

# ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held at Swanmead Community School, Ditton Street, Iminster on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 19:30hrs

## **Present**

**Chairman:** Cllr E J Taylor

**Councillors:** Cllr S Austin, Cllr P Burton, Cllr C Goodall, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr A Lawson, Cllr D Miller, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr S Storey, Cllr R Swann and Cllr L Vijeh.

**In Attendance:** Miss N McIntosh (Administrative Assistant), Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)  
Mrs M Shelley (Deputy Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 38 members of the public attended the meeting.

The Mayor welcomed attendees to the meeting, informing them of the meeting procedures and the arrangements for members of the public to speak.

The Mayor then informed members of the public that they could obtain information and meeting documents from the Town Council website, the notice board by the market house or by request from the Town Council offices.

4 members of the public spoke plus Councillor Shepherd who explained that he had a personal and prejudicial interest so would be speaking as a member of the public and he moved from the Councillor's table to the seating for the public before speaking.

Questions covered during public speaking time included:

1. Total cost of proposed plan and what was included in the cost?
2. Cost of surfacing for pitches, who would bear the cost, and would it be laid professionally?
3. Tenancy contracts and expenditure i.e. funding
4. Where money for development is being obtained, whether there would be a rise in the precept?
5. Why is there a requirement for new facilities? Could the existing buildings not be upgraded/refurbished?

The Mayor informed attendees of the S106 monies available specifically for use in Iminster especially for play, pitches and sports provision and that other funding opportunities could also be explored.

## **97. Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sothern.

## **98. Declarations of Interest**

Each Councillor was asked individually to state whether or not they had any declarations of interest to make in respect of any items on the agenda; the declarations detailed in the table below were made:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Action</b>
Cllr S Shepherd	99	Item 3 Master plan	Personal & Prejudicial	President of the Cricket Club and their representative on the Open Spaces Review	Did not participate in the Councillor's discussion or vote.

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				Group	Left room at 20:10 hrs.
Cllr R Swann	99	Item 3 Master plan	Personal	Trustee of Ilminster Education Foundation	Spoke & voted
Cllr L Vjeh	99	Item 3 Master plan	A) Personal  B) Personal	A) Somerset County Councillor B) SCC Rep for Ilminster Education Foundation	Spoke & voted
Cllr C Goodall	99	Item 3 Master plan	Personal	District Councillor	Spoke & voted
Cllr S Storey	99	Item 3 Master plan	A) Personal  B) Personal  C) Personal	A) Governor of Greenfylde School B) Trustee of Ilminster Education Foundation C) 2 Children in Football Club	Spoke & voted
Cllr J Pallister	99	Item 3 Master plan	Personal	Member of Cricket Club & Sports Club	Spoke & voted

All other Councillors present stated that they did not have any interests to declare

Councillor Shepherd was seated in the public area of the meeting room, the Mayor reminded him of his position and that he would have to leave the room whilst Agenda Item 3 “The Masterplan for Wharf Lane Recreation Ground and Britten’s Field” was under discussion and being voted on; the Town Clerk confirmed that it was not sufficient to leave the meeting by not being seated in the area reserved for Councillors , a Councillor had to leave the room. The Town Clerk read the out the relevant extract from the Town Council’s Councillor Code of Conduct. Councillor Shepherd refused to leave the room (19:58hrs).

**99. Masterplan for Wharf Lane Recreation Ground and Britten’s Field**

The Mayor asked the Chair of the Open Spaces Committee to present the recommendations from the Open Spaces Review Group and requested that any votes taken should be recorded.

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The Chair of the Open Spaces Committee (who is also the Chair of the Open Spaces Review Group) started her presentation by emphasising that the recommendations were the principles to be included in a masterplan for the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground and Britten's Field. And that she would explain each recommendation but not ask for any votes until all the recommendations had been presented.

**Meeting Administrators Note:** Councillor Shepherd left the room at 20:11hrs and did not return

After the recommendations regarding the pitch lay out and buildings had been presented

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) Pitch layouts to be as shown on the attached Pitches plan (appendix 1) subject to any minor adjustments required because of levels of land on Britten's Field.
- (ii) Buildings to be located as shown on the Buildings plan attached to these notes (appendix 2).
- (iii) Paths on Wharf Lane Recreation Ground and Britten's Field to be located as shown on the attached Paths plan.
- (iv) Paths on IEF land to be located as shown on the attached Paths plan subject to approval of the IEF Trustees. (Appendices 3 & 4)
- (v) (i) That the activity hubs as suggested by Redbay be part of the masterplan, but that the the activity hub at Cleeves Close and related Structural planting on southern slope of Britten's Field allows the area closest to the Incline to be used for sledging.
- (vi) Options for parking provision be explored but the fallback position is that a limited number of parking spaces on Britten's Field be made available
- (vii) That the play areas in be improved and enhanced in the area identified on the Redbay suggestions.

The meeting closed at 21:45 hrs.

Chair's Signature & Date