

Minutes of the **Open Spaces Committee** held in the Council Chamber, North Street, Ilminster
on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 7.30.00pm

Present:

Chairman: Cllr J Dewick

Committee: Councillors M Gunn, M James, R Swann, L Taylor and F White.

In Attendance:

Councillors: J Fowler, A Shearman, T Walker

Officers: Miss J Norris (Town Clerk),

1 member of the public attended the meeting

Speaker 1 – A Resident of Herne Vale.

A new play area is due to be installed but at the moment there is a problem with dog fouling. The nearest dog bins are by the Stonemasons or by the post box, residents would like a dog bin closer to the play area.

The Herne Vale Management Committee have indicated they are willing to pay for a bin and its installation

OS 213. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shepherd

OS 214. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any item on the agenda

OS 215. Minutes

- a) The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019 were considered.

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November ~~2019~~ ²⁰¹⁸ as a correct record.

- b) The Office Action Plan relating to the Committee was considered.

RESOLVED to note the report.

OS 216. Police Report

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Police to report on any matters relevant to policing in Ilminster. There was no written police report nor were any items raised.

OS 217. Financial Monitoring

Information about the Open Spaces Committee income, expenditure and commitments compared with the 2018/19 budget was received.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Cemetery Maintenance

RESOLVED to note the report

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OS 218. Open Spaces Team Report

A report on recent Open Spaces work and short term arrangements was considered. Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- The Town Clerk reported that she was working with the web site developers to design an -on-line way of reporting problems with litter and dog bins – it would be map based so that bin locations could be easily identified.

RESOLVED to note the report.

OS 219. New Dog Bin, Herne Vale

A request for a new dog bin at Herne Vale was considered.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- The Town Council don't currently have any other work in that area
- South Somerset District Council said some time ago they could not take any more dog waste due to the weight capacity of the collection vehicles
- There was a dog bin but that was moved when houses built
- Location near the new play area would be ideal - where paths converge

RESOLVED

- (i) That the offer to pay for the purchase and installation of a dog bin by the Herne vale Management Committee is accepted
- (ii) That a suitable site is identified by the Town council and the landowner's permission sought for the bin installation
- (iii) That Ilminster Town Council will take on responsibility for emptying the dog bin referred to in (i) above

OS 220. Request to work in the Cemetery

Consideration was given to a request from a memorial mason who is not BRAMM / NAMM registered to erect a memorial in the Cemetery.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- The costs of joining professional organisations can be high
- Membership of professional body does guarantee good workmanship
- A similar request was refused in April 2018

RESOLVED that the request from the memorial mason is refused in accordance with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations

OS 221 Permission to use the Wharf Lane Rec

A) Consideration was given to a request from the Summervale Surgery Patients Participation Group (PPG) to use the recreation ground for the purposes of providing demonstrations of sports suitable for elderly or disabled residents of Ilminster

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- This is a very positive initiative

RESOLVED that permission is given to Summervale Surgery Patients Participation Group to use the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground for the purposes of holding an

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event providing demonstrations of sports suitable for elderly or disabled people.

Note: The proposed date is 14 July 2019 starting at 10:00pm and running until 4.00pm

B) To consider a request from the Womens' Institute to use the Rec for a Moonwalk event. This request was not considered as no information had been received

OS 222. Permission to use the Market House Tap

Consideration was given to a request from Ilminster Scouts to have access to the tap in the Market House for the purpose of watering their new garden.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Youth club should be helping
- It is a good thing for young people to be encouraged to grow plants and vegetables
- Concern about the distance the water would need to be moved between the Market House and the Youth Club and the safety implications
- The Market House tap is on a water meter
- The minimal amount of water the Cubs require

RESOLVED that the Town Council will support the Cubs with their gardening badge by either allowing access to the tap in the Market House or by filling the Cubs' water butt using the Town Council's water bowser.

The meeting closed at 20:21hrs

Chair's Signature and Date