

**ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Ilminster on Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 19:30hrs

Present:

Chairman: Cllr C Goodall

Councillors: Cllr P Burton, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr A Lawson, Cllr D Miller, Cllr R Neave, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Storey, Cllr R Swann and Cllr E J Taylor.

In Attendance

Officers: Mr A Jones (Senior Open Spaces Warden), Mrs M Shelley (Senior Administrator)

One member of the public attended this meeting to give a presentation with regard to Agenda No 7a – Permission to use Wharf Lane Recreation Ground by Ilminster Midsummer Experience.

181. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sothern.

182. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Shearman – Item 7a personal, classic car member and marshall at the event.

Cllr Lawson – Item 7e personal, Party on the Park organiser.

Cllr Taylor – Item 7e personal, Party on the Park organiser.

183. Minutes.

RESOLVED

a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to Cllr Austin's name being removed from the list of those present.

b) To note the action list relating to the Open Spaces Committee.

Items raised by the committee included the following:

Action 3 - It would be helpful to have information regarding the skatepark issues prior to the meeting with the Youth at the skatepark on 23rd March 2015.

Action 8 - To be removed.

Action 9 – Re-seeding to be carried out in Spring 2015.

Action 10 – Summer and Winter planting of flower troughs on Strawberry Bank to be planted by SSDC in 2015/2016. The Belfast sinks to be refurbished SSDC. SSDC Officer is currently working on planting designs for the two roundabouts at each end of Riec sur Belon Way and work should hopefully start by the end of the year subject to approval by SCC.

184. Police Report

No police representatives attended the meeting.

185. Wardens Report.

The report from the Senior Open Spaces Warden about recent open spaces activities in Ilminster was considered.

Items discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Repair of the bench at the Beacon.
- Writing to Greenfylde School children to let them know the total number of benches throughout the town.

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- The Kawasaki Mule has done over the 10,000 hours recommended lifespan and the Senior Open Spaces Warden has been looking at alternatives and will produce a report.
- That a letter should be sent to the Football Club with regard to the damage to the ground outside the Social Club.

186. Permission to use the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground

The Committee is asked to determine the following requests to use the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground.

a) Iminster Midsummer Experience

A representative for Iminster Midsummer Experience attended the meeting and gave out a plan of the recreation ground and listed the activities they wish to take place.

They would like to use power from the toilet block for the amplifiers and will make sure that the wires will not cause a trip hazard.

RESOLVED

That the Iminster Midsummer Experience plan and scheduled activities to take place on Wharf Lane Recreation Ground on Sunday 14th June 2015 be approved subject to:

- i) the band and operators car parking being moved to near the Workshop
- ii) the weather and ground conditions being suitable.

b) Marshall Herbert's Funfair.

RESOLVED

That the fair can take place on 31st May 2015 to 7th June 2015 subject to weather and ground conditions being suitable.

c) All Human Circus

RESOLVED

That the All Human Circus takes place on the 'fairground' area of Wharf Lane Recreation ground on 22-24th June 2015, subject to:

- i) Weather and ground conditions being suitable.
- ii) The generators being sited as far from the houses as possible.
- iii) A representative from the circus meets with the Senior Open Spaces Warden to walk the site the week before.

d) Purple Field Productions – Halloween Evening Bike Ride 31st October 2015
A representative to be asked to attend a future meeting of the Open Spaces Committee.

e) Party On the Park

RESOLVED

- i) That the Easter Egg Hunt can take place on Sunday 5th April 2015.
- ii) That Party on the Park can take place on Sunday 30th August 2015 subject to ground conditions being suitable.

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187. Permission to Metal Detect on Council Land

RESOLVED

- i) That the Clerk writes to the individual concerned to refuse permission to metal detect on Council land.
- ii) That a criteria for approving metal detecting by bona fide clubs be researched.

188. Herne Hill

The Open Spaces Warden gave out copies of work planned for March to August 2015 with suggestions for jobs which could be carried out during that time and in the winter months.

The meeting closed at 20:40 hrs

Chair's Signature & Date