

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 28th February 2023 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: J Clark, L Clark, M Dear, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, D Spencer,
G Talbot (appointed substitute), M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

65. Apologies for absence

None.

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

None.

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

None.

68. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 3rd January 2023

Members received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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

69. 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 22nd February 2023

RESOLVED: information noted.

70. Committee Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: that the revised Terms of Reference for Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee are approved and adopted.

71. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Billericay in Bloom working party meeting held on 18th January 2023. Cllr Moore informed members that a decision had been taken to no longer hold the competition due to the decrease in entrants and the same people winning the majority of prizes. The Horticultural Society had been approached about taking it on, but after consideration they

declined. The Billericay Town Rotary Club is currently looking at running the competition and their comments are awaited.

(b) Events working party meetings held on 1st and 23rd February 2023. Cllr J Clark said that rather than hold a Coronation event the Town Council will be decorating the High Street with bunting on buildings and rosette and ribbon decorations on the lamp columns. The Town Council is encouraging residents to hold street parties and send in their photos of the event. Councillors will award a donation of £100 to the nominated charity of the street they feel had the best party. The Civic Service is taking place at Emmanuel Church on Sunday 14th May and will be led by Rev. Carr. In June 2024 the beacon at Sun Corner will be lit to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings.

(c) Christmas Lights working party meeting held on 7th February 2023. Cllr Talbot said that the tenders for a new three-year lighting scheme from 2023-2025 has been issued and responses are due by mid-April. The next meeting will be to consider the tenders and prepare a shortlist of potential suppliers for the working party members to meet with.

(d) Outwood Common Play Area - notes from a meeting held with a resident on 23rd February 2023. Cllr Moore explained that although a small group of local residents felt the play area was outdated and underused, along with Cllr K Mordecai and the Town Clerk she had met with a consultant from a playground provider who advised that it met all the required elements for play value and was in very good condition. He also advised it would be unlikely to qualify for grant funding because of this. The Town Council has also recently paid for resurfacing at the site. Basildon Council has marked this site for review in 2026 so the Town Council will see what transpires then.

RESOLVED: that all the above information is noted.

72. Town Walks

Members considered the following:

(a) whether to offer Town Trail walks in 2023. Cllr Devlin feels unable to commit to any dates at the moment due to a bad knee.

(b) whether to reprint the Circular Walks leaflet.

RESOLVED: **(i)** to defer date setting for Town walks to a future meeting **(ii)** that the Council approves the reprint of 1,000 Circular Walks leaflets at a cost of £596.00 once the routes have been checked to ensure that no revisions/amendments are required.

73. High Street Planting

(a) members were advised that due to the lamp column renewal there would be insufficient time to get the new columns tested and source new fixings for the erection of hanging baskets this summer. It was proposed that only the High Street planters and War Memorial are planted and watered this year at a cost of £5,135.00 from the current supplier Amethyst Horticulture.

(b) a request has been received from South Essex Parking Partnership to instal a planter(s) on an area of pavement outside the Santander bank. This is currently being used for

parking and is hazardous to both pedestrians and motorists accessing the car park.
Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED: (i) that the quotation from Amethyst is accepted for 2023, and; (ii) the Council looks at installing a planter or planters outside Santander to prevent pavement parking.

74. Litter Pick – Saturday 29th April 2023

RESOLVED: that the Town Council holds a High Street litter pick on 29th April prior to the Coronation weekend from 9.30am to 11am.

75. Items for Information

Members received the following:

- (a) Tree Wardens January newsletter
- (b) details of the revised dates for replacement of the High Street lamp columns – 13th March to 17th April
- (c) the public consultation on the usage of the recycling banks in South Green closed on 28th February 2023
- (d) from 13th March all visits to ECC recycling centres must be pre-booked online. This is not applicable to Barleylands which is run by Basildon Borough Council.

RESOLVED: information noted.

76. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- High Street litter pick
- Cllr Thomas suggested an article for a future Town Crier about dog walkers putting their bagged waste in the bins provided rather than just leaving them on the ground.

77. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.26pm

Chairman:..... Date: