

Minutes of the **Open Spaces** held on **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022** at **20:10** hrs  
in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

- Chair:** Cllr B Jenner-Hurford
- Committee:** Cllr L Taylor, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr D Paul, Cllr B Hamilton
- Officers:** M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO), V Freeman (Administration Officer), J Taylor (Countryside Manager)
- In attendance:** 1 member of the public, Cllr A Shearman

**22-0024-OS**      **Public Forum**  
Chris Snook the Club Secretary of Ilminster Youth Football Club updated members on the success of the Youth Football Club, how they have increased the number of children attending over the last 3 years, how they are looking to grow even further and enhance the provision for girls and disability groups. They are looking for areas that they can use for pitches.

**22-0025-OS**      **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr M Gunn – Business commitments  
Cllr L Wilcock – Business commitments  
Cllr Keitch also sent her apologies

**22-0026-OS**      **Declarations of interest**  
Cllr Shepherd declared an interest in agenda item 12. Football club and cricket club fees.

**22-0027-OS**      **Dispensations**  
There were no dispensations requested or granted

**22-0028-OS**      **Minutes**  
Members resolved by 4 votes for and 2 abstentions that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as a correct record.  
**Proposer** Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Paul

**22-0029-OS**      **Open Spaces Team report.**  
Members **NOTED** the Open Spaces team report.  
Members thanked the Open Spaces team for all their hard work and commented on the improvements they have been making to the cemetery grounds since taking over the maintenance contract.  
Cllr Hamilton asked about disability access to some parts of our countryside areas where there are, for example, kissing gates. The Countryside Manager is going to look into options available. The Countryside Manager updated members that there had been some vandalism at the recreation ground. The graffiti has

been cleaned off and reported to the Police, who are investigating. The schools will be contacted after the summer holidays to speak to pupils about the vandalism and the impact it has, that it is not acceptable, and all vandalism will be reported to the Police.

Members also discussed the Green Flag award.

Members thanked Cllr Shearman and Cllr Burton for their hard work clearing the wood in the cemetery.

**22-0030-OS**

**Financial Monitoring Report**

Members **NOTED** the financial monitoring report.

**22-0031-OS**

**Cemetery Maintenance plan**

Members thanked the Countryside Manager for his hard work putting a comprehensive Cemetery Maintenance plan together.

**22-0032-OS**

**Bye Laws**

Members discussed the Bye Laws. Discussions included the wording and where they will be displayed.

Cllr Taylor suggested that a copy also be placed in the library for residents to access.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council to accept the amended byelaws.

**Proposer** Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

**22-0033-OS**

**West Crescent play park**

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to investigate and implement a better disabled access to West Crescent play Park where possible.

**Proposer** Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

**22-0034-OS**

**Request to advertise the carnival**

Members discussed the request including reviewing the advertising policy and possible sites for placing advertising for Community banners. Members do not wish any form of advertising to be placed on the structure of the Market House.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to agree with the carnival a suitable method for advertising on Town Council property.

**Proposer** Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Osborne

**22-0035-OS**

**Football club and cricket club fees**

Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for and 2 abstentions (Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Paul) to Recommend to Full Council that Officers be Delegated authority to negotiate up to date agreements with all clubs that regularly use Britten's Field and the recreation ground.

**Proposer** Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

Meeting ended at 20.55