



Hullbridge Parish Council

Environment & Open Spaces Committee

Held on Wednesday 15 11 2023

7.00 pm

Hullbridge Parish Council Office, 98 Ferry Road, Hullbridge, SS5 6EX

Members present: Cllr C. Agius (Chairman); Cllr J. O'Brien; Cllr D. Flack
Cllr A. Marriott

Staff present: Mrs Nicola Harding

Visting; Chloe Turner and Leanne Brisland - Bird Aware Essex Coast

Minutes

27/11/23 Apologies

27.1/11/23 No Apologies were received.

28/11/23 Approval of Minutes

28.1/11/23 RESOLVED - Minutes of the meeting held on **27th September 2023** were approved as a true record of the Committee meeting.

29/11/23 Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

29.1/11/23 Cllr D. Flack declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute point **31/11/23** due to being a member of the RSPB.

30/11/23 Public Participation

30.1/11/23 No public attended.

31/11/23 Bird Aware Essex Coast

31.1/11/23 – Councillors *received* a presentation from Chloe and Leanne which included information on

- The importance of maintaining habitats for birds and other wildlife in the wake of increasing development in local areas.
- Our local coastal area and the birds who winter there.
- Protection areas along the coastline which are of Europe wide importance.
- Species of birds found along our coastline including Brent Geese.
- The local authorities and wildlife groups who make up the partnership.
- Rangers and their roles in the community.
- Coastal Code to help people better understand how to protect birds along our coastline.

32/11/23 Hullbridge Goes Green

32.1/11/23 - RESOLVED Councillors *reviewed* and *agreed* the biodiversity policy for *recommendation* to Full Council. Clerk to **ACTION**.



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32.2/11/23 – RESOLVED Councillors *reviewed* information from Hawkwell and *noted* that Rayleigh Town Council had recently arranged a free of charge Eco-Audit with Rochford District Council. The Committee *agreed* next steps would be to approach Rochford District Council to seek a similar arrangement for Hullbridge. Clerk to **ACTION**.

32.3/11/23 – RESOLVED Councillors *received* information on the campaign led by Zero Hour UK, and commended the aims of environmental protection, restoration, and justice. They also noted the importance of reaching net zero and ensuring a smooth transition for all. Councillors noted that other local councils had yet to make a firm decision on the project and will monitor and work with other councils to find an appropriate way forward.

33/11/23 Autumnwatch

33.1/11/23 – RESOLVED Councillor Agius put forward his suggestions for local youth groups to participate in activities in our nature reserve and will spearhead this project. For recommendation to Full Council. Clerk to **ACTION**.

34/11/23 General Maintenance Officer Report

34.1/11/23 RESOLVED - Councillors *received* the report. The Committee passed along thanks to the maintenance team for their continuing hard work.

35/11/23 Open Spaces Hullbridge

35.1/11/23 RESOLVED – Councillors *received* a verbal update on

- Recreation Ground
- Kendal Park NR
- River Footpath/ Footpaths
- Pooles Lane Car Park
- Rose Garden
- Hullbridge Garden Association Seating Area – it was *agreed* that the Clerk would promote the use of the Public Noticeboard in this area. Clerk to **ACTION**.
- War Memorial. – It was *agreed* that further discussions to look at embellishments for the memorial would be included on the next Environment Committee meeting. Clerk to **ACTION**.

36/11/23 Items for the next agenda and date of the next Meeting

36.1/11/23 Any items should be forwarded to the Clerk.

36.2/11/23 **Next meeting: 14th February 2024 19.00hrs** at the Parish Council Office.

Meeting Closed 20.15hrs

Nicola Harding – Clerk

Chairman _____

Date _____