

## HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and General Purposes Committee** held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

**M. Jeffers (Chairman)**  
**S. Ellis (Vice Chairman)**  
**R. Clarke**  
**J. Dwight**  
**J. Hayden**  
**J. Knight\***  
**H. Mundin**

Apologies \*\* Absent \*

**Also present:**

**60. Apologies**

None.

**61. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and General Purposes Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

**62. Substitutes**

None.

**63. Declarations of Interest**

Item 10, Cllr Ellis declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Haywards Heath in Bloom Committee.

**64. Matters Arising**

None

**65. Activities of the Community Liaison function of the Council**

The Community Liaison Officer (CLO) presented her report and took Members through the report welcoming questions from Councillors. The CLO updated on her work as outlined in the accompanying report with special focus on the Dementia Friendly Work, Event co-ordination, police liaison and other work with third party partners.

**Members NOTED** the report of the Community Liaison Officer.

**66. Expenditure of Section 106 monies on new street lights Lucastes Road to Butlers Green Road Footpath**

Members were comfortable with the recommendation, for the use of section 106 monies and welcomed the project, which would enhance community safety in what was a very dark and enclosed footpath. It was also noted that the footpath was well used for access to the Town Centre, the Dolphin Surgery and Beech Hurst. With this,

Members **RESOLVED** to

**Agree in principle to an application being submitted to Mid Sussex District Council to release Section 106 monies to cover the cost of new footway lighting in the footpath from Lucastes Road to Butlers Green Road. It is estimated that the application for funding will be in the region of £11,200.**

**67. Legal matter at Summerhill Lane Allotments**

Members were disappointed that the matter could not be resolved between the two parties involved through mediation and were saddened that the matter had costed the Town Council financially, and ultimately the tax payer, and wasted officer time for what was a very simple matter. Members agreed not to go over old ground as the matter had been to committee before when the details of the issue were discussed and it was agreed to seek legal advice. As the legal advice was not comprehensive enough, Members agreed that the Town Council was in a no win situation, so needed to balance the resources both in terms of officer/Member time and cost to the Council in making a decision on whether to challenge the access rights or be subject to a claim of being unable to cultivate an allotment. As a result, it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would again talk to the plot holder in due course and take a position in line with the legal advice and see if any third party legal action could be avoided.

Members **RESOLVED** to;

**Delegate the matter to the Chairman and Town Clerk to progress.**

**68. Activities of the Haywards Heath in Bloom Committee**

Cllr Ellis updated Members on the plans for the hanging basket display, which was to be run by the South East in Bloom Committee at the Town Council's Spring Festival. In addition, it was noted that a project called 'A Bouquet of Memories' was underway, which would see local care homes produce canvasses to be displayed and voted upon again at the same event. Furthermore, local schools would also be undertaking a St George's Day canvas project to be displayed, but in this instance, this would just be for fun. Cllr Ellis also urged Members to nominate as many front gardens for the Best Kept Garden and Allotment competition to be judged in August with winners being announced in October at a reception held at the Town Hall.

Members **NOTED** the update.

**69. Urgent Items**

None.

Meeting Closed at 8.24pm