

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on Monday 3rd July 2017 at 8:06pm
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

Present: Chairman R Gardner, Cllr K Binding, Cllr Mrs E Gadsdon, Cllr R Patient, Cllr S May, Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr M Strubel, Cllr D Weir, Cllr Mrs M Weir and Cllr Mrs P Young.

Also present: District Cllr J Gooding.

11. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

Cllr Mrs L Shaw had given apologies.
Members **received** the apologies tendered.

12. Declarations of any:

- a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;**
- b) **Other Pecuniary Interest; or**
- c) **Non-Pecuniary Interest**

on any matter on the agenda for 3rd July 2017:

None were declared.

13. Public Forum:

One member of the public was present.

14. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2017 meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting were **approved** and Members agreed to the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting.

15. Action Update List – July 2017:

15.1 Members noted that a request from a resident to install a suitable sign to deter HGVs from using Thorpe Road had been deferred until the LHP had elected a new Chairman and advice and or consideration could then be passed to the panel.
Members noted the Action Update List.

16. Financial Report – June 2017:

There were no questions and Members **accepted** the Financial Report.

17. Request for support from Hawkwell Parish Council for a LHP bid from District Cllr Julie Gooding for control measures around the zebra crossing on Main Road, Hawkwell

Members discussed the location where the traffic issues and accidents had occurred and agreed the stretch of road saw a high number of speeding motorists. Members noted that there had been an electronic speed activation counter but that it had been a temporary measure. Members **agreed** to support District Cllr J Gooding in her bid to LHP for control measures around the zebra crossing on Main Road, Hawkwell.

- 18. Bus services: E-mail from Southend Area Bus User Group re. changes to bus services (Arriva No. 7/8):**
Members were encouraged to see there were extra services on Saturdays and noted that the timetables were still due to be published.
- 19. E-mail from Planning Policy at RDC regarding comments received during community engagement events to ‘keep the street lights on all night’:**
Members discussed the benefits of having street lighting at night, but also addressed the arguments for turning them off, noting it was environmentally friendly and saved a significant amount of money. Members felt it would be beneficial to assess local crime statistics relating to areas where lights were off overnight. Chairman R Gardner moved from the Chair that support for Essex County Council (ECC) street lights to stay on be given. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs M Weir with six Members for and three against. It was agreed the Clerk would email Essex Cllr T Cutmore with HPC’s support at an appropriate time, but that obtaining residents’ views on the matter was also important. It was therefore agreed an item would be placed in the next newsletter requesting public opinion about the need to have the street lights on all night before emailing ECC.
- 20. E-mail from resident regarding adoption of private streets for Mount Bovers Lane/Holyoak Lane:**
Members discussed the issues raised in the email and were sympathetic to the residents who faced issues with traffic for Belchamps Scout Activity Centre and noted this was an ongoing issue. It was agreed that the matter was not in the remit of HPC and that the issue be sent to District Cllrs Mr and Mrs Mason who had been involved in trying to resolve issues between the Scout Group and residents.
- 21. Winter Salt Bag Scheme:**
Members noted that the Groundsman had reported there was approximately 3.5 tons of salt in storage and had advised if there was a hard winter that amount would be used. Members agreed the amount in storage was adequate for the year and therefore agreed to not participate in the scheme for 2017.
- 22. Set dates for meetings of Summer Fayre Working Group and Youth Working Group**
The Clerk advised Members dates would be issued in due course.
- 23. Summary of Decisions:**
- Members to support District Cllr J Gooding in her bid to the LHP for control measures around the zebra crossing along Main Road, Hawkwell.
 - Support in favour of keeping ECC street lights on agreed and to be passed to ECC Cllr T Cutmore at a later date. An article asking for residents’ opinion on the matter to be placed in the next newsletter.
 - Email from resident regarding adoption of private road to be sent to District Cllrs Mr and Mrs Mason.
 - Winter Salt Bag Scheme not required for 2017, with adequate salt bags in storage.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.43pm

Chairman