

Committee: Full Council

Date: 17 October

Title: Byelaws

Purpose of Report

For Members to approve the byelaws with annotations prepared for a public consultation.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to resolve to accept the annotated and amended Byelaws presented at the meeting on the 17 October 2023.

Report:

1. At the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 5th August 2020, Minute No. OS304:

A discussion was had regarding the bye-law as a whole document and due to the amount of time that has passed since the last review a suggestion was made that the bye-laws should be fully reviewed. The Open Spaces Chair suggested that maybe a sub-committee could be created to review the bye-laws and then a report prepared for a full Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED that the Chair of Open Spaces would liaise with the Councillors to see if she can set up a working party to review the bye-laws before presenting to the Town Council.

2. The working group consisted of Cllr Gunn, Cllr Shearman, Cllr Hamilton and Cllr White who discussed and agreed the amendments that can be found in red on **Appendix 13A**.
3. The version of the byelaws with the amendments were then viewed at Full Council on 24th November 2020 Minute No. 827:

Consideration was given to the current Byelaws and that they had not been reviewed since 2014. Byelaws should be regularly reviewed. A small group of Councillors have looked at the current Byelaws and have suggested some amendments using the current Ministry of Housing Model Byelaws. The current Byelaws prohibit bicycles. It was stated that if we are to look at a pump track on our land then the Byelaws would need to be amended first. It was mentioned that the Council need to look at signage to promote the Byelaws. The amendments required a detailed discussion.

RESOLVED to delay further discussions until the Town Council can meet face to face to discuss in detail.

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4. The byelaws and the amendments taken back to the Open Spaces Committee on the 2 August 2022 for Members to consider any further amendments before recommending them to Full Council.
5. The amended byelaws were signed off by the Town Council at the Full Council meeting on the 18 October 2022. The Members of the Full Council were asked to resolve to accept the amended byelaws to delegate officers to take the necessary actions for them to be implemented.

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*Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the amended byelaws and to delegate officers to take the necessary actions for them to be implemented.*

6. Because there has been the addition of the commentary and also a slight changing of the designated area naming as a precaution it was felt appropriate to bring this back to Members.
7. It should also be noted that now it is believed that a simpler consultation will need to be carried out with members of the public rather than a full referendum. This will involve adverts in the press and making copies available on the website and in paper form within Ilminster. It will also involve sharing the revised byelaws with any groups that may be affected. This would include the Football Club, Cricket Club, Party on the Park and others.
8. Members are asked to resolve to accept the Annotated and amended Byelaws presented at the meeting on the 17 October 2023

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
October 2023