

**Minutes of the meeting of the
PARKS, OPEN SPACES, CONSERVATION & FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE
held on Monday 12th October 2015 at 8.30pm
in the Committee Room, The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs P Young, Cllr V Leach, Cllr R Patient, Cllr D Weir & Cllr Mrs M Weir.

36. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs L Shaw (holiday). Cllr R Gardner (work commitments).
Members accepted the apologies tendered.

37. Declarations of any:

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

on any matter on the agenda for 12th October 2015:

None were declared.

38. Public Forum:

None present.

39. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2015 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2015 were **approved** and Members agreed to the destruction of the meeting notes.

40. Action List Update - October 2015:

40.1 Members **agreed** to remove the item 'Wild Wednesdays'.

40.2 The Clerk informed Members the ECC CIF application had been submitted and a formal decision would be made known by early December.

40.3 Members **agreed** to remove the item regarding tree branches near powerlines at Church Strip, having reported the issue to Power Networks.

Members noted and **accepted** the Action Update List.

41. Financial Report – September 2015:

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

42. E mail from residents complaining about youths 'misbehaving' in Magnolia Playground; possibility of additional signage in the children's playgrounds: 'Use by Under 12s' and 'No Cycling'. Email with advice on this from RDC.

Members **approved** the erection of signs as they felt they addressed public concerns. Members **agreed** the guidance given by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) was suitable and age range signs, 'Use by Under 12s', along with 'No Cycling' would be used.

43. Free Trees from Woodland Trust, arriving November.

Members **agreed** to plant the free 420 saplings from Woodland Trust, mainly at Spencers Park, and Cllr Mrs M Weir offered to find volunteers to assist with the planting.

44. Set dates for Parks visit re. Health & Safety issues.

Members **agreed** a visit date for 28th October to meet at 11am in the carpark. The Clerk is to inform absent Park Members.

45. Summary of Decisions:

- Signs to be erected at Magnolia Park, addressing public concerns of youths misbehaving in the playgrounds: 'Use by Under 12s' and 'No Cycling'.
- Members will meet on the 28th October for a Health and Safety Parks visit.
- Free trees from the Woodland Trust will be planted mainly at Spencers Park once volunteers have been arranged.

The meeting was closed at 8:50pm

Chairman

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