

Minutes of the **Open Spaces Committee** held online on Skype  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:**

Chairman: Cllr M Gunn

Committee: Cllr V Higgins, Cllr F White, Cllr L Wilcock, Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr S Shepherd

**In Attendance:**

Officers: Mrs H White (Town Clerk), Mrs J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk) and Miss V Woodgate (Administration Officer), Mr A Barnett (Grounds Manager)

2 members of the public attended the meeting.

**294 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Swann.

**295 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made regarding any items on the Agenda.

**296 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 were considered.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

**297 Action Plan**

To consider the office Action Plan relating to the Open Spaces Committee.

**RESOLVED** that Town Clerk to send an updated Action Plan by email.

At this point of the meeting issues were being experienced with attendee's internet connection. It was agreed we would move to Agenda item 11 as the members of the public were attending to speak on these items.

**298 Scavenger Hunt**

Green Ilminster requested permission for a scavenger hunt on Herne Hill.

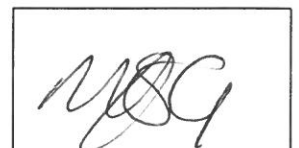
The Course would be set up around the recreation ground and through the woods. It would be aimed at teams made up of family members so very small groups of no more than six. Hopefully the hunt will run early in the Summer holidays.

**RESOLVED** to agree to the scavenger hunt.

**299 Tree planting on Pieces of Land**

Green Ilminster have requested information regarding ownership of land between Old Road and Blackdown View, and the corner of West Street car park to gain permission to plant trees.

At this time the internet began to fail for many of the attendees.

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A discussion was had regarding the area of land on West Street car park. The land does not belong to the Town Council. There was mention of Old Road and Blackdown View. Cllr Hamilton was able to confirm that these areas were also not owned by the Town Council. Green Ilminster said that they would contact Somerset County Council and South Somerset District Council direct to see if they can assist.

8:03pm The two members of the public left the meeting.

8:03pm The Grounds Manager left the meeting.

8:04pm Cllr Shepherd left the meeting

8:05pm Cllr Wilcock and Cllr Higgins left the meeting

8:06pm The Administration Officer left the meeting

**300 Use of the recreation ground for VJ Day**

The Women's Institute (WI) requested permission to use the recreation ground on 15<sup>th</sup> August to commemorate VJ Day.

Details of what the WI wanted was requested but at the time of the meeting no information had been received. At present Covid 19 guidelines state that you should only meet up with six other people at one time and that it was against the law for gatherings of 30 people or more.

**RESOLVED** that due to the lack of detail that permission is refused.

**RESOLVED** to close the meeting due to the internet issues and to reschedule the meeting to discuss the remaining agenda items. Deputy Town Clerk to liaise with Councillors of the Open Spaces Committee and organise an alternative date.

The meeting closed at 20:15hrs

Chairs signature:



Date:

6 / Aug / 2020