

**Minutes of a meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on
Monday, 11th March 2013 at 8.15pm
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

Committee Present: Cllr R Patient (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Young (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Haskew, Cllr V Leach (ex-officio), Cllr R Mitchell, Cllr J Scrivener, Cllr D Weir, Cllr Mrs M Weir, Members of the HPPG - Mr L Barratt and Mr E Short.

Also Present: Cllr Mrs L Shaw.

79. Apologies for non-attendance at Meeting:

Cllr Mrs C Cunningham (Family matter) and Cllr Mrs A Heath (Inclement weather). Members accepted the apologies tendered.

80. Declarations of any:

a. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;

b. Other Pecuniary Interest; or

c. Non-Pecuniary Interest

on any matter on the agenda for 11th March 2013. None were declared.

81. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2013 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting:

Members approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2013 as a true record and agreed to the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting.

82. Action List Update – March (For Noting):

82.1 The Clerk updated that confirmation had been received from the Local Highways Panel that the request for a horse barrier at the Briar Close/Spencers alleyway would be discussed at the LHP meeting that week and Cllr Mrs Weir and the Clerk would attend.

82.2 Cllr Mitchell reported re. fly-tipping in the alleyway between Hawkwell Chase to Tudor Way that after the pay back team had cleared the alleyway it was immaculate. Shortly afterwards, someone dumped their garden rubbish in the alleyway and they had now dumped another lot of garden rubbish there again. Cllr Mitchell had contacted RDC regarding the fly tipping; they advised that they did not take responsibility for the alleyway but they would look into clearing the rubbish and they took photographs of it. The report was noted.

82.3 The Chairman had monitored the White Hart shopping area reporting that it still looked clear. Cllr Mitchell had recently noticed RDC clearing rubbish from the shopping area and both reports were noted.

82.4 Regarding repainting the car park wall in Magnolia, Cllr Leach explained that the original artwork was managed by Scott Irving but he was no longer employed by ECC and the mural at the end wall was managed by the Groundsman's daughter but she had now moved away. Cllr Leach was still in communication with Roxie Curry and he hoped to give an update at the next meeting.

Members accepted the Action List Update.

83. Financial Report – February (For Noting):

There were no questions and Members accepted the Financial Report.

84. Renew/Refurbish 3 Parish Signs – Consider artwork/design:

The Clerk gave out collages of parish artwork put together by Cllr Leach as examples for consideration together with photos of the existing Parish signs. Cllr Leach advised that he had all of the pictures saved on his computer and he was happy to create a variety of sequences.

Mr Barratt circulated copies of pictures from the Hawkwell Parish Plan Group website which he was pleased to put forward for consideration and he advised that copyright should not be an issue as the pictures belonged to him or Audrey Slemmonds.

The history of the original Parish sign was explained where the artwork resulted from a children's painting competition during the millennium.

After some discussion, Members recommended that the new HPC logo be removed from the sequence of 4 pictures and placed at the top above them; the painted pictures of St. Mary's Church, The Victory Pub and a picture depicting that Hawkwell was mentioned in the Domesday Book ought to be given precedence. A photo of one of the Parks could make up the fourth panel.

Cllr Leach recommended maintaining uniformity in the styles but that there was no time limit and he was happy to create a variety of illustrations.

It was resolved that Cllr Leach would generate some more designs giving consideration to the recommendations and bring them back for review.

85. Dumping of garden waste in un-owned alleyways Hawkwell Chase/Tudor Way – Verbal report by Cllr Mitchell:

Addressed during action update list (see Minute 82.2).

86. Summary of Decisions:

- Cllr Leach to come back with a variety of designs for the Parish Signs taking into consideration the recommendations of Committee.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman

Footnote to Members: Please recycle this document from within the Full Council Papers for use at the next Standing Committee Meeting.