

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on  
Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 9pm  
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

**Committee Present:** Chairman Cllr R Patient, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs P Young, Cllr K Binding, Cllr Mrs L Haskew, Cllr R Mitchell, Cllr L Sampson, Cllr J Scrivener, Cllr J Tutton and Cllr Mrs M Weir.

**Also Present:** Cllr Mrs L Shaw and Mr D Muslin – Member of the public.

**22. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:**

Cllr Mrs C Cunningham (ill), Cllr Mrs A Health (ill) Cllr V Leach [ex-officio] (ill) and Cllr D Weir (ill). Members accepted the apologies tendered.

**23. Declarations of any:**

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

**on any matter on the agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013:**

None were declared.

**24. Public Forum:**

The Chairman welcomed Dean Muslin.

**25. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting:**

Members approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and agreed to the destruction of the meeting notes.

**26. Action Update List – September:**

26.1 The Clerk reported she was likely to hear back from the CIF Fund re. grant for parish signs in late autumn and she recommended the Committee meet to discuss this again to finalise the artwork.

26.2 Cllr Mitchell updated that the fly tipping had been satisfactorily removed.

26.3 Cllr Mitchell reported that Mark Francois had requested a response from the landlord of White Hart Shopping Parade.

**Members accepted the Action Update and agreed closure of completed items.**

**27. Financial Report – July & August 2013:**

Members accepted the Financial Reports for July and August.

**28. Broken Bench (by Doric Avenue opposite Brays Lane) – replacement seat required:**

Costs and budgets were discussed and it was agreed to fund works from the Street Scene budget. Cllr Mrs Shaw queried that the bench was rarely used if at all and suggested its removal rather than replacing the seat. **Cllr Patient moved the suggestion to remove the bench and should any protests come forward the**

**matter would be reconsidered. The proposal was carried and Members approved for the Clerk to seek a contractor.**

**29. Report on Public Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August re. Ashingdon Road:**

The Chairman gave a detailed report about the meeting and that it was recommended that Members email the County Councillor to pursue action. Cllr Mrs Haskew and Cllr Mrs Shaw gave reports. Cllr Mrs Shaw advised that County Cllr Rodney Bass had made a response which she would forward to the Clerk. The Chairman noted that a response from Cllr T Cutmore had been received by email and the Chairman apologised that the minutes of the meeting had not been circulated which he would arrange to do. The works needed to the road were discussed in detail; it was felt that fixing pot holes alone would not repair the road and £1200 per pot hole was throwing money away as the road was not going to be resurfaced. Members noted the information.

**30. Letter from ECC re. Consultation regarding part night street lighting in our area:**

Cllr Mrs Weir queried whether the Parish lights could be left on and the Clerk thought so but would check with the Contractor. Members expressed that they would agree with part night street lighting in principle as long as the Parish street lights would remain on and the Clerk was instructed to respond after checking with the Contractor.

**31. Set date for Summer Fayre Working Group meeting:**

Members agreed a provisional date of 7<sup>th</sup> October but the Clerk added she would need to check with the Chairman's diary as he may be on holiday.

**32. Set date for Xmas Parcels Working Group meeting:**

Members agreed a provisional date of 7<sup>th</sup> October following the Full Council meeting.

**33. Set date for Xmas Lights Working Group meeting:**

Members agreed a provisional date of 7<sup>th</sup> October following the Full Council meeting.

**34. Email from RDC – offer to supply sandbags:**

The Chairman read out the email and the Clerk pointed out a few logistical issues. Members debated the best way to identify demand. Storage, contact and collection was discussed and it was established that parishioners would fill the bags themselves. Advertising the availability of the bags in the Newsletter was discussed and the Clerk aired caution on being unable to meet demand and Cllr Mitchell advised that 70 sand bags would not supply many households as 6 sandbags would be needed as a minimum. **Members resolved to take up the 70 bags which would be held in the store and decide the best way of distributing them prior to the next issue of the Newsletter.**

**35. Summary of Decisions:**

- Bench at Doric Avenue to be removed - Clerk to seek contractor.
- Cllr Mrs Shaw to forward response to the Clerk re. item 29.
- Cllr Patient to circulate minutes of the public meeting on Ashingdon Road.
- Clerk to contact street lighting contractor re. minute 30 to check if Parish lights would be included.
- Provisional date of 7<sup>th</sup> October following Full Council was set for Working Groups; Summer Fayre, Xmas Parcels and Xmas Lights (to be confirmed).
- Agreed to take free sand bags to be held in store.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

Chairman

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