

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 JULY 2014 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT Councillor Peter Clements (Chairman)
Councillor Beverley Perkins
Councillor Nolly Urquhart
Councillor Sylvia Wargent
Mr Brian Bishop

IN ATTENDANCE David Tucker, Town Clerk

Action

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor May, and Mrs Mullins.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. (Proposed Councillor Perkins, Seconded Councillor Wargent).

3. KEY ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES

Memorial Garden - Councillor Clements advised that the Rupert Brooke poem plaque would be available for installation within a few weeks. It was also intended to move the memorial bench to a more suitable position in the garden.

It was noted that a local resident, living in the immediate vicinity of the garden, felt that the general feeling of affected residents was that the garden should be left as it is with better management of the grass etc. The resident also advised that a number of residents were concerned at the apparent lack of consultation re the plans.

Following discussion it was agreed to install four planters on the perimeter of the garden, and to install new wooden posts around the garden.

It was also agreed Councillor Clements should consult the women's section of the Royal British Legion with a view to resiting the memorial benches and if the RBL objected, the Diana Memorial Bench would be moved instead.

Borough Councillor John Jowers was to be contacted regarding the seat around the Lime Tree which is in need of renovation.

Public Toilets - The Clerk advised that the planning application for the proposed toilets in School Gardens would be submitted shortly.

West Mersea Park - The Clerk advised that the new park gates and two bins would be installed within a few days, it was agreed that the park entrance driveway would be turfed in the autumn.

The paths around the youth field area were to be installed later in the year (September/October).

Mr Bishop asked that non council members of the committee be invited to any further site visits.

Refresh Mersea - It was noted that Mrs Mullins had been awarded a grant of £10k for the 'Refresh Mersea' project, and a 'Scooter Park' by the library was to be installed by Colchester Borough Council.

Village Sign - Mr Bishop advised that his wife would not be able to renovate the sign, and it was decided to contact Mr Passfield for advice on how to progress the renovation.

Heritage Booklet - Following discussion it was agreed to recommend the acceptance of a quotation for £2k to the full Council.

Councillor Clements advised that the Mersea Walks Leaflet was now available via the Essex County Council website.

Glebe Footpath - The Clerk was asked to order a new footpath sign for the new (permissive) Glebe footpath.

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th September 2014 at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12 noon.