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TOWN COUNCIL

29th October 2013

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** which you are summoned to attend will be held on **Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 19:30hrs**. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is outlined on the Agenda below. Any reports listed as "to follow" will be made available as soon as possible, and in any event at least 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Joy Norris Town Clerk

OPEN SPACES AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.

To receive apologies for absence from Councillors unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

To receive any declarations from Councillors and Officers of interests in respect of matters to be considered at this meeting, together with an appropriate statement regarding the nature of interest.

3. Minutes.

- a) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2013 as a correct record.
- b) To consider the action list relating to the Open Spaces committee (attached)

4. Use of Recreation Ground - Armed Forces Day 2015

A presentation will be made by Mr McAllister concerning the use of the recreation ground on 19th, 20th and 21st June 2015 for an Armed Forces Day.

5. Wardens Report.

To receive the report from the Senior Open Spaces Warden about recent warden activities in Ilminster.

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6. Financial comparison

To receive information about the Open Spaces expenditure and commitments to date when compared with the 2013/14 budget (attached are actual figures to 30.09.13, and you will be provided with actual figures to 31.10.13, at the meeting).

7. Litter & Hedge Cutting

To consider the Town Council's position regarding litter collection and hedge cutting as currently undertaken by the District Council.

8. Bye-laws

To consider amendments to bye-laws in light of comments from the Department of Communities and Local Government.

9. Cemetery Wall (North) repairs

To consider work needed to the cemetery wall on the north side of the North wall.

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 September 2013 at 19:30hrs

Present:

Chairman: Cllr C Goodall

Councillors: Cllr P Burton, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr D Miller, Cllr A Shearman,

Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr J Sothern, Cllr S Storey, Cllr E Taylor and Cllr L Vijeh

In Attendance

Officers:

Mrs M Clayton (Senior Administrator), Mr A Jones (Senior Open Spaces Warden)

Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

A member from the local press and 2 members of the public attended this meeting.

48. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Austin, Councillor Lawson, Councillor Swann, Councillor Pallister

49. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

50. Minutes.

RESOLVED

- a) that the minutes of the meetings held on 13th August 2013 are a correct record.
- b) to update the action list relating to the Open Spaces committee.

Issues brought to the attention of the Committee included:

- The landscape design Company 'Redbay' will be starting work on Thursday 26th September 2013.
- South Somerset District Council has awarded the Town Council a grant of £7,000 for the Landscape Designer.
- A grant from Somerset County Council for flooding protection work has been awarded to the project put forward jointly by the Town Council and the West Ilminster Flood Mitigation Group.
- Police are aware of the problems with vandalism at the recreation ground and are dealing with this matter.

51. Wardens Report.

The Committee received the report from the Wardens about recent warden activities in Ilminster.

Discussions included the following:

- The Britten's Trust entrance referred to in the Warden's report is the footpath from the hammerhead entrance to the canal. There is an area of this path that is worn away.
- There has been positive feedback from members of the public regarding the work to Herne Hill.
- Councillors and staff are still in the process of finding out who is responsible for cutting the hedge along Canal Way.
- Members of the public have commented on the new benches that have been put in Britten's Field and have said it has transformed the area.

Chair's initials

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52. Financial Comparison

The Committee received information about the Open Spaces expenditure and commitments to date when compared with the 2013/14 budget.

Minor amendments to the financial comparison sheet are to include the following:

• The potential income for burials should be shown as the difference between the actual and the budget figure, because there will be burial fees between now and the end of the financial year.

The report was noted.

53. Presentation.

A presentation was made by Zoe Harris from South Somerset District Council concerning the Thursday Market.

The District Council would like to know if the Town Council is interested in entering into discussions about taking over the management of the Thursday market. Discussions on this item included the following:

- The District Council would be able to advise how the Town Council could run the market on a day to day basis
- The Town Council once had a sub- committee for the market, which may be able to re-form.
- The costs to run the market, at present, are approximately £7,000
- The income received from the stalls, for a year, is £4,500
- There will not be any funding from the District Council to take over the running of the market.
- Other Councils which have recently taken over the management of their markets, have amalgamated the market duties with the office staff's regular day to day duties.
- The Market Supervisor's job description includes putting out cones around the bays, putting out signs, checking Health and Hygiene certificates are in place, making sure that the stalls are set up to the required Health & Safety standards, collecting money from stallholders, carrying out some admin work and banking money at the end of the day.
- The market should close at 1.00pm but some stall holders are occasionally on site until 5.00pm.
- Volunteers may help to set up the market each week and stallholders could come to the office to pay their rent.
- A business case would need to be drawn up taking into account and considering all the above before a decision whether the Town Council is willing to take over the market can be made.
- The present Market Supervisor will be leaving the position at the end of October and relief staff have been booked in until the end of November.
- The District Council will need a decision by the end of October if possible.

RESOLVED that a Sub- Committee for the market is set up immediately and a business plan is compiled.

54. Ilminster Armed Forces Day

The Committee was asked to consider the use of the recreation ground on 19^{th} 20^{th} and 21^{st} June 2015 for an Armed Forces Day.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Committee would need additional information from the fundraising Organiser, detailing what types of events would be held on the recreation ground.

Councillor Higgins will approach the applicant for further information.

Chair's initials

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55. Cemetery Lodge Repairs

The Committee was asked to consider appointing a contractor to carry out the internal and external repairs to the Cemetery Lodge

Topics discussed during the consideration of this item included the following:

- More than three contractors have been contacted for a quotation, but only one has responded.
- The internal repairs will cost £375 (exc.vat)
- The external repairs will cost £850 (exc.vat)
- The cost to carry out these repairs will be paid from budget heading 762 but will be offset by the rental income (budget heading 630)

RESOLVED that the contractor is appointed to carry out the internal and external repairs to the cemetery lodge as per their quotations dated 31st July 2013 and 29th August 2013, at a total cost not exceeding £1225 (exc.vat).

56. Churchyard Railings

The Committee was asked to consider appointing a contractor to paint the churchyard railings

Issues discussed during the consideration of this item included the following:

- The Minster's churchyard is a closed churchyard and therefore the Town Council has responsibility for its maintenance.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Church and the Town Council clearly states that the railings and gates must be maintained by the Council.
- The quotations that have been received, are to paint the railings in one go.
- The budget for 2013/14 to the churchyard railings does not cover the costs involved, and therefore would mean that only part of the railings could be painted.
- If the Committee wants the railings painted in one go, the work could be delayed until
 the Spring when there would be a new budget for 2014/15 which could included this
 work as a specific project and where a provision could be made for the cost of future
 work to be done.
- From a budgetary point of view, it would be better for the work to be postponed until April 2014

RESOLVED

- i. that the work to paint the churchyard railings is postponed until April 2014.
- ii. that all the churchyard railings should be painted at the same time
- iii. that provision is made in the 2014/15 budget for railings to be painted.

The Meeting closed at 20:50hrs	
	Chair's signature and date

Open Spaces Action List for meeting on 5th November 2013

Date Completed		
Action Taken	1)Waiting for measurement. 2)Measurements rec'd – awaiting quotes 3)Rec'd prices but now need to include other smaller areas. 4) Waiting for sizes of all areas from Tony 5) Sizes received – Working out how much to order and which will work out as the cheapest (as at 02.08.13) 6) Put on hold until we have received the Open Spaces Review masterplan	On hold pending Open Spaces Review
Action By	Marilyn/ Tony	Joy
Action (To Do)	Need to measure the area at the side of the skate park and obtain quotes	Town Clerk to approach Cricket Club to see if they will contribute towards the cost of replacing the surfacing outside the workshop entrances • Prices obtained for the work needed to be done for the area outside the Cricket Club's entrance • Need to obtain more up to date quotes for all the areas that need new matting surface • Need to obtain quotes for concrete to be laid instead of
Topic	Safety Surfaces Item 8	Workshop Entrance Item 10
MeetingDat e and Minute Number	0.S 11.12.12	31.01.13
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Open Spaces Action List for meeting on 5th November 2013

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No	e and Minute	Topic	Action (To Do)	Action By	Action Taken	Date Completed
			 matting Arrange for the Committee to view other local areas that use this matting Find out the life expectancy of the matting 			
6	0S 02.07.13 19 & 21	Strawberry Bank- Planters and MTIG	oundabout at ne on the	Joy/ Michelle		Waiting for a reply from District Council should be a
4	0S 13.08.13 38	Warden's Report	Town Clerk to contact PC Stewart as to what can be done to prevent vandalism on play area – maybe use of the camera?	you	Pending	Police are dealing with this matter
ı,	0S 24.09.13 52	Financial Comparison	Amend the following on Financial Comparison sheet: 1) The potential income for burial should be the difference between actual and budget-heading 626 2) Remove the variance for reserves heading 580	Michelle	Amendments made 30.09.13	COMPLETE
φ	05 24.09.13 53	Presentation Thursday Market	-qng	Joy/Marily n	1)No notes of previous meeting 2) New group now formed – Mayor, Chair of Open Spaces, Chair of Resources, Cllr Vijeh and Cllr Keitch will meet on 08.10.13	COMPLETE
	0S 24.09.13 54	Ilminster Armed Forces Day	Request further information from Fundraising Organiser on what events they would like to hold on the Rec.	Cllr Higgins	1)Cllr Higgins had not been able to contact the organiser 2)Staff received and	

Open Spaces Action List for meeting on 5th November 2013

Date Completed		See CEM Resolutions COMPLETE	COMPLETE	See OS Resolutions COMPLETE
Action Taken	email from organiser asking if a decision had been made. 3) email sent requesting further information on 11.10.13 4) Another email	sent on 23.10.13 Approved by OS on 24.09.13	Phoned 25.09.13	Approved by OS 24.09.13 1)Add to agenda planner for Feb 2014 2) Speak to contractors who
Action By			Michelle	yot
Action (To Do)		RESOLVED that the contractor is appointed to carry out the internal and external repairs to the cemetery lodge as per their quotations dated 31.07.13 and 29.08.13 at a cost not exceeding £1225	Contact Elder & Froy to inform them that the work has been approved	i. That the work to paint the churchyard railings is postponed until April 2014 ii. Thant all the churchyard railings are painted at the same time iii. That provision is made in the 2014/15 budget for the railings to be painted
Topic		Cemetery Lodge Repairs	Cemetery Lodge Repairs	Churchyard Railings
MeetingDat e and Minute Number		0S 24.09.13 55	05 24.09.13 55	24.09.13 56
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N _o	Committee Minute Date andTopic	Resolution	Approved at Full Council	Progress to date
-	Warden's Workshop OS 23.10.12	Resolved the delegated authority is given to the Town Clerk to take appropriate measures for securing the wardens equipment store and expenditure incurred to be within the financial limits given in the standing orders	04.12.12	Waiting to see what happens with the Rec Review
8	Winterhay Lane Recreation Ground FENCING OS 23.10.12	Resolved that subject to the ownership of the fence being confirmed in writing, as to belonging to Ilminster Town Council, the Town Clerk is given delegated authority to order the supply and erection of the fencing for a cost not exceeding £650.00 + VAT.	04.12.12	 Quotes obtained Waiting for SSDC to confirm ownership and whether the 106 money Capital & Maintenance funding has been agreed. Youth Council are doing a consultation and will include in their report what type and what height the fence should be. The report will be taken to the Council and the fence should be.
ო	Rec Review Group TC 04.12.12 and Ground Work	RESOLVED that 3 quotations should be sought for land drainage of the area used by the fair and laying grounds matting on the area for access by the fair, based on the herringbone design considered by the Review Group	04.12.12	
	at Recreation Ground Drainage Work OS 23.04.132.12	RESOLVED that the Town Clerk has delegated authority to accept the lowest quotation for the drainage work to be carried out to the area between the football ground and The Mead on the understanding with the Contractor that 40mm stones are used instead of 20mm stones.	07.05.13	5) Work started on the drainage on 21.10.13
4	Ilminster Angling Association's request OS 23.04.13	Resolved that the Council allow the Ilminster Angling Association to introduce 200 F1 Carp to the canal subject to the following conditions: i) that the Angling Association provide, install and maintain, at their cost, a grill structure to a design to be approved by the Town Clerk who will take advice from the Environment Agency ii) that the weed maintenance is carried out	07.05.13	In process of speaking to the Environment Agency It was spoken to EA. Minimum 1" spacing between bars to stop the fish from escaping. Before licence is given out the EA will need to inspect and approve the grill. EA will give us suggestions as to the design and

Progress to date	contractors who may be able to offer advice. Emailing us back w/c 02.09.13 3) Chased again on 17.09.13 – should hear back next week 23.09.13. 4) Phone conversation with EA on 24.09.13. They are sending information about the screening suitable and appropriate for Ilminster canal It is likely that they will require a site meeting where stock and screening requirements can be discussed in context. 5) Site meeting on 11.10.13 with EA and Angling Association 6) Site meeting held with Environment Agency 11.10.13 7) Grill design agreed, Angling Club to organise installation and EA will check installation before	1) The Senior Warden is looking at different options to replace the metal beam	1) There has been a misunderstanding over ownership of the land, therefore we are finding out who owns the land and asking them for written permission to move the trough (as at 02.08.13)
Date Approved at Full Council Meeting		18.06.13	30.07.13
Resolution	regularly to prevent the fish from dying and to prevent the outlet pipe from becoming blocked.	Resolved that i) the metal balance beam at the Children's play area is removed due to health and safety reasons. ii) the Open Spaces Wardens replace the metal balance beam with a wooden balance beam to be designed and constructed by the Wardens.	RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that The Town Council moves the flower trough at Sea Road onto the land owned by Gooch and Housego, subject to their written permission
Committee Minute Date andTopic		Removal of metal balance beam OS 21.05.13	Flower Trough at Sea Road OS 23.07.13
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Š	Minute Date and Topic	Resolution	Approved at Full Council	Progress to date
7	Community		Meeting 07.05.13	1) Council support idea of a community mailing
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	TC 07 05 13	or a community resilience store in principle		2) A new recommendation for a Flooding Alleviation
	ళ			grant was taken to full council on 30.07.13 3) A grant for Flooding Alleviation has been
	i			4) A meeting is being arranged for the 30.10.13.
	Flooding Alleviation	ESOLVED that:	30.07.13	
	Grant	one 1 own council contributes 20% of the costs of the works to a maximism amount of		6) Received information that the EA are now
	TC 30.07.13	£5,000.		responsible for the Shrudrick stream and the
		ii) that the expenditure is taken from the		balancing pond , as the stream has now been designated as a river – see OS minites 13 ng 13
		Keserves,		7) ITC has been awarded a grant from SCC for
		iii) und the Council uses its powers under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make	-	flooding work.
		the agreed expenditure.		o) insecutify with interested people/organisations scheduled for 30.10.13
œ	Open Spaces	RESOLVED that:	30.07.13	4) The Octional Land
	Review Group	i) that the Terms of Reference for the Open		
	TC 30.07.13	Spaces Review Group be amended as shown		2) SSDC have approved continued to SSDC have approved continued to the second
				Landscape Designer
		(ii) that the Town Council obtains professional		3) COMPLETE
		advice to assist with the design of a master		
		Britten's Field and		
		iii) the Council approves the brief for a landscape		
		designer to provide assistance in creating a		
		master plan for the Wharf Lane Recreation		
		the project.		
		iv) the Town Clerk is given delegated authority		
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MINUTE Date	Minute Date		Resolution	Approved at	Progress to date
andTopic	pic			Meeting	
	_		following consultation with the chairs of the		
		_	and Policy Committee, to approve the project		
			background and photos section of the project brief for a designer.		
		>	that an application is made to South Somerset		
			District Council to fund the cost of the		
			professional advice from 5.106 monies, which has provisionally been allocated for use in		
			llminster.		
Market Town	own		RESOLVED that:	30.07.13	1)
Investment	nent	<u> </u>	that the Council makes a contribution to the		
TC 30.07.13	7.13		Portas Project Proposal (based on the themes		
			of Town Image and Community Facelift) and		
			recognises that such contributions can be		
			work in kind.		
		≘	that the Town Council develops a sponsorship		
			policy.		
		(F)	that the Town Council actively seeks		
			sponsorship from businesses in the town.		
	_	Ξ	that the Town Council recognises the proposal		
			will require on-going resources to be provided		
			e.g. labour and finance.		
Replacement	nent	RESC	RESOLVED that	15.08.13	1) Order placed 16,08,13
Stiga		(that an order is placed with supplier A for		- •
TC 15.08.13	3.13		a Stiga Pro 16 at a cost of £5092		
		<u>(ii)</u>	that the expenditure is funded from the		4) Cheque raised 15/10/13
	_		designated reserve and any shortfall is		

art Progress to date	 6) Permission granted 7) COMPLETE 8) At meeting 22.10.13 Clir Pallister notified the Council the proposed works have been suspended. 	 Red Bay Design informed Email received from SSDC informing us that £7000 has been granted for the landscape designer. Order sent on 20.09.13 Redbay start work on 26.09.13 	 All items ordered on 17.09.13 Dog bins and lifter bins have arrived Cheques raised 01.10.13 	1) Order raised on 17.09.13
Date Approved at	Meeting 10.09.13	10.09.13	10.09.13	10.09.13
Open Spaces Resolutions – Progress Chart Date Resolution Resolution	RESOLVED that: Christmas Lights Committee are given permission to add led lighting to the Market House subject to adequate Insurance and that a full risk assessment is carried out prior to works.	RESOLVED that: a) The Town Council accept the approved recommendations received at the Open Spaces Review Group. b) Appoint Red Bay Design as the Town Council's Landscape Architect/Designer to assist the Open Spaces Review Group with the development of a Master Plan for the Recreation Ground and Britten's Field.	RESOLVED that: a) 4 dog bins are purchased at a cost of £420 b) 6 bins are purchased at a cost of £2317.02 c) 6 benches and one set of slats at a cost of £2000	RESOLVED that the wood chippings on the bottom path at Herne Hill are removed by a digger at a cost not exceeding £450 and that the expenditure for this work will be allocated to budget heading 561/8.
Committee Minute Date	Christmas Decoration of the Market House	Appointment of Landscape Architect/ Designer 10.09.13	O.S Recs – Provision for seats and bins 10.09.13	O.S Recs – Herne Hill Advisory Group 10.09.13
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2	Committee Minute Date andTopic	Resolution	Date Approved at Full Council	Progress to date
7	O.S Recs – Parking Restrictions in West Street 10.09.13	RESOLVED that the Town Council supports the recommendation to lift the parking restriction from the 6 bays in West Street.	Meeting 10.09.13	1) SCC informed of ITC support 2) COMPLETE
16.	O.S Recs Water Supply at the Cemetery 10.09.13	RESOLVED that the Town Council accepts the quotation to install a water supply at the cemetery, using route one, at a cost of £350 and the expenditure for this work will be set against Renewals and Provisions for cemetery paths.	10.09.13	1) Order raised on 17.09.13
17	Churchyard Railings	i. That the work to paint the churchyard railings is postponed until April 2014 ii. That all the churchyard railings are painted at the same time iii. That provision is made in the 2014/15 budget for the railings to be painted.	0S 24.09.13	1) Added to agenda planner for Feb 2014 2) Spoke to contractors informing them that the work will now be required for April 2014

Cemetery Resolutions - Progress Chart

Committee Minute Date andTopic Rebuilding of Cemetery Wall OS 21.05.13 North West Wall Quotations FC 10.09.13	Resolution RESOLVED that the Town Council no longer asks for a contribution from the neighbours of the cemetery, towards the costs of removing the cemetery wall. RESOLVED that: a) The Town Council choose Quotation Option B and erect Railings as a replacement boundary wall in the North West Corner of the Cemetery and the Contract be awarded to the company Paul Hadderton Groundwork. b) The Town Council presents a sample of the 4 orders, to the cemetery neighbours for approval and to make sure they are happy with the proposed option.	Date Approved at Full Council Meeting 18.05.13	1) Paul Hadderton informed 2) Waiting for samples of fencing 3) Fence samples received but neighbours cannot meet us to look at them.
Cemetery Lodge Repairs OS 24.09.13	RESOLVED that the contractor is appointed to carry out the internal and external repairs to the cemetery lodge as per their quotations dated 31.07.13 & 29.308.13 at a total cost not exceeding £1225 +vat	0S 24.09.13	 Order raised 27.09.13 Telephoned Elder & Froy to inform them that the work has been approved by the Open Spaces Committee.

Market House Resolutions - Progress Chart

Progress to date	 Asbestos survey carried out on 21.02.13 Still waiting for quotes for Architectural survey to be carried out.(as at 06.08.13) Quotes received – survey to be done on 11.09.13 Survey complete – awaiting report
Approved at Full Council	05.02.13
Resolution	Aesolved that 1. The Town Clerk attempts to obtain three quotations for both the architectural survey of the market house and the asbestos survey. 2. Subject to satisfactory quotations being obtained the Town Clerk has delegated authority to engage a qualified surveyor to carry out an architectural survey on the market house at a cost not exceeding £680 +vat and asbestos survey on the Council's properties at a cost not exceeding £600+ vat
Committee Minute Date andTopic	Markey House Resolved that Surveys 1. The all OS 11.12.12 2. Subject Surveys Clerk Surveys
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Warden's Report for OS Meeting on 05.11.13

Since the last report for the meeting on 24.09.13

The Open Spaces Wardens have:

- Made and painted the frog spring rider and positioned it in the toddlers play area at the Recreation Ground.
- Flailed the bluebell area of the wood
- Continued cutting grass in all areas
- Placed a new bench outside the chip shop (Triangle)
- Removed summer bedding
- Planted winter bedding and Corry worked on the Minster flower bed
- Replaced another four old dog bins with new ones
- Positioned two new litter bins by Canal Way, bus stop and New Road.
- Picked up the new Stiga
- Removed broken Ash tree branches on hill (Across path)
- Installed new bench in Brittens Field
- Levelled some graves at the cemetery
- Carried out routine day to day jobs

The Wardens also reported the following:

- The water pipe at cemetery has been fitted
- The Fair has been and gone. There was little mess this year
- The contractor has started the drainage work on fair site at the rec.

Financial Comparision as at 30.09.13

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OPE	OPEN SPACES INCOME	OME					
Head-ing No	g Heading	Budgeted Income 2013/2014	Actual Income received as at 30.09.13	Potential Income	Total Income Actual Income + Potential Income)	Variance between Budgeted Income and Total Income	Comments
	Open Spaces Income						
412	Grants	£1,660.00	£0.00		00 03	7	
421	Donations	£0.00	£678.00		5678 00	£1,000.00	Bonchoo officet control
430	Rents	£5,520.00	£4,487.03	£1,093,13	F5 580 16	260 46	CEO 46 Example Club (Texas)
431	Claims	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	Council Citiz (Town)
432	Miscellaneous	£0.00	£54.00		£54 00	00 733	Plaques for trees/benches-offset
		£7,180.00	£5,219.03	£1,093.13	£6,312.16	00.40%	agailet exp
	Cemetery Income						
626	Burial Fees	£5,900.00	£3,816.00	£2.084.00	F5 900 00	00 00	
630	Lodge Rents	£6,000.00	£2.500.00	£3.500.00	00.000,93	20.00	7mths still to come in-Tenants have
	Total	£11,900.00	£6,316.00	£5,584.00	£11.900.00	20.00	£U.UU mth s notice to terminate
	Market House Income						
732	Miscellaneous	£160.00	£0.00		£0.00	£160 00	F160 00 SSDC use of MH socioso
	Total	£160.00	£0.00	€0.00			CONTROL TO SERVICE STATE OF THE SERVICE STATE OF TH
	Ilminster Sports Initiative	- Income					
2000	ISI	€0.00	£0.00		00 03	00 03	
2100	Sports Building Project	00.03	€0.00		00.03	00.03	
2101	Interest - Bonus Saver	£0.00	£4.64	£9.50	£14.14	£14.14	
	lotal	£0.00	£4.64	63.50	£14.14		

Financial Comparision as at 30.09.13

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	OFEN SPACES EXPENDITURE	ENDITO	THE				
Head-ing No		Budgeted Expenditure 2013/2014	Actual Expenditure as at 30.09.13	Expenditure Approved/Co mmitted	Total Expenditure (Actual Exp.+ Approved/Committed)	Variance between Budgeted Exp. and Total Exp.	Comments
	Open Spaces Expenditure	Φ1					
550	Employees	£52,605.00	£24,522.65	£24,758.88	£49,281.53	53 323 47	
	Training	£1,000.00	£66.25	£737.00	F803.25	6.106.75	*£560=SSDC - A Jones,
552	Health & Safety	£640.00	£341.28	£290.02	£631.30	£8 70	550 each porceal all
554	Insurance	£3,700.00	£3,143.58		£3.143.58	6556 A2	56.42
555	Vehicle Insurance	£395.00	£475.00		\$475.00	74.0007	
556	Play Equipment Inspection	£395.00	£375.00	£0.00	£375.00	£20.00	£20.00 *Annual inspection carried out
	Services/Rents	£4,600.00	£2,552.48	£3.030.13	F5 580 61	2000	*Water bill higher than expected - Clubs
	Fuel	£2,100.00	£1,244,09		£1,044,00	2,302.01	2302.01 charged next year for their useage
260	Purchases	€6,950.00	£1,900.51	£196.10	£2,096.61	£655.91	Maybe a delivery in Spring
			<u> </u>			20001	
	Maintenance	£4,775.00	£1,425.55	£617.76	£2.043.31	62 731 60	*£450 = see approved expenditure sheet and still need money available for
	Toilets	£3,730.00	£1,716.31	£2,046.51	£3 762 82		version of infacting servicing replication
	Miscellaneous	£0.00	£36.83		£36.83	£35.02	
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	Skatepark	£0.00	£0.00		00:000 to 12	20.00	co oo
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954	Insurance	£1,170.00	£485.98		£485 08	CO 1893	
958	Services/Rents	£230.00	£155.16	£116.28	\$277.44	504.05	
962	General Maintenance	£350.00	£63.91		F63 91	£286.00	
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	Total	00.03	£0.00	€0.00	£0.00		

BYELAWS - COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM DCLG - October 2013

The following were received from DCLG but there is a bit of confusion as to the version of byelaws that they are commenting on as some of the amendments have already been made. The Deputy Clerk's observations are provided in red.

1. Protection of Structures and Plants - The Council have added the word 'damage' to byelaw 3(1). We do not think this amendment is needed. This is because you'll see the first byelaw covering protection of shrubs and structures covering removal and displacement and the wording of byelaw 3(2) which you have in your set covers damage to structures of shrubs, and the covering of "damage" is embodied in the byelaw 'No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over'.

The word 'damage' has already been removed.

2. Protection of Structures and Plants - On amending byelaw 3(2) to cover any animal, we are content with this change.

The change of 'horse' to 'animal' was refused before so we can now make the change.

3. Gating - The "he has" is a generic term that is intended to cover both genders and simply reflects the way byelaws were drafted at the time and still continue to be applied.

This has already been done.

4. Fires - The proposed amendment relates to camping which this byelaw does not deal with. It would be really good to see the proposed change in the draft set so we can see what changes the Council wish to make.

I have asked for clarification on this.

5. Horses - Where the Council wish to prohibit horse riding to some grounds but not others the grounds exempt should be listed in a schedule. So Winterhay Recreation Ground should be listed in Schedule 3 as been exempt from this byelaw and the wording under this byelaw should be amended to reflect this, i.e. 'No person shall ride a horse on any parts of the Grounds except those listed in Schedule 3.

I have asked for clarification on this.

6. Cycling - I understand the Council wish to amend this byelaw to allow for access to cycling in designated areas. The proposed amended wording is:

"No person shall without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground set aside for use by cycles and in riding a cycle on a route between the space so set apart and the entrance to the ground "

Byelaws need to be reasonable and proportionate and the wording must to be clear to members of the public as part of developing robust byelaws. We would therefore recommend that the Council remove the second part of the byelaw relating to and in riding a cycle on a route between the space so set apart and the entrance to the ground, and amend the wording to designated route.

Are you happy for this byelaw to be amended to read:

'No person shall without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground set aside for use by cycles as a designated route.'

7. Cricket - Content

I have asked for clarification on this. The DCLG wording is:

'No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated ara for playing cricket.'

8. Golf - Content

I have asked for clarification on this, but have asked if the wording 'Golf Prohibited' could replace the current wording. The DCLG wording is (we deleted the word 'hard'):

'No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.'

9. Waterways - You wording in brackets in the interpretation of waterways is not required.

This wording can be removed.

10. Fishing - The wording in brackets in the model set is optional wording a local authority may wish to adopt if there is designated areas for fishing. If there are no designated areas for fishing the wording in brackets should be removed from the draft byelaw. If there is designated areas the wording in brackets should be retained but the brackets removed so that they form part of the byelaw.

The brackets can be removed.

11. Savings - Please see comment at point 4.

The word 'their' needs to be changed to 'his'.

12. Revocation - You will need to retain the revocation byelaw if you are revoking an earlier existing set.

I have asked for clarification on this as we have put in a revocation, but not the Limited Revocation to preserve byelaws relating to dogs which I don't think applies to the Town Council.

ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

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Byelaws made under [section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875/section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906/sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906] by the Ilminster Town Council with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

PART 1

GENERAL

General Interpretation

In these byelaws:

"the Council" means Ilminster Town Council;

"the ground" means any of the grounds listed in Schedule 1;

"designated area" means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

"invalid carriage" means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms.
- (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

Application

2. These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.

PART 2

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of structures and plants

- 3. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:
 - (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
 - (2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station any horse or any vehicle over:
 - (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant:
 - (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or

- (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.
- (3) No person shall, without the consent of the Council, introduce into any part of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 the whole or any part or product of any plant, shrub or tree.

Unauthorised erection of structures

4. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Climbing

5. No person shall without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Grazing

6. No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

7. No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Gates

- 8. (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.
 - (2) Byelaw 8(1) applies to any gate to which is attached, or near to which is displayed, a conspicuous notice stating that leaving the gate open is prohibited.

Camping

9. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping.

Fires

- 10. (1) No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.
 - (2) Byelaw 10(1) shall not apply to:
 - the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit; or
 - (b) the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person, of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues.

Missiles

11. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

12. No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

PART 3

HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES

Interpretation of Part 3

13. In this Part:

"designated route" means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

"motor cycle" means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

"motor vehicle" means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.

Horses

14. No person shall ride a horse on any parts of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 (this byelaw does not refer to Winterhay Lane).

Cycling

No person shall without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground set aside for use by cycles and in riding a cycle on a route between the space so set apart and the entrance to the ground.

Motor vehicles

16. No person shall without consent of the Council bring into, drive in the ground or park a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer.

PART 4

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part 4

17. In this Part:

"ball games" means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;

"golf course" means any area within the ground set aside for the purposes of playing golf and includes any golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course;

"self-propelled vehicle" means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

Children's play areas

18. No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children's play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children's play apparatus

19. No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding, etc

- 20. (1) No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles except in a designated area for such activities.
 - (2) Where there is a designated area for skating, sliding or riding on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles, no person shall engage in those activities in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Ball games

- 21. No person shall play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:
 - (a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;
 - (b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - (c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.
- 22. It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games to break any of the rules set out in Schedule [2] and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.

Cricket

23. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket or in an area where playing cricket will not cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground.

Archery

24. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

25. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Golf

26. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a golf ball.

PART 5

WATERWAYS

Interpretation of Part 5

27. In this Part:

"boat" means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat;

"power-driven" means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

"waterway" means any river, lake, pool or other body of water and includes any Fountain (just applicable to those grounds that have a waterway

Bathing

28. No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway.

Ice skating

29. No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

Model boats

30. No person shall operate a power-driven model boat on any waterway.

Boats

31. No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council.

Fishing

32. No person shall in any waterway cast a net for the purpose of catching fish or other animals (except in a designated area for fishing).

Blocking of watercourses

33. No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

PART 6

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of Part 6

34. In this Part:

"model aircraft" means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel:

"power-driven" means driven by:

- (a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;
- (b) jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- (c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

"radio control" means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

General prohibition

- 35. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:
 - (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
 - (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.
- 36. Byelaw 35 does not apply to any model aircraft which weighs below 0.5kg powered by one or more electric motors, a "rubber band" motor or is an unpowered glider.

PART 7

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

37. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

- 38. (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by:
 - (a) shouting or singing;
 - (b) playing on a musical instrument; or
 - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.

(2) Byelaw 39(1) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows and performances

39. No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

40. No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

Kites

41. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal detectors

42. No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

- 43. No person shall obstruct:
 - (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

- 44. (1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of their duty.
 - (2) Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Removal of offenders

45. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Penalty

46. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

47. The byelaws made by Ilminster Town Council on 5 November 1996 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on 27 January 1997 relating to the grounds are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

GROUNDS TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY GENERALLY

The grounds referred to in these byelaws are:

Britten's Field Recreation Ground
Herne Hill
West Crescent Recreation Ground
Wharf Lane Recreation Ground
Winterhay Recreation Ground

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS (BYELAW 21)

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by byelaw 21 to comply with the following rules:

- (1) No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the designated area has been set aside.
- (2) No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.
- (3) Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), where the designated area is already in use by any person, any other person wishing to play in that area must seek their permission to do so.
- (5) Except where they have been granted exclusive use of the designated area for more than two hours by the Council, any person using that area shall vacate it if they have played continuously for two hours or more and any other person wishes to use that area.
- (6) No person shall play in the designated area when a notice has been placed in a conspicuous position by the Council prohibiting play in that area.