

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
PARKS, OPEN SPACES, CONSERVATION & FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE  
held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm  
in the Committee Room, The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

**Committee Present:** Chairman Cllr Mrs P Young, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr V Leach, Cllr R Patient, Cllr D Weir & Cllr Mrs M Weir

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

Cllr Leach was late attending the meeting due to a prior commitment. Cllr R Gardner (holiday). Members accepted the apologies tendered.

**27. Declarations of any:**

**a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;**

**b) Other Pecuniary Interest; or**

**c) Non-Pecuniary Interest**

**on any matter on the agenda for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015:**

None were declared.

**28. Public Forum:**

One member of the public present.

**29. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were approved and Members agreed to the destruction of the meeting notes.

**30. Action List Update - June 2015:**

Cllr Mrs Young and the Clerk went through the Action List.

- Funding was not forthcoming for works to the Memorial Bogey so members will need to consider this in the budgeting round.
- Disabled gate has now been installed.
- ECC CIF Funding: Council can now submit a detailed application for this grant. Cllr Mrs Shaw thanked Clerk for her work in reaching this point.

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

**31. Financial Report – August 2015:**

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

**32. Church Strip – tree work required around power lines.**

After discussion it was **agreed** to contact the power supplier as it was believed to be their responsibility. Cllr Mrs Weir commented that Council should be attempting to register this land in the Parish Council's name.

**33. E mail regarding Probation Service ceasing works at St Mary Churchyard.**

The Clerk reported that the Church committee have asked the Council for advice in identifying voluntary groups to undertake this work. They are not looking for direct assistance from the Council. Members **agreed** to include an article in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to assist with the churchyard maintenance.

**34. Spencers Park: Dispersal of Animal food within park.**

**a)** The Clerk and Councillors had received reports of food being left in the local parks, supposedly for the wildlife, but dog walkers are concerned that poison may have been put in the food. After discussion as to what action could be taken/enforced, it was **agreed** to monitor the situation and raise awareness of this in the Newsletter.

**b) Appearance of deep hole**

The Clerk reported that a sink hole has appeared which the Groundsman has fenced off for the safety of park users. It is believed to be a collapsed drain from the old nurseries. After discussion it was **agreed** that the hole is investigated using a digger and filled in accordingly.

**35. Summary of Decisions:**

- Clerk to submit full bid to ECC CIF Fund, deadline early October.
- Clerk to report tree branches near powerlines at Church Strip to UK Power Supplies.
- Agreed to publicise through the Newsletter that volunteers are sought to assist in St. Mary's churchyard maintenance.
- Agreed to publicise the problem of food being dispersed in Spencers Park, concern by dog walkers.
- Agreed to investigate, using a digger, the hole that has appeared in Spencers Park.

The meeting was closed at 7.47pm

Chairman

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