

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 7.00pm

**Chairman:** Absent  
**Vice Chairman:** Cllr K Mordecai  
**Councillors:** L Clark, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

### 24. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Dear, K Herlock, C May, M Moore and D Spencer

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

None.

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

None.

### 27. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

### 28. 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 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

(b) Renewal of annual membership of the Rural Community Council of Essex at a cost of £115.50

**RESOLVED:** (a) information noted, and; (b) that renewal of the Rural Community Council of Essex annual membership is approved

### 29. Working Parties/Project Groups

Members considered the following:

(a) Events Working Party – minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Cllr K Mordecai said that the Town Council will hold an event for D-Day 80 on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 which would have a commemorative feel with no music or reception.

**RESOLVED:** information noted.

**30. Annual Play Area Inspections**

Members received and considered the reports on both Outwood Common and Lake Meadows. Following discussion it was:

**RESOLVED:** that Basildon Council is asked to replace the chain on the basket swing in Outwood Common which has been flagged up as a moderate risk.

**31. Coronation Plaque**

Members received and considered the supplied designs. Following discussion there was a:

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the designs are presented to full Council to choose between the 500mm Stainless steel plaque or the 500mm aluminium full colour printed plaque.

**32. Proposal to form a Hanging Baskets Working Party**

The Town Clerk informed members that Basildon Borough Council have offered to replace the hanging basket brackets that were removed with the old lamp columns. However, there will still be an issue with baskets being dislodged by large vehicles presenting a health and safety risk. Cllr K Mordecai said that there had been no public outcry to the fact that they had been missing from the High Street for the last two years, so following discussion there was a:

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Council no longer provides hanging baskets.

**33. Tree Wardens**

Members considered the following:

**(a)** BTW Interim Newsletter July – September

**(b)** that the Town Council writes to High Street businesses requesting that the trees outside their premises are watered during dry periods. The Town Clerk informed members that the caretaker has already been watering High Street trees this year and members felt that trees generally find a water source, but that watering may be beneficial for new trees until they become established.

**RESOLVED:** information noted.

**34. Items for Information**

Members received the following:

**(a)** the large tree in Jim Shields will be cut back in early October in preparation for the Christmas lights

**(b)** the Caretaker has repainted the wooden sign in Festival Gardens and removed the graffiti on the plinth. Cllr M Mordecai said that anti-social behaviour must be reported to Essex Police as they won't monitor an area without prior evidence.

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

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

None.

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

None.

Cllr K Mordecai  
Vice-Chairman of the Committee

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.26pm

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