

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN**  
**THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 44 OLD STREET, CLEVEDON ON WEDNESDAY 6 TH**  
**MARCH 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillors B Garner. Committee Vice Chairman  
C Bussey, C Francis-Pester, L. Little, P. McNeill, J Middleton,  
Cllr N Pennycott  
Town Clerk – Ms P. Heath,  
In Attendance Councillor A Cotton; 16 members of the public

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr R Hamilton-James, Edgarley Court; Mrs L Richards, Leagrove Road; Mrs J Manley, Dial Hill Road

Spoke on the dust and grit that appeared on their property and cars in September of 2012. The substance appears to weld itself on to the surfaces causing a sharp gritty feel to surfaces and causing damage when tried to be removed. It is reported that windscreens have to be replaced as the substance cannot be removed and it obscures vision. It was reported that the local garages have seen an increase in problems relating to this substance on cars, some requiring an expensive re-spray due to its nature and also an increase in MOT failures. Although appreciating it is not the responsibility of Clevedon Town Council the Members of the Public asked that the Council tries to obtain an investigation into the substance what is and where it originated? Also what are the health implications?. It was reported that the prime suspect is the Pier which has been undergoing a renovation including the removal of old paint and re-spraying. An independent report commissioned by the Pier had indicated that the samples obtained from an affected area did not match materials being used by the Pier's contractors. It was felt by those present that a more independent and thorough investigation should be made as to the source of the problem and to enable those responsible to be held accountable for the damage caused.

The Committee Chairman confirmed that this would be discussed later in the agenda

Mr Hurley, Brookfield Road, asked that the Council reconsiders the closing of Alexandra Road and Pier Copse Toilets as these are important to the users of the Pier and visitors to that end of the promenade; the Piers toilets not likely to be ready for at least 2 years.

The Town Clerk and Committee Chairman explained that it was not on the agenda but confirmed that this would be discussed by an appropriate committee.

**FORMAL MEETING**

**EP 13/289 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors, C Hall (family commitment)  
D Shopland (illness).

**EP 13/290 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Personal interest declared by Cllr Garner as a member of the YMCA management committee.

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SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

**EP 13/ 291 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF COMPLAINT FROM EDGARLEY COURT AND DIAL HILL CONCERNING GRIT ON CARS AND PROPERTY; TO AGREE LETTER OF REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY.**

The Committee Chairman expressed sympathy but reiterated that the Town Council was limited in what it could do. Following a detailed discussion it was proposed seconded and **AGREED** that Clevedon Town Council would actively seek to get this issued investigated by the Environment Agency and North Somerset Council with a view to obtaining details as to source of the substance, its chemical makeup, systems for the removal of the substance from damaged property plus any health implications.

*(14 Members of the public left the meeting)*

**EP 13/292 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012**

Proposed seconded and **AGREED** that the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were a true record and were signed by the Chairman as such.

**EP 13/293 TO RECEIVE DETAIL OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE COMMITTEE.**

Members noted the budget that had been circulated with the agenda.

**EP 13/294 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE QUOTATION FROM R J GOLDING FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE ROOF OF THE VILLAGE HALL – IN LINE WITH EP 13/282**

A copy of the quotation had been circulated with the agenda – members noted the quotation for the work. A detail of an email from Cllr Hatch who is the Council's representative with CAB was given to members along with details of a response to be made by the Town Clerk. Members agreed to monitor the Village Hall for 9 months to enable the building to dry out and settle before discussing any further work.

**EP 13/295 [12/270]TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LAND AT HIGHDALE**

The Town Clerk explained that despite chasing no response had been received from the YMCA. Cllr Garner explained that this had been discussed at the management meeting; it was agreed to defer to the next meeting

**EP 13/296 TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR THE WORK TO 42 OLD STREET**

A copy of the tender had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Members agreed the Tender and confirmed that it should be sent as the building required extensive work to bring it up to standard for letting.

**EP 13/297 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM HERBERT GARDENS SUB STATION LEASE AS EMAILED TO MEMBERS ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2013**

A copy of the lease had been circulated to all members with no response. Cllr Shopland had confirmed his acceptance of the lease verbally. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk should sign the lease on behalf of the Council along with The Chairman as per standing orders.

**EP 13/298 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE REPLACEMENT CONTROL PANEL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES**

Members were informed that the new panel and system had been installed that day and would be checked and commissioned Thursday/Friday.

**EP 13/299 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no Chairman's items for information

**EP 13/300 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS.**

There were no Part 1 items

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN ..... Date .....