

# 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:**

**Action**

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.