



Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

PRESENT

Councillors: Prof L Schnurr Richard Perry Simon Burwood
Trevor Cable Sofia Bishop

Officers: Laurie Wiebe - Clerk

Non-voting Representatives: None

Public: None

In the Chair: Simon Burwood

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

It was noted that the meeting would not be recorded or filmed.

16/572 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Edwards (prior commitment.)

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

16/573 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

16/574 Minutes

The minutes of the Environment and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment and Resources Committee held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 be approved and confirmed.

16/575 Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

16/576 Public Participation

There were none.

16/577 Clerks Report

Members received a report from the Clerk which provided further information relating to various items on the agenda.

16/578 Plantation Hall and Playing Field

- i) Members considered reviewing the arrangements of the Hall security alarm. It was noted that the security alarm was not monitored and that it was not maintained.

It was **RESOLVED** that the security alarm should not be maintained or monitored.

- ii) Members considered different options for maintaining or replacing the Main Hall floor. There was a general discussion regarding if the floor could withstand another sanding, depth of scratches, and if an independent assessment should be sought from a quantity surveyor. Members viewed and inspected the floor. Cllr Burwood proposed that quotes be sought to sand and seal the floor.

It was **RESOLVED** that different quotes to sand and seal the Main Hall floor be sought.

- iii) Members considered the request from a resident to trim back the hedge located nearer the changing room corner of the Hall. The Clerk reported that according to the Land Registry map, it was not clear if the hedge was located within the boundary of Parish Council property. It was noted that the Hall side of the hedge was scheduled to be trimmed in Autumn 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to contact the residents whose property is adjoined to the hedge area to seek their opinions of the hedge and report back to the Committee.

- iv) Members considered if quotes should be sought to either fix or replace the black railings located along the boundary of King George V Playing Field. The Clerk reported that there were 1586 railings and 311 were in need of replacing. The Clerk noted that the horizontal bars may not be in a state to allow new railings to be welded and therefore it may be worthwhile and more economical to consider replacing the railing fence. There was a discussion including the option of planting a hedge inside the railings and if there was a covenant for the railings.

It was **RESOLVED** to check with Fields in Trust to determine if there was a covenant for the railings.

- v) Members considered purchasing a new safe for the office in order to store larger items more securely. Members considered different security options including a locking system for laptops and a CCTV system in the office.

It was **RESOLVED** to install CCTV camera in the office for a maximum cost of £200.

16/579 Children Play Areas

- i) There were no issues raised.
- ii) It was noted that the RoSPA inspection of the play areas took place week beginning 17th April 2017.

16/580 Amenity Areas

- i) Members further considered the request from a resident to replace the boundary wooden fence at Rowan Drive Amenity Area. The Clerk reported that there was no mention of a boundary fence in the details held at the Land Registry and that the marked boundary would appear to fall slightly inside the boundary which may be interpreted as the fence not belonging to the Parish Council. Cllr Bishop noted that the fence appears to belong to the resident. Cllr Prof Schnurr suggested that the Council obtain a copy of the residents land deed from the Land Registry for £8 to clarify if the fence is included in their deeds.

It was **RESOLVED** that a copy of the residents land deed be purchased for £8 from the Land Registry.

Cllr Burwood reported that he had contacted Heybridge Primary School regarding the outstanding lease.

- ii) Members considered installing bollards in order to restrict vehicle access onto both entrances of The Roothings.

It was **RESOLVED** to install bollards at both entrances of The Roothings.

16/581 Daisy Meadow Car Park and Basin Public Toilet

Cllr Prof Schnurr noted that proposed public toilet location drawings generated by Maldon District Council had been submitted to Anglian Water.

16/582 Groundsmen Contract and Gardener

Cllr Bishop had received positive feedback from residents regarding the works carried out by the grounds contractor. Cllr Burwood asked that the positive feedback be reported to the grounds contractor.

16/583 Amenity Street Lighting

There were no issues.

16/584 Local Highways Panel

Members considered submitting any further requests to the Panel.
Members received the latest minutes of the Panel.

It was noted that 'SLOW' painted on the bridge was a maintenance issue and had been reported on the Highways website.

16/585 Allotments

It was noted that 13 residents were waiting for allotments. It was noted that the Parish Council does not have any suitable land for use as allotments. It was noted that a response had been received from Maldon District Council to the request made by the Clerk in 2013 that they do not have any suitable available land within the Parish to be used for allotments. It was noted that land has been allocated for two allotment sites within North Heybridge Garden Suburb. It was noted that there was no indication as to when the allotments would be made available.

16/586 Anti-Loitering Equipment

It was noted that this item was included on the Clerk's report but was not on the agenda. Cllr Burwood suggested installing anti-loitering equipment to help deter anti-social behaviour outside Plantation Hall. Cllr Bishop noted that there may be legal and health implications for using anti-loitering equipment. It was agreed to leave this item for a future discussion.

16/587 Improvements within the Parish

Cllr Burwood had missed a telephone call from Heybridge Alternative Provision School. Cllr Burwood would continue to contact the School.

16/588 Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Statutory Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

The next meeting of the Environment and Resources Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Chairman and Date: