

**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 March 2015 at 19:30hrs

Present:

Chairman: Cllr C Goodall

Councillors: Cllr V Higgins, Cllr D Miller, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr S Storey, Cllr R Swann and Cllr E J Taylor.

In Attendance

Officers: Mr A Jones (Senior Open Spaces Warden), Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

2 members of the public attended this meeting of whom 1 had been invited in order to present information for Agenda No 5 "Purple Field Productions"

189. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton, Keitch, Lawson, Neave, and Sothern.

190. Declarations of Interest.

The declarations of interest outlined in the table below were made.

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Higgins	Agenda 6 – Ilminster Scouts	194	Personal	Knows Scout leaders	Spoke and voted
Shearman	Agenda 6 – Ilminster Scouts	194	Personal	Daughter is a scout leader	Spoke and voted

191. Minutes

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record
- (ii) To note the action list relating to the Open Spaces Committee.

192. Purple Field Productions

The Chairman took the meeting out of session and invited the representative from Purple Field Productions to explain their proposed Halloween Evening Bike Ride to be held on 31 October 2015.

- The corner of grass by the tennis court had been identified as the starting location
- A film powered by pedal power would be shown – the film would be of an educational / information giving nature
- Lightweight marquee will be erected to be used in bad weather
- The event is scheduled to take place between 5.30pm and 7.00pm
- Marshalls will be situated all the way, down to Donyatt Halt, loop round and link back onto cycle path
- Police comments on the proposed route are awaited

The Chairman took the meeting back into session

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Items discussed by during consideration of this agenda item included:

- People will be sponsored to talk part in the bike ride – money raised to go to Purple Field Productions
- There is already some damage to the grass by the tennis courts
- An alternative start location would be near the Kiosk on the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground – this also has the benefits of lighting and toilets and The Kiosk could open to provide drinks

RESOLVED

- (i) permission is given to Purple Fields Productions to use the area near the Kiosk if the organisation agrees it meets their needs
- (ii) the Open Spaces Byelaw regarding cycling is suspended for the event

193. Police Report

A police report was provided for Council on 17 March 2015 and there was no further report for this meeting.

194. 1st Iminster Scouts

The Committee were asked to consider a request for permission to place a number of Geocaches on Council land.

RESOLVED that 1st Iminster scouts are given permission to place Geocaches on land under the control of the Town Council.

195. Wardens Report.

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

Items discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Advice is being sought from DEFRA regarding the Badger sets on the edge of Britten's Field
- The boggy area in Winterhay Rec has happened in the last couple of years since the tree was removed; The Open Spaces Team have fenced off the area
- When it is legal to use red diesel usage
- Disposal of cemetery railings needs to be in accordance with Financial Regulations – this should be put on the Committee action list

The meeting closed at 19:58 hrs

Chair's Signature & Date