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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th July 2019

Present: Cllrs. R. Bacon, B. Fox; Mrs. K. Ilott, P. J. Stanton, Mrs. M. Weir. Mrs. L. Utz
In attendance Mrs R Efde
Clerk: Mrs. J. V. Rigby

- GP36/19 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M. Softly (personal reasons), A. Williams (District Council meeting)
- GP37/19 **Declaration of Interests:**
Cllrs. R. Bacon and B Fox, declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (Allotments) by virtue of being allotment tenants and took no part in the discussions.
- GP38/19 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June 2019**
The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman
- GP39/19 **Allotments**
GP39/19.1. General
The General Report was received and noted. The recommendations therein were **Agreed**.
It was **Agreed** that the issues regarding a tenant would be discussed under Private and Confidential.
- GP40/19 **Ashingdon Greensward** – There were no issues.
- GP41/19 **Back Lane Toilets – squatters report.**
GP42/19 **Bus Shelters/Services** –
It was reported that the Insurance Claim regarding a trip at the Anne Boleyn Bus Shelter had now been settled.
- GP43/19 **Doggetts Wildlife Area**
GP43/19.1 It was noted that the Working Group meeting will be held on 24th July at 1830.
- GP44/19 **Highways/Footpaths**
GP44/19.1 The email regarding Hall Road was received and discussed. This will be referred to the Local Highways Panel.
GP44/19.2 The email regarding parking at Sainsburys was received and discussed. This will be referred to the Local Highways Panel.
GP44/19.3 The Clerk will contact RDC regarding the overgrown vegetation in Sutton Road.

- GP170719
- GP45/19 **Market Square/Horse Trough**
 GP45/19.1 It was reported that the electricity pillar door has been repaired.
- GP46/19 **Parish Seats –**
 GP46/19.1 It was reported that a resident had telephoned the Clerk about the absence of a seat in Southend Road. However, this was the responsibility of RDC.
- GP47/19 **Planning**
 GP47/19 The following applications were received and discussed.
- 19/00495/FUL** 2 Sutton Court Drive
 Demolition of single storey extension and construction of new single storey extension – **Members had no objections to the application.**
- 19/00503/FUL** 144 Stambridge Road
 Demolition of single storey rear extension and conservatory and construction of new rear single storey and part 2 storey side extension above existing garage
 - **Members had no objections to this application.**
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- 19/00540/FUL/19/00541/LBC** 15 West Street
 Change of use from A2 (professional services) to A1 (retail) changing former Barclays Bank to a chemist and pharmacy. External alteration to rear including installation of security grilles, blocking up of window and formation of new rear entrance from Back Lane and internal refurbishment - **Members had no objections to this application provided it conforms with Listed Building regulations.**
- GP48/19 **Rochford Lawn Cemetery/War Memorial**
 GP48/19.1 Working Party
 The working party report was received and noted.
- GP48/19.2 Grass Cutting
 It was noted that the standard of grass cutting had improved. This would be discussed further at the next working party meeting in the autumn.
- GP48/19.3 Possible unauthorised burial of ashes
 There had been no further communication on this matter.
- GP48/19.4 Monthly Report
 The monthly report was received and noted.
- GP48/19.5 War Memorial
 The Clerk reported that she is making progress with the Road Closure for the War Memorial. Members approved expenditure on security personnel if it is deemed necessary.
- GP49/19 **Street lighting** – no issue
- GP50/19 **Town Clock** – no issues
- GP51/19 **Items referred from Full Council/Other matters. - none**
- GP52/19 **Budgets**
 The financial statements up to 30th June 2019 were received.

