

**ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

Minutes of a Council meeting held on 15 August 2013 commencing at 19:30hrs in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster.

**Present:**

**Chair**.....Councillor Goodall

**Councillors:** S Austin, J Pallister, A Shearman, J Sothern, S Storey, and R Swann

**In Attendance:** Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** One member of the public attended the meeting on behalf of the football club.

**32 Election of Chair for the meeting**

As The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were unable to attend the meeting it was necessary to elect a Chair for the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Goodall be elected as Chair for the meeting.

**33. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton, Keitch, Lawson, Miller, Shepherd, Taylor, and Vijeh

**34. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors made declarations of interest as recorded in the table below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Type of Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Action</b>
S Storey	(3) Ilminster Football Club - Erection of Dugouts	Personal	Daughters play football with Ilminster Town Football Club	Spoke and voted

**3. Ilminster Football Club – Erection of Dugouts**

Ilminster Football Club had requested permission to erect 2 dugouts in order to comply with the Somerset FA requirements.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Visual impact
- Location
- Construction, - concrete base, wooden roof
- Vandalism, anti social behaviour
- Possibility of putting on doors so they are sealed
- Concern about the potential fire hazard of a wooden roof

The Football Club representative and the Vice-Chair of the Open Spaces Committee left the meeting to go to the site, establish possible locations and report back. On their return they said that they had been to the site and checked, by telephone with Ilminster Football Club's Secretary, and it would be possible to locate the dugouts in front of the spectator stand.

*removable doors to seal when not in use,*

*The maintenance to be Football clubs and clearance at Fc cost and reinstatement of ground*

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That permission is given to erect 2 dugouts in front of the existing spectator stand
- (ii) That the dugouts should be on a concrete base, built of breeze blocks and have a tin roof
- (iii) That the tin for the roof will be provided by the Town Council (from the dismantled football stand) and must be returned to the Town Council either when the dug outs are no longer required on the agreed site or at the end of their useful life whichever is the sooner
- (iv) The dugouts should have "removable doors" that can be sealed when the dugouts are not in use for matches or practices in order to deter vandalism and anti social behavior
- (v) All maintenance costs associated with the dugouts are to be met by Ilminster Town Football Club
- (vi) When the dugouts are no longer required in the agreed location Ilminster Town Football Club will be responsible for the cost of their removal and reinstatement of the ground to a standard agreed by the Town Council

#### **4. Replacement of Stiga Grass Cutting Machine**

The Council Stiga grass cutter caught fire on 8 August and the resultant damage makes it beyond economic repair. The Council was asked to consider purchasing a replacement. Provision for a replacement machine had been included in the Town Council's 2013/14 budget.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- The Council's insurers have indicated they are unlikely to make a payment as the probable cause of the fire was electrical
- How the accident / fire occurred
- No hours of use and type of use of the grass cutter
- The research that had been done to identify a suitable machine / equipment
- Guarantee periods for machinery

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that an order is placed with supplier A for a Stiga Pro 16 at a cost of £5092
- (ii) that the expenditure is funded from the designated reserve and any shortfall is taken from bins / seats reserves.

The meeting closed at 20:25hrs