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MINUTES of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
 held on
Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7.00pm
 at **The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich**

Present:	Councillors Davidson, Fay, McLeod, Saunders, Smith and Wade.
In the Chair:	Councillor Fowler
Clerk:	Mrs M Snell
Also present:	Horticultural Adviser Cheryl Thompson 0 members of the public and no members of the press

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

E01/24	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs Morrison and Todd Cllr Armstrong was absent.
E02/24	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</u> None
E03/24	<u>ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR</u> Members RESOLVED to elect Cllr Saunders as Vice-Chair for the Environment and Community Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.
E04/24	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting held on 28 th March 2024 (previously circulated) be approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
E05/24	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> None
E06/24	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> E26/23 – Clerk advised members that a new date is to be confirmed regarding the Wilder Town Initiative meeting with the Wilder Communities Manager and all members of HTC will be advised and invited to attend (online).
E07/24	<u>HORTICULTURAL REPORT</u> Nothing to report.
E08/24	<u>LHP PANEL</u> None
E09/24	<u>LITTER PICKING INITIATIVE</u> Members discussed future litter picking possibilities. Cllr Fowler suggested to think about where to go for litter picking around the area, the clerk suggested possible areas within the area in need. Cllr Wade reported that he walked across the field by the beach huts and much litter was present within the area. Cllr Fowler advised to report this to Tendring District Council, or relevant TDC ward councillor. There are areas

	that could be problematic for a litter picking project, therefore clerk to gauge ideas of possible sites, advise from TDC and availability of HTC members.
E10/24	<u>EMERGENCY PLANNING</u> Members RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Armstrong and Saunders to attend the Parish & Town Council Community Resilience Forums run by Tendring District Council.
E11/24	<u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS</u> Members noted the previously circulated Essex County Council press release regarding Essex Highways' proposal on future vegetation maintenance to be actioned by landowners. Cllr Smith referenced grass cutting concerns, some areas (Low Road field) display grass has been left after a recent cut and concerns of how overgrown the cemetery area is. Cllr Fowler advised both sites have been reported by relevant ward councillors. Cllr Davidson has recently reported Mace Park in need of maintenance and this is being actioned.
E12/24	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Environment & Community Committee will be held at 7.00pm , on Wednesday 9th October at The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.18pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE