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MINUTES of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
 held on
Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.00pm
 at **The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich**

Present:	Councillors Davidson, Fay, Ferguson, I Henderson, J Henderson and D Smith
In the Chair:	Councillor Fowler
Clerk:	Mrs Marie Snell
Also present:	1 member of the public, no members of the press and Ms Lucy Ballard (Town Clerk)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Question asked regarding agenda item 10, expressed concerns regarding the traffic and footpath issues on the road to and from the Waste Collection site of West End Lane. Queries as to whether or not LHP could look into possibility of using the edge of the field area as a means for access on foot. Cllr M Fowler expressed that the land in question is owned by TDC and that this can be investigated by her via Mr Taylor for further information. Further enquiries made about Hordle Street junctions and the issues this creates for parking and traffic. Cllr I Henderson explained the white lining has been repainted. Residents of the local area are encouraged to make necessary applications regarding this area of concern.

E01/22	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs McLeod and Saunders
E02/22	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</u> None
E03/22	<u>ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR</u> Members RESOLVED to elect Cllr M Saunders as Vice-Chair of the Environment and Community Committee for the 2022-23 municipal year.
E04/22	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment & Community meeting held on 5 th May 2022 (previously circulated) be- approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
E05/22	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E55/21: Members received update from members of the Emergency Z card working party, meeting held between members and Assistant Clerk, members are speaking with various members within the Harwich and Dovercourt community to ask whether a slimmed down and cheaper emergency card was necessary in Harwich. Awaiting feedback from these investigations for working party to then enquire to E&C Committee for funding possibilities. To provide update at next E&C meeting. • E56/21: Assistant clerk provided update on measures to execute Emergency Drill. • E60/21: Assistant Clerk confirmed the writing on the sea wall project is in progress.

E06/22	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E49/21- Flood Memorial Garden - Members received an update from Cllr Fowler following rebuilding of the memorial support. • E50/21- APSE Energy – Members received an update from the Assistant Clerk that meeting dates are yet to be arranged though attempts have been made.
E07/22	<p><u>HORTICULTURAL REPORT</u></p> <p>There was no horticultural report on this occasion but did express to members noting that trees have been planted around Harwich and Dovercourt with a watering device attached for extra watering. Cheryl Thompson expressed if councillors consider more tree planting in the future, it may be worth considering this option. Tree planting to be added to E&C October agenda.</p>
E08/22	<p><u>EMERGENCY PLANNING</u></p> <p>Members RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs M Saunders as the HTC representative to attend the Parish & Town Council Community Resilience Forums run by Tendring District Council.</p>
E09/22	<p><u>LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL</u></p> <p>Cllr I Henderson briefed members on the various projects including Cliff Park Road and the central reservation by The Park Pavilion of width of road concerns. LHP are conducting further investigations as to how to improve this stretch of road. Cllr I Henderson expressed that Essex Highways should be in close communications between the developer of Barratt Homes on the Low Road development. Cllr I Henderson acknowledged the concerns raised in Public Question Time regarding the Hordle Street junctions, that this is something being closely monitored to minimise the risk of traffic incidents. Assistant Clerk to liaise directly with Cllr I Henderson regarding the Essex Highways 2022 Member Led Pothole Repair Programme in Harwich and Dovercourt with a view to submitting various potholes to be rectified within the town. Cllr T Ferguson expressed concerns to members regarding the recent traffic issues of Church Street following the recent fires and the consequent road closures. After discussion, Cllr T Ferguson to liaise with Cllr I Henderson outside of the meeting for this to be investigated further in the Harwich ward.</p>
E10/22	<p><u>BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS</u></p> <p>Ref E10/21: Assistant Clerk confirmed microgrant scheme is open for 2022-23 in order to submit application for maximum of £500 for the purchase of two salt spreaders and trollies and RESOLVED to agree in principal decision to fund surplus cost.</p>
E11/22	<p><u>WINTER SALT BAG SCHEME</u></p> <p>Members reviewed information received from Essex County Highways and considered participating in the 2022/23 partnership scheme. RESOLVED to instruct the Assistant Clerk to complete and submit necessary paperwork in order to participate in the 2022/23 scheme.</p>
E12/22	<p><u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></p> <p>None</p>
E13/22	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Environment & Community Committee will be held at 7pm, on a Wednesday 12th October at The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE