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AGENDA OF THE Open Spaces & Assets Joint COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON Thursday 5th February 2026 following the meeting before in the Community Hall

Committee Membership Open Spaces: Chairman: Cllr T Frostick Vice Chairman: Cllr J Perkins Cllr R Silver
Cllr V Knight Cllr T Breen Cllr T Egan

Committee Membership Assets: Chairman: Cllr R Silver Vice Chairman: Cllr J Perkins Cllr V Knight Cllr R
Williams T Breen

All other Councillors are welcome to attend this meeting but will not be formal members of the committee and will not receive any voting rights. Non-Committee members will not be able to participate in or remain present for any discussions held under Part 2, Confidential Matters.

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Amanda Collins-Klimeke

Assistant Clerk – 27th January 2026

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FOR BOTH COMMITTEE'S.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS BOTH COMMITTEES

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME BOTH COMMITTEES

4. MINUTES

To approve and sign as a correct record of proceedings the minutes of the Extraordinary Assets & Open Spaces Joint Committee meeting of 15th August 2025

OPEN SPACES AGENDA

1. MOSSCOTTS MEADOW

- To consider the correspondence received in connection to Mosscotts Meadow
- To Consider Review and Approve the cutting and maintenance Schedule that relates to the area.

2. WALNUT TREE MEADOW

To review the detailed report in connection to the Notice served

3. OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE UPDATE

To consider our current S106 obligations and the resident complaint.

4. SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR 2026/27

To Review Consider and Approve the ongoing schedule of work for all open spaces for 2026/27.

5. PLANTERS

To consider the ongoing costs for planters which falls within the Open Spaces Grounds Maintenance budget.

6. TREE SURVEYS

To Discuss and Consider our approach to tree surveys in 2026/27.

7. REPTILE RECEPTOR

To consider and approve the Reptile receptor site request from **Herpetologic Ltd**

8. THAXTED CONSERVATION GARDEN

To Consider and Approve the proposal for potential partnership and future management.

9. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

As of 6thJanuary all allotment plots are occupied. The Assistant Clerk completed an allotment course in June last year and quarterly inspections have been carried out throughout 2025 and will continue to do so this year.

10. GREENER SPACES FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Colchester Zoological Society are hosting a free of charge planning workshop focussing on protecting and enhancing nature and wildlife within the community on Friday 23rd February at Colchester Zoological Society, Maldon Rd, Colchester CO3 0SL. Please see document previously circulated.

CHAIRMAN TO HAND TO ASSETS CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING**ASSETS AGENDA****1. MARGARET STREET BIN**

To consider the quotes previously circulated and approve

2. MARGARET STREET PUBLIC TOILETS

To consider the quotes for replacement doors and electric locks provided.

3. CAR PARKS

- a) To discuss any additional findings from the working group
- b) EV charging points update

4. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Replacement swings. Quotes for consideration and to consider parishioner letter.

5. GREEN WASTE SERVICE

To consider and approve the public notice for the forthcoming termination of the Green Bin at Margaret street, see the report attached for further information

6. COMMUNITY HALL

- a) To consider and approve the Purchase of new stackable chairs, quotes for consideration.
- b) To Note the Electricity costs

7. DOG BINS

To consider the ongoing commitment for the Dog Bins within the Parish Councils controls including our current contractual obligations.

8. WATER FOUNTAIN

To Consider & Approve the Proposal for a water fountain at the Recreation Ground, no Note that we are also in receipt of a £500 donation. Quotes for consideration.

9. CLARANCE HOUSE GARDEN WALL

To consider the structural review report of the Garden wall and any associated work as a future undertaking.

10. GRANTS

Update on unsuccessful grant applications (solar/accessibility) see letters attached

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7th May 2026 7pm at the Community Hall.

Chairman to close the meeting