

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

22 June 2009

8.02pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Tony Hall (Chairman)
Joel Charles (Vice Chairman)

Eddie Johnson

Chris Millington

Clive Souter

Lorna Spenceley

APOLOGIES

Maggie Hulcoop

SUBSTITUTES

Edna Stevens for Maggie Hulcoop

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2009 and the special meetings held on 19 March 2009 and 23 April 2009 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

4. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS & PETITIONS**

(i) **Written Question**

A copy of the written question and its response is attached at Appendix A of these minutes.

The Property Services Manager undertook to respond to the supplementary question, via email, after the meeting.

(ii) Petition

A petition from Traders in Old Harlow, objecting to the introduction of parking charges for car parks in the area, was withdrawn at the meeting by the lead petitioner.

5. **NON-CONTENTIOUS**

RESOLVED that the following items would be taken as non-contentious:

- Item 11 – Green Space Working Party minutes 13 May 2009.
- Item 14 – Waste Management Contract Working Party minutes 7 April 2009.

6. **COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN**

RESOLVED to note the Committee Forward Work Plan.

7. **TOWN PARK – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION UPDATE**

The Committee received a report outlining the latest position in respect of the Town Park Heritage Lottery Fund application.

RESOLVED

- (i) to confirm the Committee's continued support for the Town Park Masterplan;
- (ii) that an application would be resubmitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund's "*Park for People*" Programme in February 2010;
- (iii) that the original bid would be re-packaged and re-prioritised into a smaller programme in order to meet the new priorities of the "*Parks for People*" Programme;
- (iv) that the funding strategy for delivering all elements of the Town Park Masterplan be reviewed by the Environment and Community Committee at a future meeting.

8. **OLYMPICS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report on the work that had been undertaken to date to ensure that Harlow benefited from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

RESOLVED to note the report.

9. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS STATUTORY CONSULTATION**

A report was received by the Committee seeking approval to commence statutory consultation to introduce business parking permit schemes at Sherwood House underground garages, Sewell Harris Close garage forecourt, The Stow Depot and the car park to the rear of Jenner House.

RESOLVED to commence statutory consultation to introduce business permit holders only parking in areas set out in the report.

10. **REFERENCES FROM COMMITTEES**

Licensing Committee
30 March 2009

Street Trading

RESOLVED that proposals to extend licensing arrangements for street trading, as set out in paragraphs 10-13 of the original report, be adopted.

11. **GREEN SPACE WORKING PARTY**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Green Space Working Party meeting held on 13 May 2009.

12. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

13. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 3 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

14. **WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WORKING PARTY MINUTES**

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the Waste Management Contract Working Group meeting held on the 7 April 2009.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

APPENDIX A

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Q1. Question from Mrs S Naylor

Will the Environment and Community Committee write to Essex County Council to support the request of the Eastend Roydon Road Residents' Association to extend the 40mph speed limit on the Roydon road from the Harlow Business Park to the Harlow District Council boundary”

Reply from the Chair of the Committee

Officers have looked at the road in question and identified that the speed limit from Elizabeth Way, through the Pinnacles, then onto Roydon is 40mph. The speed limit signage changes to the national speed limit at the junction of the emergency exit gate from the rear of the Greyhound Stadium.

Your request to have the section of highway leading through to Roydon reduced from the national speed limit to 40mph will be passed to the appropriate Officer at Essex County Council, as the appropriate authority, for further consideration.