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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Realm Committee held in the Small Hall, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG on Monday 3 February 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr V Guglielmi Cllr C Guglielmi
Cllr D Thurlow Cllr B Chester
Cllr L Castell Cllr K Symon
Cllr T Barrett

In attendance: B. Tighe (Clerk)

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – There were no apologies for absence.
- 2) **To receive members declarations of interest on items that appear on the agenda.** Cllrs V and C Guglielmi declared an interest in the Lawford Housing Trust.
- 3) **Minutes** – It was resolved that the minutes of the previous public realm committee meeting held on Monday 2 December 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.
- 4) **Public Participation** – A representative from Kompan attended to talk to the Councillors about the play equipment his company could provide.
There was also some discussion regarding anti-social behaviour on Lawford Dale and it was agreed to ask the police to carry out extra patrols in the area and visit the complainant.
- 5) **General items:**
 - a) Chain link fence on new build at footpath Wignall Street / School Lane. Parish Council to remove when works completed. Cllr Thurlow reported that this was ongoing.
- 6) **Current projects:**
 - a) Civic Building the update was noted, and the following was agreed:
the Clerk to see whether cheaper quote available for EE as it was preferred option
the get 3 quotes for wooden noticeboard
to permit Rose Builders to move its office onto 4 spaces of the car park until May
 - b) Play zone Cllr C Guglielmi reported that he would be attending a meeting on the following day and would be able to provide an update at Full Council.
 - c) Streetlighting
Solar lights on Riverview. Cllr Thurlow reported that he was currently getting quotes for 4 lights and would report at the next meeting.
Solar lights on Mill Hill. Cllr Thurlow reported that this was ongoing, and he was waiting for the outcome of the licence application.
 - d) Bins. Bin emptying at the football club was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would send Cllr C Guglielmi a copy of the email received from Tendring District Council, and he would follow up.
 - e) Grass cutting
Discussions with Tendring District Council. Cllr C Guglielmi reported that this was ongoing.



f) Trees

Tree Inspections. Cllr D Thurlow reported that these were now complete, and he was allocating the work between the handyman and the contractor. He explained that the privet hedge on Lawford Green (opposite no.9) would be removed.

John O'Mara Memorial Cherry Tree. Cllr D Thurlow reported that this was complete and had been planted at School Lane.

g) Bus Shelter on Wignall Street. Cllr C Guglielmi reported that he was meeting with officers at Essex and would report at the next meeting.

h) Bus Shelter on Queensway. Cllr D Thurlow reported that he was liaising with Essex Highways on the location and would report at the next meeting.

i) Pavement on Cox's Hill. The two reports submitted to Highways by Cllr C Guglielmi were noted.

j) Pavement on Wignall Street. Cllr C Guglielmi reported that works had been scheduled, and he would update at the next meeting.

k) Riverview footpath. Cllr D Thurlow reported that he was waiting for a further quote and would update at the next meeting.

l) VE Day Preparation. The update was noted, and the following was agreed: to accept the quote for the speakers/microphone
Fairlop Brass could sell their CDs at the event
to order lights to ensure safety when it got night

m) Parking issues

Lawford School General and Safer Parking Signs. Cllr L Castell reported that she was meeting with the Head of Lawford School on the following Monday and would update at the next meeting. It was agreed to extend the red restricted parking lines on the Avenue from No. 10 to the Rose Office (on the housing side). The Clerk to inform NEPP of this decision.

Cotman Avenue. Three options were discussed, and it was agreed to 'red line' the tight right-hand bend at the entrance to Cotman Avenue. Cllr C Guglielmi to notify Tendring District Council of this decision.

n) Island at Junction of Dedham Road/Harwich Road/Wignall Street. This was ongoing.

o) Quasar Enforcement Powers Cllr C Guglielmi reported that this was ongoing and would be picked up later.

p) TDC Heritage List Consultation. The list was updated.

q) Roadmap of Capital Projects. The roadmap was updated.

r) Daisy Chain board on Station Road. The Clerk reported that the agreement had been updated with the new company, Christies Care, and the Clerk was meeting with the Community Engagement Officer on 21 February.

7) **Matters for Future Discussion.**

- a) Cllr D Thurlow suggested new signage for St Mary's Church which was agreed.
- b) Cllr C Guglielmi suggested a bio-diverse grassed area on Summers Park.

8) **Items for information.**

- a) Swings on School Lane. Being removed by Cllr D Harty in the Spring.

Signature: (Chair)

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