

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment** Committee held in the  
Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

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Present	Councillors	Quentin Burch* Peter Ellefsen Martyn Garrett Richard Jury Kay Moss David Neeves Alan Penney Ron Reed Greg Rose Wendy Scrace Sandra Timms	Vice – Chairman  Chairman
Also present		Caroline Miles Amanda Negus John Coleman	Town Clerk Committee Clerk Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee
		1 member of the public	

\*Denotes non attendance

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## **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Quentin Burch

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **MINUTES**

### Minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- 8707 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as confirmed be signed by the Chairman.

### **Standing orders were suspended**

The Vice Chairman of Mrs del Lannoy & Haven Homes Almshouses advised the committee about anti-social behaviour that has been taking place outside some of the almshouses on Beacon Road. Incidents during the Christmas period included litter and human excrement. The elderly residents are finding it particularly distressing and have been advised to notify the Police of any future incidents. Generally they happen overnight and are found the next day. The Vice Chairman commented that a public toilet in the town would be beneficial, but appreciates that they also get vandalised. She asked if the Community Warden could patrol along that area.

The committee confirmed the Community Warden does patrol this area. They also mentioned that CCTV is set up here, so if incidents are reported to the Police then they may be able to see who is doing it.

### **Standing orders were reinstated**

Updated action list (attached to agenda)

- Pleasant View road lamp posts – ESCC needs to be instructed to carry out the work now the winter has passed.
- Frequented bus stop information – CET PTS have advised they don't have this information, but they will look into it.
- Walshes Road bus stop – Who has removed it and where is it?
- Archway opening ceremony – to be reviewed at next meeting and linked in with the Chamber of Commerce. The WDC Streets Ahead project was to encourage people to shop in the high street so the grant they gave CTC had to be used in a particular way. A high percentage of Crowborough supermarket shoppers do not live in the town so are unaware of the footpath to the High Street from the main car park. The archway is an obvious way to direct visitors to the town's shops. Members asked for this information to be relayed on social media to inform residents where the money has come from.
- Holmes Place bus shelter – We have just been advised the bus shelter supplier are closing down, so an alternative supplier needs to be found. The funding for this bus shelter is from S.106 monies specifically from the Holmes Place development for this purpose.

**RAILWAY REPORT**To note the report from John Coleman (attached to agenda)

- Sabre Parking Solutions have taken over the station car parking. There are still problems with the cameras.
- Accessibility is still an issue, but Crowborough and Eridge Stations are to be included in the next review for making stations accessible.
- The Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee had not heard anything about the possibility of fitting the Class 319 units with batteries when asked. They have been told consideration is being given to installing batteries on Electrostar units. Services could then be run on electric. This process has not been tested and provision for charging the batteries would need to be made.
- New franchises will be coming out soon.

**RANGERS REPORT**To note the Rangers report (attached to agenda)

- Pocket Park - Concern was raised for the Ranger and Community Warden's welfare in regard to the antisocial behaviour. Lone working apps for mobile phones are available free of charge and can be monitored from different locations.
- Bluebell Wood – Emergency services cleared a fallen tree as it fell into the car park. It came down because it had shallow roots and a diseased tree had been removed that was next to it had caused it to lose some of its wind protection. It has always been a wet area because of the spring that is there. Wood chippings have also been dumped on top of emerging bluebells.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To note Finance Report and agree any actions (attached to agenda)

John Coleman left the meeting at 8.16pm.

The Committees Income and Expenditure to date and EMR position were noted.

## **REQUEST TO MOVE LAMP POST**

To note report and agree any action (attached to agenda)

The Committee are happy for the lamp post to be moved as requested and have said it should be painted in 'Council green'.

## **URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING and/or INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

The Committee Chairman is meeting with Morrisons Manager this week and will ask when the steps to the Fernbank Centre will be repaired.

The new committee will need to be aware of previous issues to ensure nothing is being overlooked. e.g. grass cutting.

South East in Bloom – The Council has entered The Ghyll. A working group needs to be set-up so a plan for the entry can be created.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.