

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.00pm

**Chairman:** Cllr M Moore  
**Vice Chairman:** Cllr K Mordecai  
**Councillors:** M Dear, K Herlock, C May, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance one member of the public, Town Cllr Gareth Talbot and the Town Clerk

### 37. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Clark, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury and D Spencer

### 38. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda

None.

### 39. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda

Members were advised that the member of the public has concerns about possible crossed wires between the mental health support groups in Billericay. She asked if the Town Council should be involved with making the different groups aware of each other and helping to raise awareness of their presence amongst residents.

### 40. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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

### 41. 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 1<sup>st</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**RESOLVED:** information noted

### 42. Christmas Lights

Cllr Moore closed the meeting to allow Cllr Talbot, Chairman of Christmas Lights Working Party, to speak. Cllr Talbot informed members that he had been present when the lamp column inspections were being undertaken, and he was confident in the contractor's ability to do the work required to get the lamp columns ready for the lights. Also, the Town Clerk

has been in talks with Basildon Borough Council about a contribution towards the cost of the work as some of the issues are due to the new columns installation. BBC has identified 11 columns that they will be paying for which brings the cost down considerably for the Town Council. Cllr Moore thanked Cllr Talbot for his input and reopened the meeting.

Members received and considered the following:

(a) Notes from a Christmas Lights WP meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

(b) Lamp column inspection report from Aylesford Contractors

(c) Quotation of £7,571.66 (exc. VAT) for remedial work on lamp columns

**RESOLVED:** (a) and (b) information noted

**RECOMMENDATION:** (c) the quote is approved and Basildon Council are invoiced for their share of the cost.

#### **43. Outwood Common Play Area**

Members received and considered the following:

(a) whether to ban dogs following reports of fouling in the play area and update the sign accordingly. Members agreed that a sign would not stop people taking dogs into the play area but it may deter them. It would also show residents that this issue is not being ignored. Cllr Thomas proposed that the suggestion to have the site name and address on the sign (as per annual inspection report) is incorporated into the new sign.

(b) For information: Basildon Council are replacing the basket swing chains and shackles at a cost of £680.00

**RESOLVED:** (a) that a new sign is sourced which bans dogs and also shows the name and address of the site, and; (b) information noted

#### **44. Coronation Plaque**

Members received information from the supplier as to fire resistance of the plaques.

**RESOLVED:** that the stainless steel plaque is ordered at a cost of £199.00 and is to be placed above the lobby double doors.

#### **45. Hanging Baskets**

Further to Council's decision to reinstate the provision of hanging baskets in 2024 it was:

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk arranges meetings with recommended suppliers to investigate further and reports back to a future H,W & Env Committee

#### **46. Changes to BBC's Waste and Recycling Service**

Members considered whether the Town Council should hold a meeting at which a member of the Waste and Recycling team presents the information and answers residents questions.

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Clerk arranges a date with BBC for a public meeting at the Chantry Centre before 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and that this date is publicised in the next Town Crier.

**47. Mental Health Help and Support**

Members considered an email request from a resident and the comments that had been made in the public participation session. The Town Council is aware of both MIND and Humankind café and it was felt that the more services that were there to support mental health the better. It was therefore:

**RESOLVED:** That the mental health organisations in the town are invited to participate in the Community Open Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 and that Cllr May writes an article for inclusion in the next edition of the Town Crier to raise awareness.

**48. Items for Information**

Members received the following:

(a) Tree Wardens – September Newsletter. There will also be a sapling giveaway in the High Street on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**RESOLVED:** that all the above information is noted.

**49. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release**

- Tree giveaway in High Street

**50. Questions from the Press and Public**

None.

Cllr M Moore  
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm

Chairman:..... Date: .....