

**Minutes of the meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 8.50pm
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

Present: Chairman Cllr R Patient, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs Young, Cllr K Binding, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr V Leach, Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr D Weir and Cllr Mrs M Weir.

Also present: Cllr Mrs L Corsham, Cllr Mrs E Gadsdon, Cllr S May and Cllr M Strubel.

67. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

All Members were present.

68. Declarations of any:

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;

b) Other Pecuniary Interest; or

c) Non-Pecuniary Interest

on any matter on the agenda for 11th April 2016:

None were declared.

69. Public Forum:

No members of the public were present.

70. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016 meeting:

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

71. Action Update List – April 2016:

71.1 Members noted that the Parish Sign installations had now occurred and set the item as closed. Members noted that there was one remaining sign at Golden Cross which was in a bad state of repair. Members agreed to add a new item for the next General Purposes Committee meeting in order to ascertain if removal of this sign would be financially viable.

71.2 Members noted a meeting had occurred for the Summer Fair Working Group and set the item as closed.

71.3 Rochford District Council & Hawkwell Parish Council; LHP bid re cycle path request, Hall Road – The Clerk informed Members this item was still pending and she would update Members accordingly.

Members **accepted** the Action Update List and agreed to the removal of closed items.

72. Financial Report – March 2016:

The Clerk informed Members the budget was 79% spent.

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

- 73. Receive Minutes of the Health & Safety Sub-Committee meeting held on the 14th March 2016.**
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- 74. Receive Notes of the Christmas Lights Working Group meetings held on the 1st February 2016 and 14th March 2016.**
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- 76. Email and Report from ‘Pavements4People’ regarding Problems for Pedestrians on Footways in South Hawkwell and Ashingdon**
Chairman R Patient commended the group for their work in producing the report. Members discussed the issues that the report addressed and noted that issues that had historically been raised with police had resulted in no action. Cllr Mrs Shaw informed Members she had attended a Rochford Residents’ Meeting where police had asked for volunteers who were willing to issue cars that had parked on the pavements, or were causing an obstruction, with polite notices. Members agreed raising awareness about parking problems in the district was important and suggested an item on this be included in the next newsletter. The Clerk recommended to Members that Pavements4People be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting as guest speakers and Members agreed that was a good option.
- 77. Summary of Decisions:**
- Investigate costs for removal for one remaining old Parish sign to be added to the next meeting agenda.
 - Clerk to contact Pavements4People to thank them for their report and to invite them to the Annual Parish Meeting as guest speaker. Additionally, an item on parking issues be included in the next Autumn newsletter.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:07pm

Chairman