

Minutes of the **Town Council Meeting** held in the Council Chamber, North Street, Ilminster on Tuesday 28th June 2016 on the rising of the Open Spaces Committee.

Present:

Chair: Cllr Valerie Keitch

Councillors: Cllr P Burton, Cllr R Drayton, Cllr J Fagan, Cllr J Fowler, Cllr D Kinder, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr J Sothern, Cllr R Swann, and Cllr T Walker.

In Attendance

Officers Mr R Gold (Senior Open Spaces Warden) Mrs T Loveless (Administration Officer), Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

No members of the public attended the meeting.

40. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Albin

41. Declarations of Interest

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

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Cllr Shepherd	Item 5	No: 44	Personal	President of the Cricket Club	Spoke and voted

42. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED to take agenda item 4 Hammerhead Land and agenda item 5 Grandstand on the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground without members of the public and press present due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

43. Hammerhead Land

The Town Clerk reported that the increased offer price has been submitted to the agent who has acknowledged it.

44. Grandstand on the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground

The Council considered the future of the Grandstand on the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The letter drafted by the Town Council's solicitor regarding terminating the lease was read aloud to Councillors

Chairs Signature

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- The grandstand should be removed at the end of licence term
- The termination date is fixed as 1 June in any year
- A minimum of 1 months notice of terminating the licence must be given
- Notice should be served as soon as practicable
- The request from the Football club was received by email on 3rd May 2016 (thus losing the chance to give the minimum 1 months notice for a June 2016 termination date)
- What did the football club wish to store?
- Some members of the public have spoken to Councillors supporting removal of the grandstand
- The Town Council need to work with all parties to reach a satisfactory agreement.
- Wessex Water have recently undertaken inspections and were informed that the changing facilities were no longer going to be used
- The licence between the football club and the Town Council states that it is the tenant's responsibility to remove the grandstand etc
- Methods of funding the demolition and removal of material
- The Town Council has allocated money in the 2016/17 budget towards demolition costs
- The licence could be terminated earlier if mutually agreed.
- Once costs for demolition are obtained the discussions can be had with regards to the details, VAT could possibly be claimed back
- It would be helpful to have prices for the demolition on which to base discussions on how the work could be funded

RESOLVED

- (i) to issue a letter (based upon the one drafted by the Town Council's solicitor) to the football club stating that the licence for the grandstand etc would be terminated with effect from 1 June 2017 unless an earlier date was mutually agreed
- (ii) that the Town Council offers to obtain 3 prices for the demolition of the grandstand, removal of the material and re-instatement of the ground
- (iii) that the prices obtained by virtue of (ii) above are used as the basis for discussion with the football club as to how the work could be funded and scheduled.

The meeting closed at 21.29hours.

Chair's Signature and Date