

**Minutes of a meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on
Monday, 14th July 2014 at 8.35pm
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 V Leach [ex-officio], Cllr L Sampson, Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr D Weir and Cllr Mrs M Weir.

27. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

Cllr R Mitchell (ill). Members agreed for the Chairman of Council to send a card to Mr & Mrs Mitchell.

Cllr Mrs L Haskew (holiday) and Cllr J Tutton (holiday). Members accepted the apologies tendered.

28. Declarations of any:

a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;**

b) **Other Pecuniary Interest; or**

c) **Non-Pecuniary Interest**

on any matter on the agenda for 14th July 2014: Cllr Mr & Mrs Weir declared a pecuniary interest regarding minute no. 33.

29. Public Forum: None Present.

30. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2014 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th June 2014 were approved and Members agreed to the destruction of the meeting notes.

31. Action Update List – July 2014:

The Action list was reviewed item by item and updates were given.

31.1. The Clerk was commended on her letter issued 8th June to the LHP and she reported no response had been received as yet to which Members were appalled. Cllr Mrs Heath recommended publishing in the Newsletter that Council were trying to get something done about the unsuitable barriers but were being ignored by the LHP. Cllr Mrs Shaw offered to hand a copy of the letter to Cllr Cutmore. It was resolved that the Clerk would re-issue the letter before her holiday.

31.2. It was agreed to withdraw the item 'mess outside of Whitehart Shops'.

31.3. Office sign not erected yet at the entrance to the Village Hall.

31.4. Cllr Mrs Young to review drop kerb requirements over the next few weeks.

31.5. Cllr Mrs Weir reported that some of the bus shelters were in a really bad state and Cllr Mrs Weir and the Clerk would conduct a review of bus shelters to gain funding needs for consideration in the next budgeting round.

31.6. Cllr Mrs Heath recommended restricting issue of salt bags to 1 bag per household and Cllr Patient advised this would be fully discussed at the next meeting in September.

31.7. The Clerk was commended for her response to RDC re. action on potholes. Members noted the Action List Update agreed to close completed items.

32. Financial Report – June 2014:

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

33. Summer Fayre Review:

It was agreed to hold a Summer Fayre meeting to review the event separately on Tuesday, 22nd July at 2.30pm in the Parish Office for report back to General Purposes Committee in detail.

The Groundsman and the Clerk were commended for the work they did on the day and sincere thanks were offered to those Councillors present and to Cllr Mrs Shaw's husband, Phil Shaw, for all his help. Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs Weir to put forward to Rochford Day Centre for stepping in at short notice to facilitate the shuttle bus. The Clerk sought approval to pay £40 to Rochford Day Centre for the loan of the mini bus and £40 to the driver, Mr M Elliott and both payments were **approved**. Cllr Mrs Weir and Cllr Weir took no part in the discussion due to a pecuniary interest.

34. E-mail from Cllr T Cutmore re. Highway update:

Cllr Leach pointed out that Cllr Cutmore was becoming confused in his roles as he was replying as a District Councillor and Cllr Leach was offended that he had used the wrong name for the Clerk in his response. Cllr Mrs Young raised that one of Cllr Cutmore's comments referred that the barrier would be suitable for horse riders when the intention was to prevent horses and this was noted.

35. E-mail from Andrew Lowing (RDC) re. Rochford District Electoral Review Briefing Session:

Cllr Mrs Weir volunteered to attend and this was accepted.

36. Proposed Modifications to the London Southend and Environs Joint Area Action Plan – (referred from Full Council):

Cllr Mrs Weir went through the report and put forward that it was a little too late and she reported that a serious accident had occurred along Cherry Orchard Way that day. Cllr Mrs Heath recommended putting forward a request for a junction box or roundabout at the entrance to the Park as the turning in and out could be very dangerous. Cllr Leach reiterated that the route had to be shut for half a day due to the serious accident and it was **agreed for the Clerk to write to our District Councillors recommending that some form of road management should be implemented for safety.**

37. Letter from Essex Highways re. Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Waiting and Suspension of Waiting Order 2014 – Ashingdon Rd, Dalys Rd, East Street, Ironwell Lane & Weir Pond Road:

Cllr Mrs Young reported 5 additional planned road works in the District and Cllr Mrs Weir advised that the gas works would be done first along the Ashingdon Road followed by resurfacing and this was noted.

38. Summary of Decisions:

- Clerk to re-issue letter to LHP if no response was forthcoming.
- Summer Fayre Review to be fed back to September Committee Meeting.
- Agreed to pay £40 to Rochford Day Centre for minibus and £40 to driver.

- Cllr Mrs Weir to attend RDC Electoral Review Briefing Session.
- Clerk to ask District Cllrs to recommend some form of road management for safety along Cherry Orchard Way.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman

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