

Minutes of the **Open Spaces Committee** held on **9 April 2024** at **19.58hrs** held at the **Iminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, Iminster, TA19 0AN**

- Chair:** Cllr M Gunn
- Committee:** Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr L Taylor
- Officers:** J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk), V Freeman (Administration Officer), J Fontana (Open Spaces Manager) C Lee (Countryside Manager)
- In attendance:** There were no members of the public in attendance.
Cllr J Morris
- 24-0001-OS **Public Forum****
There were no members of the public present.
- 24-0002-OS **Apologies for absence****
Cllr J Karchud
Cllr D Paul
Cllr S Shepherd
The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.
- 24-0003-OS **Declarations of interest****
There were no declarations of interest.
- 24-0004-OS **Dispensations****
There were no dispensations requested or granted.
- 24-0005-OS **Minutes****
Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2024 as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Jenner-Hurford
- 24-0006-OS **Open Spaces Team report****
Members **NOTED** the Open Spaces team report.
The Openspaces Manager updated Members that the 2 new staff have settled in well.
The Meeting Chair thanked all of the Open Spaces Team for all their hard work.
- 24-0007-OS **Finance Report****
Members **NOTED** the report.



24-0008-OS

Disposal of Green Waste

Members discussed the disposal of our green waste.

Discussions included if we could compost our green waste, leaves and grass cuttings do not make good compost, due to the location of the bonfire site the difficulties of getting to it after it has rained, the environmental impact of bonfires, and possible locations for the skip.

1. Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to commit to reduce the number of future bonfires on Herne Hill Nature Reserve.

Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

2. Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate to officers to employ a suitable supplier of a green waste skip in accordance with the Town Council's Financial Regulations.

Proposer Cllr Gunn **Seconded** Cllr Jenner-Hurford

3. Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate to officers to investigate a suitable location to situate the green waste skip and to bring the findings back to a future meeting.

Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

24-0009-OS

Purchase of Replacement Handheld Equipment

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate to officers to purchase replacement equipment as per the report and Ilminster Town Council's Financial Regulations.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

Meeting ended at 20.52

