

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2016 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT Councillor Robert Jenkins (Chairman)
Councillor David Bragg
Councillor Peter Clements
Councillor Carl Powling
Councillor Eric Straughan
Councillor Sylvia Wargent
Mrs Lesley Mullins

IN ATTENDANCE David Tucker, Town Clerk

Action

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors May and Mogridge.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Clements, Seconded: Councillor Powling.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REPORTS ON TASK TRACKER TOPICS

Item 1 - No response as yet.

Item 2 - Application for advertising board consent now received. To be discussed with Sports Clubs.

Item 3 - Nothing further to report.

Item 4 - School Gardens. Lesley Mullins reported that the rose garden had been treated with Jeyes fluid, and new roses "Colchester Beauty" would be planted in the spring.

A quote for the installation of a gate at the western end of School Gardens was discussed and it was agreed a single, rather than double gate should be installed.

Glebe Corner - The boats for Glebe Corner were being repaired and should be ready for installation by the end of January. It was intended to plant a further six trees on Glebe Corner, as well as replacing the Oak tree, which appears to have died.

Sensory Gardens - Lesley Mullins to contact Neil Mortimer for assistance.

Barfield Road - Grassed area to be planted up in the Spring, and flowerbeds at the side of the Cemetery entrance would be created and planted up by Lesley's team of volunteers.

Fountain - Lesley proposed a replacement fountain (£714) to be agreed by the Finance Committee. A blue plaque was being considered for installation near the fountain, pointing out the site was to be the railway station at one time.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

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Refresh Mersea - See item 3 above.

In addition Lesley advised she would produce an outdoor seating plan next to the library, and proposed a sign in Church Road indicating the towns' shops.

Clean for the Queen - As a result of a government initiative fines of up to £150 could now be levied on "litter touts"

A 'clean up' was set for 4-6th March, and West Mersea Town Council was asked to co-ordinate the many organisations interested. Paula Moore would enlist the help of Mersea Locals, together with Councillors Jenkins and Straughan, and Carol Fountain on behalf of 'SMILE'.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 26th February 2016 at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.15am.