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MINUTES of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich
 on
Monday 11th December 2017

Present:	Councillors J Brown, Fay, Fowler, McLeod, Morrison, Calver (sub for Urwin) and Smith
In the Chair:	Councillor C Powell
Clerk:	Mrs Michelle Townsend
Also present:	No members of the public and no press Cheryl Thompson – Horticultural Adviser

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

None

E40/17	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies received from Councillor Urwin (sub Calver)
E41/17	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</u> None
E42/17	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment & Community meeting held on 30 th October 2017 (previously circulated) be approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
E43/17	Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Last Meeting To discuss and act upon information received following previous actions in relation to the following items: E22/17 - 79 Stour Road – Clerk has written to TDC again to request sturdier hoarding and for the fly-tipping to be removed. Members reviewed the response and agreed no action is required at this stage. E22/17 - Co-Op Building – Church Street – Members reviewed the response received from TDC but felt that TDC should undertake further action as the property is located in the conservation area and is on the ‘illuminate route’ for Mayflower 2000. Members agreed to give TDC the opportunity to deal with the situation and will review at the next meeting. E23/17 - Tree Planting Recommendations – 4 Turkish Oaks were planted on Harwich Green early November.

	<p>E23/17 - Tree Planting Recommendations – T Mills advised that there was a tap located between the beach huts and low lighthouse, however the Estate Supervisor has advised that as this is a concussive tap, we are unable to place a hose fitting on it and it is 150 metres from the furthest tree. A nearer tap has been located and permission has been granted by TDC for us to use this, but not with a hose. Mark Stanford is speaking to local residents to gain support to undertake the watering. The Clerk agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>E25/17 – Old Victoria Hotel Car Park – Members reviewed the response received and were pleased that the site will now be fenced in at the end of January 2018.</p> <p>E36/17 /17 – Derelict Building – 20 Victoria Street – Members reviewed the response received from Ian Davidson and Councillor Calver confirmed that TDC were undertaking investigation to trace the owners of the land.</p>
E44/17	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>E11/17 – Winter Salt Bag Scheme – 2 pallets of salt have been delivered to the Mayflower Project.</p>
E45/17	<p><u>TREE PLANTING & OUTDOOR SPACES</u></p> <p>The report from the Horticultural Adviser detailed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Seafront Pockets - Almost completed. On behalf of the Harwich Society, Cheryl thanked councillors for the funds to buy weed suppressant and bark chips which make a big difference to the pockets' appearance. H&D High School students were due to undertake some bulb planting in 'their' pockets on 8th December, but due to the poor weather, this has been postponed. The pay back teams have painted some of the benches as well. •Orwell Road Shelter - The lead on the top of the shelter has still not been replaced. That's almost two years of waiting for repairs. •Harwich in Bloom - Colin Farnell has advised that the hanging baskets are in hand at this time and the prospect is looking good. All being well, funding permitting, Danny Marvan will be doing the hanging and watering. There will be considerable outlay to set up the mobile watering arrangements, but Danny is very keen to help with the Harwich in Bloom Project and is to be commended for his sense of 'community'. <p>The Chairman thanked Cheryl Thompson for her time and assistance over the year and presented a small gift donated by members and staff of Harwich Town Council.</p>
E46/17	<p><u>SOWING OF POPPIES – DOVERCOURT CLIFF SLOPES</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Thompson & Morgan has kindly supplied a further 50 packets of 'Flanders poppies' free of charge and members reviewed the response received from TDC. Members agreed that the current location was unsuitable and discussed alternative sites.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Councillor Fowler agreed to become the lead member and liaise with TDC and the Harwich Society.</p>
E47/17	<p><u>LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL</u></p> <p>No further updates received other than the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parkeston Road – Installation of Zebra Crossing - Confirmation of location has been given where the cables will be laid for the degree of pedestrian vs vehicle conflict survey to be undertaken.

E48/17	<u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u> None
E49/17	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Environment & Community Committee is at 7pm , on Thursday 15th February 2018 , at the Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, CO12 3DS

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE