

Minutes of the **Open Spaces** held on **6th December 2022** at **20.17 hrs**
held in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

- Chair:** Cllr M Gunn
- Committee:** Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr S Shepherd, and Cllr L Wilcock
- Officers:** J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO), V Freeman (Administration Officer), J Taylor (Countryside Manager)
- In attendance:** No members of the public.
- 22-0051-OS** **Public Forum**
There were no members of the public present.
- 22-0052-OS** **Apologies for absence**
Cllr L Taylor – Personal reasons
Cllr D Paul – Business commitments
Cllr B Hamilton – Personal reasons
- 22-0053-OS** **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Shepherd declared an interest in Agenda item 11 - Recreation ground drainage report.
- 22-0054-OS** **Dispensations**
There were no dispensations requested or granted.
- 22-0055-OS** **Minutes**
Members resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2022 as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Osborne
- 22-0056-OS** **Open Spaces Team report**
Members **NOTED** the Open Spaces team report.
The Countryside Manager advised members that the grounds team had started to lay the hedge along Canal Way.
Members of the public like the new step into the Burma Star Garden which has improved access to the garden.
A member has been told by a local resident that Herne Hill is looking beautiful.
The meeting Chair thanked the Countryside Manager and the team for all their hard work.
- 22-0057-OS** **Financial Monitoring Report**
Members **NOTED** the financial monitoring report.
- 22-0058-OS** **Pesticide-Free Towns Pledge**
A Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to adopt the pesticide policy as presented.

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Jenner-Hurford

- B** Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to commit going pesticide free as soon as reasonably practical
Proposer Cllr Jenner-Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

22-0059-OS

Green Flag

Members discussed the Green Flag award and the Herne Hill Users Group. Discussions included inviting regular volunteers to join the group as a pilot project, have Councillor representation on the group and only 1 representative per organisation.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to engage with local stakeholders and set up a “Herne Hill Users Group”. Terms of reference to then be brought back to Open Spaces for their consideration.

Proposer Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Osborne

22-0060-OS

Recreation Ground Users Group

Members **NOTED** the Minutes from the meeting held on 30th November 2022.

Members discussed inviting students to attend the meetings to give their input/ideas.

Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to approve the Terms of Reference.

Proposer Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

22-0061-OS

Recreation ground drainage report

Members **NOTED** the report on the information provided in respect of the drainage around the Wardens building and Tony Rice Bar.

Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to delegate officers to research solutions to the drainage and sewerage problems on the recreation ground.

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

22-0062-OS

Phase 1 Fitness Trail

This item was moved to Exempt Business.

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

22-0063-OS

Exempt Business

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advised in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Proposer Cllr Osborne **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

22-0064-OS

Phase 1 Fitness Trail

AGENDA ITEM 8

- A** Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to choose Conipave recycled rubber as the preferred surface for the Fitness Trail
Proposer Cllr Gunn **Seconded** Cllr Jenner-Hurford
- B** Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to agree the use of any spoil to level out the ground area around the tuck shop on the recreation ground.
Proposer Cllr Gunn **Seconded** Cllr Jenner-Hurford

Meeting ended at 21.15

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