

Minutes of the **Open Spaces**

held on **2nd August 2022** at **20:10** hrs in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices,**
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG

- Chair:** Cllr B Jenner-Hurford
- Committee:** Cllr L Taylor, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr D Paul, Cllr B Hamilton
- Officers:** M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Town Countryside Clerk and RFO), V Freeman (Administration Assistant), J Taylor (Countryside Manager)
- In attendance:** 1 member of the public, Cllr A Shearman

22-0024-OS Public Forum

Chris Snook the Club Secretary of Ilminster Youth Football Club updated members on the success of the Youth Football club, how then have increased the number of children attending over the last 3 year, how they are looking to grow even further and enhance the provision for girls and disability groups. They are looking for areas that they can use for pitches.

22-0025-OS Apologies for absence

Cllr M Gunn – Business commitments
Cllr L Wilcock – Business commitments
Cllr Keitch also sent her apologies

22-0026-OS Declarations of interest

Cllr Shepherd declared an interest in agenda item 12, Football club and cricket club fees.

22-0027-OS Dispensations

There were no dispensations requested or granted



22-0028-OS

Minutes

Members resolved by 4 votes for and 2 abstentions that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2022 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Paul

22-0029-OS

Open Spaces Team report.

Members **NOTED** the Open Spaces team report.

Members thanked the Open Spaces team for all their hard work and commented on the improvements they have been making to the cemetery grounds since taking over the maintenance contract.

Cllr Hamilton asked about disability access to some parts of our countryside areas where there are, for example, kissing gates. The Countryside Manager is going to look into options available.

The Countryside Manager updated members that there had been some vandalism at the recreation ground. The graffiti has been cleaned off and reported to the Police, who are investigating. The schools will be contacted after the summer holidays to speak to pupils about the vandalism and the impact it has, that it is not acceptable, and all vandalism will be reported to the Police.

Members also discussed the Green Flag award.

Members thanked Cllr Shearman and Cllr Burton for their hard work clearing the wood in the cemetery.

22-0030-OS

Financial Monitoring Report

Members **NOTED** the financial monitoring report.

22-0031-OS

Cemetery maintenance plan

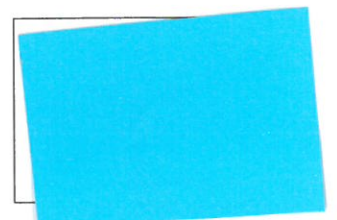
Members thanked the Countryside Manager on his hard work putting a comprehensive Cemetery maintenance plan together

22-0032-OS

Bye Laws

Members discussed the Bye Laws. Discussions included the wording and where they will be displayed

Cllr Taylor suggested that a copy also be placed in the library for residents to access.



Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council to accept the amended byelaws.

Proposer Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

22-0033-OS

West Crescent play park

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to investigate and implement a better disabled access to West Crescent play Park where possible.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

22-0034-OS

Request to advertise the carnival

Members discussed the request including reviewing the advertising policy and possible sites for placing advertising for Community banners. Members do not wish any form of advertising to be placed on the structure of the Market House.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to agree with the carnival a suitable method for advertising on Town Council property.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Osborne

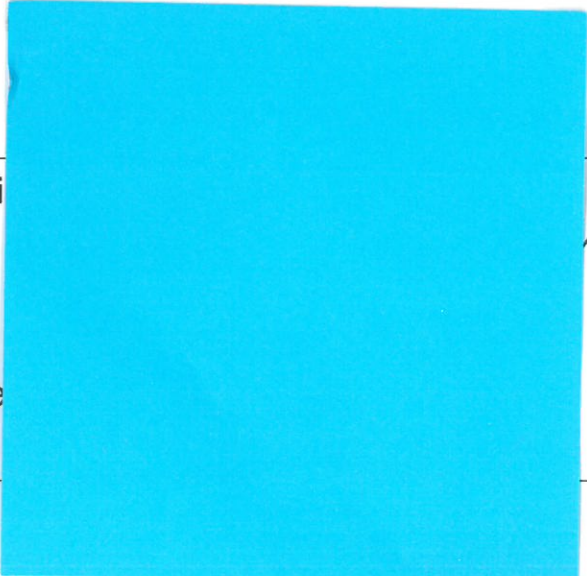
22-0035-OS

Football club and cricket club fees

Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for and 2 abstentions (Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Paul) to Recommend to Full Council that Officers be Delegated authority to negotiate up to date agreements with all clubs that regularly use Britten's Field and the recreation ground.

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

Meeting ended at 20.55

Chair	
Date	