

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 8.00pm
Via

Zoom

Present:

Councillor K Bentley (in the Chair)

Councillor John

Councillor Eley

Councillor Shearring

Councillor Thompson

Councillor Birch

In attendance: Town Clerk, Open Spaces Officer, Councillor O' Brien and
Councillor Humphrey

E190 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillor Kelly.

E191 Dispensation Considerations

No dispensation considerations received.

E192 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest received.

E193 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2021 were agreed,
minutes to be signed at a later date due to Covid restrictions.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley

Seconded: Councillor Thompson

Vote: Carried

E194 Public Questions

No members of the public were present.

E195 Budgetary Position

The current budgetary position as at 31st March 2021 as attached to the
agenda was noted.

E196 Garden of Remembrance

- Covid Memorial - It was **AGREED** that the Town Council would have a chosen date once the New Mayor is elected to raise recognition of the Covid memorial that is in place at the Garden of Remembrance in commemoration of residents lost during the pandemic.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley
Seconded: Councillor Thompson
Vote: Carried

8.15pm Councillor John joined the meeting.

- Pergola - It was **AGREED** that the Town Council would remove the pergola completely for Health and Safety reasons and defer any decisions on a replacement until after the new committee has been elected. The Open Spaces Officer to resource different options available.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley
Seconded: Councillor John
Vote: Carried

E197 River Crouch Coastal Community Steering Group

Councillor Shearring gave a verbal update from the meeting on the 2nd March 21. The suggested footpath round the coast has had objection from landowners and the SWF hopper bus has been deemed impossible to run due to funding and legality so will not be going ahead. No map as of yet has been available for the footpath from Hullbridge Ford to Maldon.

E198 Vehicular Access to the New Allotment Site

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council would have no objections with allowing Devcomms to access the new allotment site that is adjacent to the Garden through the main entrance to the Garden and barriers to be placed to stop people parking on grass verges.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley
Seconded: Councillor John
Vote: Carried

E199 Access to the Riverfront

It was **AGREED** that the public footpath signage at the Riverfront would be replaced. The Town clerk to contact Chelmsford City Council Paths To Prosperity project to discuss replacing the signage

Proposed: Councillor John
Seconded: Councillor Shearring
Vote: Carried

E200 Dog Fouling Signs

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council would purchase six copies of all five designs attached to the Agenda and to include a further new design. The Chelmsford City Council sign was not selected to be used. The signs will be promoted on social media, the Town Council website and the Focus. Chosen locations are deferred to a following meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Thompson

Seconded: Councillor Birch

Vote: Carried

E201 Public Toilets

It was **AGREED** to defer this Agenda item to another meeting when the new committee would be in place.

E202 SWF Litter Picking Group/Crisp Recycling

It was **AGREED** that the Open Spaces Officer would arrange a date to begin the Litter Pick Events and promote the event to residents. Covid guidelines will be followed. The starting of the Crisp Recycling scheme will be deferred to a new Environment committee.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley

Seconded: Councillor John

Vote: Carried

E203 Conservation area along Burnham Road

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council had no objections to the planned conservation area and change in cutting regime by the Chelmsford City Council along Burnham Road. The Town council requested that wildflower seeds be used.

E204 Chelmsford iMAC Group

Councillor Bentley verbally updated there was no new information to report to Committee and another meeting is scheduled for May 21.

E205 Climate & Ecological Emergency Focus Group

Councillor Bentley updated the Committee that the next meeting is the 10th May 21 and the group are continuing to work on the toolkit and cover illustration.

E206 Working Schedule

The working Schedule was **NOTED** as attached to the agenda. See attached to minutes.

E207 Report to Council

- Garden of Remembrance - Covid Memorial/Pergola/Access to new allotment site.
- Dog Waste Signage

- Riverfront Signage
- Burnham Road Conservation Area
- Reinstatement of Litter Picking Events

E208 Media Coverage

- Dog Waste Signage
- Litter Pick Event

E209 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 7th July 2021.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00pm

Signed
(Chairman of the Meeting)

Date: 7th July 2021