

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 25th October 2022 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: J Clark, M Dear, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, D Spencer, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

- 27. Apologies for absence**
Cllrs L Clark, M Thomas and D Wakefield.
- 28. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda**
None.
- 29. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda**
None.
- 30. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 5th July 2022 and 13th September 2022**
Members received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 5th July and Tuesday 19th September 2022.
- Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 31. 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 19th October 2022.
- (b) to retrospectively approve the purchase of an additional litter bin at a cost of £579.
- Resolved:** (i) that the purchase of the additional litter bin is approved, and; (ii) that in all other respects the information regarding the accounts is duly noted.
- 32. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups**
Members received the following:
- (a) Christmas Lights WP meeting held on 30th September 2022. Cllr Mordecai presented the minutes and informed those present that the lamp columns were unlikely to be replaced before the New Year, there would be no reindeer or sleigh in Jim Shields and the tree for outside Chantry has been ordered.

Recommendation: (i) that the Christmas Lights budget line for 2023/24 is set at £20,000, and (ii) any surplus from the 2022/23 budget is allocated to the Christmas Lights Earmarked Reserve account which will be put towards a new lighting scheme.

Resolved: that in all other respects the information contained in the minutes is noted.

33. Countryside Walks Leaflets

Further to Minute 21 from H,W and E 5th July 2022 members were advised that Cllr Thomas has undertaken all the walks in Series 1 and Series 2 and any amendments have been actioned by the graphic designer. It was therefore:

Resolved: to authorise a reprint of 1,000 of each leaflet at a total cost of £997.

34. Wilder Towns

Members considered a proposal from Cllr May regarding signing up to the Essex Wildlife Trust's "Wilder Towns" initiative. Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that Cllr May is invited to a future H,W and E Committee to answer member's questions about the scheme.

35. Recycling Bins

Members were advised that a resident has contacted the Town Clerk regarding the lack of recycling bins in the town. Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that Basildon Council are asked about the provision of recycling bins in the High Street and the Clerk reports back at a future meeting.

36. Contracts Expiring 2023

(a) Jim Shields and the Festival Garden - Skippers have provided a quote for continuing their grounds maintenance for one year from April 2023 at a cost of £3,730.

Resolved: that the contract with Skippers is extended for a further year.

(a) Hanging Baskets and High Street planting – the Town Clerk advised that the lamp columns are due to be replaced in the New Year and new containers will be required. Therefore it was:

Resolved: that the provision of the contract is revisited when the new lamp columns are installed.

37. Tree Wardens

Members received and considered an update on the Pilgrim 400 apple trees, the September newsletter and letters to the Forestry Commission sent in response to the tree felling in Norsey Road.

Resolved: that all of the above information is noted.

38. Resident’s Well-Being

Cllr Adshead proposed that the Town Council establishes a source of information identifying groups and activities for those that are socially isolated and/or who would enjoy some company. He will put together a list and this will be added to the Council website with relevant links by the Committee Clerk.

Resolved: that the Town Council undertakes this project.

39. Commemoration for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Members considered a request from the BDRA that the Town Council places some form of commemoration for the late Monarch in the town. Following discussion the general consensus of opinion was that it was too soon and therefore it was:

Resolved: that no action is taken regarding a form of commemoration at this time.

40. Items for Information

Members received the following:

- (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 raising it on their system (25th July) to undertake the work.
- (b) Cllr Devlin led two very successful Town Trail walks on 21st August and 24th September
- (c) Warm Space Initiative – a local resident is liaising with the BBW Volunteer Network about finding suitable premises at minimal cost to provide a heating hub in Basildon, Billericay, Wickford, Laindon and Pitsea. The latest update is that the town’s libraries will be used.
- (d) Essex Highways Users Survey – all members are invited to offer their view on the priorities and satisfaction levels associated with the specific services provided by Essex Highways. The survey is open from Tuesday 11th October 2022 to Wednesday 4th January 2023. To access use the following link [Essex Highways User Survey](#)

Resolved: that all of the above information is noted.

41. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Nothing at this time. The Town Crier will be used to promote the social isolation information.

42. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

Chairman:..... Date: