help in getting the vegetation cut back.

Resolved: Cllr Thomas to ask Cllr Hedley for help with clearing overgrown vegetation on the footpath on Route A of series 2 walk.

22. Annual Play Area Inspections – Outwood Common and Lake Meadows

Members received and considered the reports from the Play Inspection Company. There were no works identified as requiring urgent attention.

Resolved: information noted.

23. Hanging Baskets

Members received and considered a report regarding the health and safety risk the baskets are currently presenting. Cllr Moore said that the old lamp columns in the High Street would soon be replaced by Basildon Council so the current baskets will have to be removed to allow this work to take place. Cllr Moore said Basildon Council had confirmed that the Town Council would be able to hang baskets on the new columns. Members felt that they would like to continue to put hanging baskets on the lamp columns as they are a great addition to the High Street in the summer. In light of the new columns being installed and as a risk had been identified it was felt that the current baskets should be removed and that the committee should investigate new and more secure options for hanging baskets for the new lamp columns. Cllr Moore proposed that the Town Council should ask our contractor to remove the hanging baskets which was seconded by Cllr K Mordecai.

Resolved: the Town Council (a) asks the contractor to remove the current hanging baskets and (b) investigates new and more secure hanging basket options for the new lamp columns.

24. Items for Information

- (a) Tree Wardens Meeting report from Cllr May
- (b) Removal of APC – this has been removed from site and BBC have been informed the Town Council now wishes to surrender the lease (end date 21st December 2023)
- (c) Cllr Devlin will be leading two Town Trail walks this year - Sunday 21st August and Saturday 24 September.

Resolved: that all the above information is noted

25. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Update on the removal of the hanging baskets and the installation of new lamp columns in the High Street.
- Update on the removal of the old skatepark hardstanding

26. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.23pm

Chairman:..... Date: