



ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

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30 January 2024

A meeting of the **Open Spaces Committee** will be held on **Tuesday 6 February 2024** at the rising of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee Meeting due to be held from 19:30hrs, in the **Council Chamber, Council Office, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to attend, please let Ilminster Town Council know either by email town.council@ilminster.gov.uk or phone the office on 01460 52149 **by noon on Monday 5 February 2024**.

If members of the public have any questions on matters that are on the agenda, then if possible, please notify the Council Office before the day of meeting which item you would like to speak about.

This meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public. Please be aware that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public are not filmed, we cannot guarantee this, especially if you are speaking or taking an active role.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is outlined on the Agenda below. Any reports will be made available as soon as possible, and in any event, at least 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk

Open Spaces Agenda

1. Public Forum

Fifteen minutes will be made available for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda. Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each to address the committee. All comments and questions should be notified to the Town Council **by noon on Monday 5 February 2024**. We will be looking to avoid repetitive comments being made where possible.

2. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence from Councillors unable to attend the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations from Councillors and Officers of interests in respect of matters to be considered at this meeting, together with an appropriate statement regarding the nature of the interest.

Members are reminded that if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on their register of interest relating to any item on the agenda, they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting as to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly, if you are or become aware of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting and register it within 28 days.

4. Dispensations

To note the grant of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

5. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on **5 December 2023**.

6. Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the Recreation Ground Users Group meeting held on **30 January 2024** and to note any recommendations.

7. Open Spaces Team report

To note the report and consider any recommendations contained within the report.

8. Finance Report

To report the income and expenditure figures up to 31 December 2023.

9. Schedule of Charges 2024/25

To consider the Schedule of Charges

10. Purchase of a Bin

To consider purchasing a litter bin for the path along Shudrick stream.

11. Cemetery Rules

To agree amendments to the cemetery rules.

12. Plant Contract

To consider future planting requirements and a new contract to supply plants.

13. Replacement Handheld Equipment

To consider replacing handheld petrol equipment with electric equivalents.

Should any Members consider that any items should be discussed in Exempt Business the following will apply:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while Members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

14. Exempt Business

To move that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

15. Youth Shelter Surface

To consider renewing the surface of the youth shelter.

16. Play Equipment Inspection Quotes

To consider quotes for the annual play equipment inspections.

Open Spaces Committee Members:

Councillors Gunn, Hamilton, Jenner-Hurford, Karchud, Osborne, Paul, Shepherd, Taylor

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AS OBSERVERS. Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are now allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the office know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are requested to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Question Time may be recorded. Copies of this document are available in large print on request.