

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE OF THE CANVEY ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE PADDOCKS, LONG ROAD, CANVEY ISLAND ON
MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: J. Anderson (Chairman)
N. Harvey R. Bishop B. Dixie P. Greig
R. Howard D. Anderson D. Blackwell N. Pontius

Also present: Cllr P Davies
Mrs L. Lodge – Clerk
Mrs E De Can – Deputy Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Liddiard (unwell) Cllr N Harvey business commitment

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5TH OCTOBER 2009

9.i) Hanging Baskets. Clerk to provide comparisons for watering costs. Bowser costs to be obtained.

Canvey Wick. The Committee thanked Cllrs Blackwell and Howard for arranging a meeting

5. HIGHWAY MATTERS

i) To receive and consider any proposals for the next Panel meeting. Cllr Bishop circulated a report from the last meeting. Items discussed and for consideration at the next panel meeting:

- Barriers/railings at Canvey Road – concern was expressed that the current state of the barriers could cause any accident to be more serious. **Clerk** to write to Essex CC and express concern.
- Waterside Farm traffic lights – concern that lights are red on the main road when there are no cars exiting the site – adjustments could be made to prevent this.
- The excessive rainfall had contributed to flooding in a number of areas, however some areas should be reported: Central Avenue, Central Way, Thorney Bay Road and Denham Road.
- The new layout currently under construction at Climmen Avenue appears quite tight for large lorries.

6. CANVEY LAKE : TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE LEASE/MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH CASTLE POINT BC AND PUTTING THE AGREEMENT IN PLACE FROM 1 JANUARY 2010

Noted that information on the cost of the current maintenance regime for the area was still not available. Full details of ongoing maintenance, together with expected income would need to be available prior to signing the document. Concern was expressed that Castle Point BC had indicated that they would withdraw funding for street lights and emptying litter and dog bins in the area.

Clerk to write to Castle Point BC and advise of the information still awaited, that the Town Council is happy to provide names of suitable candidates for the role of Chairman of the Common Liaison Committee and would hope to be in a position to complete the legal agreement when all information is to hand.

7. TOWN CENTRE PLANTERS – TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR THE 6 ADDITIONAL PLANTERS

The Committee discussed a number of potential locations including Furtherwick Road, south of Long Road, near the Jellicoe and Jones' corner. Noted that some locations may not be suitable for the large size of planter currently used. **Councillors** to look at suitable locations and make recommendations to the **next Committee meeting**. **Clerk** to provide information on alternative sizes and shapes.

8. TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR TACKLING DOG FOULING IN CANVEY ISLAND

Cllr Harvey presented his report on the process and potential costs. The meeting noted the worst areas, i.e. the beach and sea front and it was felt that if a scheme were to go ahead, it should look at these areas first.

RESOLVED that a further, separate meeting would take place to discuss this matter. **Clerk** to arrange.

9. TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR THE LEGACY FOOTBALL CAGE PROJECT FOR 2009/10

The meeting was referred to the item in the Clerk's report. **Clerk** to arrange a separate meeting to discuss this matter.

10. TO CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEMORIAL FOR ALEC SPOONER, PINNACLE MANAGER, RECENTLY DECEASED

RESOLVED that the Committee supported this in principle and would wait to hear further from Pinnacle.

11. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET FOR 2010/11 AND THE COMMITTEE'S FOUR YEAR PLAN

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that a separate meeting be held to discuss this matter.

RESOLVED that an additional Environment & Open Spaces committee be held on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm to finalise the budget for 2010/11.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

CHAIRMAN

18TH January 2010