

**Minutes of the meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on Monday 16th May 2016 at 8:50pm
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

Present: Cllr Mrs L Corsham, Cllr Mrs E Gadsdon, Cllr K Binding, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr V Leach, Cllr R Patient, Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr D Weir, Cllr Mrs M Weir and Cllr Mrs P Young.

1. To elect a Chairman for the civic year 2016-2017:

Cllr Patient nominated Cllr Gardner as Chairman which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Weir. Cllr Gardner confirmed he was happy to take up the position and there were no further nominations. After a vote the motion was carried.

2. To elect a Vice-Chairman for the civic year 2016-2017:

Cllr Mrs Weir nominated Cllr Mrs Corsham as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Gardner. Mrs Corsham confirmed she was happy to take up the position and there were no further nominations. After a vote the motion was carried.

3. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

Cllr May (other commitments) and Cllr Strubel (unwell) had given apologies. Members accepted the apologies tendered.

4. Declarations of any:

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

on any matter on the agenda for 16th May 2016:

None were declared.

5. Public Forum:

No members of the public were present.

6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2016 meeting:

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

7. Action Update List – May 2016:

- 7.1 Rochford District Council & Hawkwell Parish Council; LHP bid re cycle path request, Hall Road – Members noted this item was still pending.
- 7.2 Members noted that the Clerk had invited Pavements4People to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting but they had unfortunately been unable to attend. Members agreed to close the item.

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

8. Financial Report – April 2016:

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

9. Quote from W&H Romac Ltd regarding removal of village sign at Golden Cross:

Members agreed that £125 (exc VAT) was a reasonable price and agreed to use W&H Romac to remove the old village sign at Golden Cross. The Clerk would contact W&H Romac.

10. Belchamps meeting with residents – way forward. (Referred from Full Council):

Members agreed it was important to consider issues and concerns from both the residents and Belchamps in this regard. While Members were aware that any action relating to planning, parking or noise issues would fall within District Council or County Council's remits, they felt that the Parish Council may be able to help facilitate conversations in order to get relevant parties to work together in a constructive and amicable way. In that regard, Cllr Mrs Young proposed that a small forum meeting be arranged to include no more than two representatives from four separate groups: Belchamps Management Committee; District Council; residents and Hawkwell Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Corsham and carried by a majority vote. Cllr Mrs Gadson volunteered to arrange the meetings and attend, along with Cllr Leach.

11. Summary of Decisions:

- Cllr R Gardner newly appointed as Chairman.
- Cllr Mrs Corsham newly appointed as Vice-Chairman.
- Members agreed to removal of old Parish Sign at Golden Cross by W&H Romac. The Clerk to contact W&H Romac.
- Small forum meeting to be arranged by Cllr Mrs Gadsdon on behalf of Belchamps and the residents and to include District Council representation. Cllr Leach to also attend.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:18pm

Chairman