



# Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

## PRESENT

- Chairman:** Simon Burwood
- Councillors:** Prof L Schnurr      Richard Perry
- 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

**16/293      Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies received from Cllr Edwards and Cllr Gentry.

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

**16/294      Minutes**

To minutes of the Environment and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment and Resources Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be approved and confirmed.

**16/295      Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were none.

**16/296      Public Participation**

None present.

**16/297 Clerks Report**

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

**16/298 Plantation Hall and Playing Field**

i) Members were asked to note that quotes had been sought to replace the main entrance door and one quote had been received.

There was a general discussion regarding the safety of the current door and whether it was compliant with current Health and Safety regulations including anti-finger traps and disabled access friendly.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the Council's insurers for advice and obtain further quotes for replacing the door.

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.

iii) Members considered the quotation to replace the smoke detectors in the Hall (two detectors to be replaced per service visit) for £70 per service visit.

It was **RESOLVED** that the quotation to replace the smoke detectors in the Hall be approved.

iv) Members were asked to note that quotes will be sought to update the blue sign at Plantation Hall car park.

**16/299 Children Play Areas**

i) Members considered any issues raised.

ii) Plantation Hall – Members received one quotation to replace the springer and roundabout with a 4-seat springer and inclusive roundabout as well as a toddler multiplay unit. It was noted that further quotations were being sought.

iii) Elizabeth Way – It was noted that the railings had been further vandalised. Members were asked to note that quotes will be sought to replace the sign. It was noted that the sign should be vandal resistant.

**16/300 Amenity Areas**

It was noted that the bushes were overgrowing the footpath at Green Lane.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would inform the gardener.

**16/301 Daisy Meadow Car Park and Basin Public Toilet**

i) Cllr Prof Schnurr updated Members regarding the Basin Toilet.

- ii) Members considered quotes received to line Daisy Meadow Car Park. There was a general discussion as Members suggested that by marking the car park it would not solve the problem. It was suggested that the car park was too small. It was suggested to further investigate.
- iii) Cllr Prof Schnurr noted that there had been four car accidents this year at the junction of Basin Road and the entrance to Daisy Meadow Car Park. It was noted that Highways did not replace the white line at the entrance to Daisy Meadow Car Park and therefore drivers were not giving way to traffic on Basin Road as they exit the Car Park. Cllr Prof Schnurr had contacted Dist Cllr Miriam Lewis as the representative on the Local Highways Panel.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Burwood would contact Dist Cllr Lewis for an update.

**16/302 Notice boards**

Members considered the design options for replacement noticeboards. Members considered the quote received. It was noted that the smallest noticeboard should be 8- A4 size with the Parish Council header and the largest should be 18-A4 size with header.

**16/303 Groundsmen Contract and Gardener**

There were no issues.

**16/304 Website**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer updating the website until next financial year.

**16/305 Amenity Street Lighting**

Members considered the request from a resident to install amenity lights in Elizabeth Way Amenity Area. It was noted that the street lights located by both entrances were not working and have been reported to Essex Highways.

It was suggested that should additional lights be installed in the amenity area it may attract antisocial behaviour particularly in the children's play area.

It was **RESOLVED** that additional lights at Elizabeth Way Amenity Area would not be installed.

**16/306 Bins, Seats, Dog Bins, Bus Shelters**

- i) It was noted that the bus shelter on Goldhanger Road needed to be painted and that the caretaker would paint the bus shelter when the weather permits.

- ii) It was noted that a resident has requested for a dog bin to be installed in the Ash Grove footpath area. Cllr Edwards had visited the site but it had been unclear as to the suggested location of the dog bin.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Burwood would further investigate the request for a dog bin.

- iii) Members considered suggestions of different bus shelter styles. It was noted that the bus shelters should be a corporate design.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer bus shelter styles until next financial year.

**16/307 War Memorial**

There were no issues.

**16/308 Future Meetings**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Environment and Resources Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.00pm. It was agreed that the scheduled meeting for December would be postponed to January 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Chairman  
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