

Committee: Open Spaces

Date: 2 August 2022

Title: Byelaws

Purpose of Report

For members to review and the amendments made to the current byelaws.

Recommendation:

Members resolve to recommend to Full Council to accept the amended byelaws.

Report:

1. The byelaws were last reviewed and signed off by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Ilminster Town Council on 11th March 2014.
2. 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.

3. 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 9A**.
4. 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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5. Due to the time that has passed, the byelaws and the amendments are now being brought back to Open Spaces Committee Members to consider any further amendments before recommending them to Full Council.
6. The Members may choose to recommend to Full Council to accept the amended byelaws.

**Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk
August 2022**