



Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

PRESENT

Chairman: Simon Burwood

Councillors: Prof L Schnurr Richard Perry
Michael Edwards Sofia Bishop
Trevor Cable

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.

16/403 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies. It was agreed to contact Cllr Gentry to determine if she wished to continue on the Committee.

16/404 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Burwood welcomed Cllrs Bishop and Cable.

16/405 Minutes

To minutes of the Environment and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2016 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment and Resources Committee held on Thursday 24th November 2016 be approved and confirmed.

16/406 Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

16/407 **Public Participation**

None present.

16/408 **Clerks Report**

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

16/409 **Plantation Hall and Playing Field**

i) Members considered the request from Maldon District Council for Plantation Hall to be a distribution point for pink recycling sacks.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Hall would not be a distribution point for pink recycling sacks.

ii) Members were asked to note that two quotes had been received to replace the existing boiler.

It was **RESOLVED** to obtain a third quote to replace the boiler and that a decision would be made at the next meeting.

iii) Members considered the quotations received to replace the main entrance door. There was a discussion regarding various entry options including swipe card, key code, and intercom. It was agreed that an intercom system would be preferred.

It was **RESOLVED** that further quotations be sought to replace the main entrance door to include an intercom system.

iv) It was noted that The Conservation Volunteers planted the new hedge along Serpa Path on 19th January 2017.

16/410 **Children Play Areas**

i) Members considered any issues raised.

ii) Plantation Hall – Members considered the two quotations received to replace the springer and roundabout with toddler play equipment. It was noted that the budget for 2017/2018 was £20,000 for new play equipment.

Members preferred the quotation for £19,000 + VAT which included a toddler multi-activity with slide, inclusive talk tubes, 4-seat octopus seesaw, inclusive dish roundabout, bench, and black safety surfacing with graphics.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation for new play equipment for £19,000 + VAT for 2017/2018 financial year.

iii) Elizabeth Way – It was noted that the play area would be reviewed in the future.

16/411 Amenity Areas

It was noted that Cllr Burwood would contact Heybridge Primary School for an update on the lease of the enclosed Rowan Drive amenity area.

It was not known if the street lights at Elizabeth Way amenity area had been fixed.

16/412 Daisy Meadow Car Park and Basin Public Toilet

Members considered quotes received to line Daisy Meadow Car Park. There was a general discussion which included the comments made in the Maldon and Burnham Standard regarding the over-use of the Car Park. Following the discussion, it was clear that Members were not convinced that lining the car park was necessary.

A vote was held and it was **RESOLVED** not to line Daisy Meadow Car Park at this time and to review the situation in a year.

16/413 Notice boards

It was noted that there were 9 notice boards throughout the Parish. It was agreed that to replace all 9 notice boards would be too expensive. It was noted that the noticeboards were for community use as well as the Parish Council. A lengthy discussion took place.

Cllr Perry left the meeting at 8:10pm.

Cllr Perry returned to the meeting at 8:12pm.

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the notice boards located at the Hall entrance gate and Basin Road by the seawall. The notice boards would be part enclosed, part open with header and made of resin material. The remaining noticeboards would not be replaced this year.

Members considered if the Parish Council should continue to utilise the remaining 7 noticeboards.

It was **RESOLVED** to continue to utilise the remaining noticeboards for Parish Council notices.

16/414 Groundsmen Contract and Gardener

There were no issues.

16/415 Amenity Street Lighting

There were no issues.

16/416 Bins, Seats, Dog Bins, Bus Shelters

- i) Cllr Burwood was still investigating the request from a resident regarding installation of a dog bin on Ash Grove.
- ii) Members considered agreeing the quotation of £150 to clean the bus shelters.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the quotation of £150 to clean the bus shelters.

16/417 Local Highways Panel

Members received the minutes from the Panel meeting held on 16 December 2016. It was noted that certain items the Council had requested were not included in the Panel minutes. It was noted that the gateway signage had been approved for £30,000.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Edwards would generate a list of outstanding items for submission to the Panel.

16/418 Improvements within the Parish

- i) Members noted the following eye-sores within the Parish to be reported to the appropriate authority(ies).
 - a) The ditch located at The Roothings. Cllr Perry had received complaints from residents regarding litter in the ditch. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the litter problem to the Environment Agency. It was also agreed that a leaflet with the contact number for the Environment Agency would be distributed to residents.
 - b) Advertisement signage. Cllr Bishop had received complaints from residents regarding advertisement signage appearing within the Parish. It was agreed that Cllr Bishop would email the sign details to the Clerk which would then be passed to Maldon District Council.
- ii) There were no suggestions of ways to improve the appearance of the Parish.

16/419 Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Environment and Resources Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman
Date: 23 Feb 2017