

**Minutes of a meeting of the
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on
Monday, 13th July 2009
In the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford**

Committee Members Present: Cllrs Mrs T Bateman, Mrs C Cunningham, Mrs J Fern, Mrs H Glynn, Mrs A Heath, K Holmes, A James, V Leach, R Mitchell, R Patient, D Weir and Mrs M Weir.

1) To Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Cllr Mitchell proposed Cllr Mrs Glynn as Chairman and Cllr Mrs Fern seconded, there were no further nominations and Members voted. The motion was carried and Cllr Mrs Glynn accepted the Chair.

Cllr Mrs Heath proposed Cllr James as Vice Chairman and Cllr Mrs Weir seconded. There were no further nominations, Members voted and the motion was carried. Cllr James accepted the position of Vice Chair.

2) Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

Cllr J Dickson (another meeting). Members noted and accepted the apologies tendered.

3) Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

4) To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2009 and to approve the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting:

Members approved the Minutes of 20th April 2009 as a true record and agreed to the destruction of the manuscript notes.

5) Actions List Update:

The Clerk updated Members on the progress.

- **Village Plan Project: Cllr Mrs Weir proposed the Committee go ahead with a meeting and Cllr Mrs Heath seconded.** Cllr Holmes observed that Full Council had voted to close the project due to no responses received, he suggested to hire a hall when there was very low support was unjustified. Cllr Mrs Glynn sought clarification from the Clerk and he advised that the decision by the General Purposes Committee had not been properly rescinded, therefore it stood. Cllr Mrs Glynn asked Members to vote on the proposal to hold a meeting and provide a last attempt to get the Project going. Members voted and the motion was carried. Cllrs Holmes and Patient requested it be noted that they were opposed and Cllr Mrs Glynn abstained. Cllr Mrs Glynn asked the Clerk to book the Village Hall for 17th September 2009 at 7.30pm and asked Members to note the date.
- **Provide CCTV point for Hawkwell Shops.** Agenda item 8.
- **Clerk to identify seats in need of repair and seek new locations for seats:** Agenda item 7.
- **Cleaning of bus shelters:** Cllr Mrs Cunningham reported the bus shelter by the Pub was dirty and pub glasses were being left in it. The Clerk to organise for it to be cleaned.
- **Parish Seats:** Cllr Holmes queried why the seats were referred to the Parks Committee. The Clerk clarified there were 2 sets of seats for use, one in the Parks and

the others on the highway. Cllr Mrs Glynn added one of the seats was to be transferred to Parks and 2 seats were to be retained for future use.

- **Gain permission to decorate 2/3 trees with Xmas lights/Request permission to erect Seasonal Decoration over the highway:** Agenda item 9.b).
- **Youth Shelter Vandalism:** Members viewed photographs of vandalism of shelter, graffiti had covered the artwork but nothing was broken. The Clerk asked Members if they wished to have the shelter painted over. Members agreed for the offensive language to be painted out using whatever paint was available and leave the rest as it was due to the school holidays commencing the following week.
- **Village Fayre:** Agenda item 9.a).
- **Members support hourly bus service through to Rayleigh in the evening:** Members discussed the bus service. Cllr Mrs Glynn asked Members if they wished for the Representatives of the CAC and Public Transport liaison Group to keep up to date with the issues and Members agreed. Item to remain on Action list for review.

6) **Financial Report:**

The Clerk went through the report and concluded the committee were on target, there were no questions and Members accepted and agreed the Financial Report.

7) **New Seat (bus opp White Hart) – responses from residents:**

Members noted the objections from the nearby residents. Cllr Mitchell felt very strongly that a seat was needed. Members considered the responses from the residents and a debate followed. Cllr James proposed '**That Council do not proceed to put a seat at this bus stop**' and Cllr Mrs Weir seconded. Members voted and the motion was carried.

8) **CCTV White Hart Shops:**

There was heated debate following which Cllr James proposed '**That Council negotiate for one camera to be installed providing the cost was considered to be reasonable**'. Cllr Mrs Glynn seconded and summarised that if the costing was considered reasonable it could be done. Members voted and the motion was carried.

9) **Notes of meetings of Working Groups:**

- a) **Village Fayre:** Cllr Leach went through the meeting notes of the Summer Fayre Committee and sought approval to proceed with the arrangements. Cllr Mrs Glynn queried the work load and Cllr Leach confirmed 90% of the work had already been done by the Working Group and that would continue. Cllr Patient thanked Cllr Leach for the efficiency of the arrangements and Members were content to give their approval to the recommendations of the Working Group. It was confirmed that money would come from the General Purpose budget already set aside, Cllr Leach said £500 had been requested to be put aside.
- b) **Christmas Lights:** Cllr Patient requested more notice be given in calling the Working Group to meet. Members of the Group, Cllrs Mrs Glynn, Patient, Weir and Mrs Weir wished to arrange a meeting date and proposed 22nd/23rd July 2009. Cllr Mrs Glynn to check her diary and confirm as soon as possible after the meeting.

10) **Summary of actions/decisions:**

- Cllr Mrs Glynn was nominated and accepted the position of Chairman.
- Cllr James was nominated and accepted the position of Vice Chairman.

- Village Plan Project – the Clerk to book Village Hall for a Meeting to be called at 7.30pm on 17th September 2009.
- The Clerk to organise bus shelter cleaning.
- The Clerk to organise painting over offensive graffiti on Youth Shelter.
- Bus service to remain on Action list for review and Representatives of CAC and Public Transport Liaison Group to report.
- Motion carried to reject new seat (bus opp White Hart).
- Motion carried to proceed with installation of one camera at White Hart shops, subject to reasonable cost.
- Members approved the recommendations of the Village Fayre Working Group.
- Christmas Lights Working Group to meet – Cllr Mrs Glynn to confirm proposed date.

Chairman