# **ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

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Town Clerk: Mark Tredwin

29 September 2021

A meeting of the **Open Spaces Committee** will be held on **Tuesday 5 October 2021** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG starting at **20:30 hrs.** 

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. However, due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns and a duty to protect all attendees, there will be a limited number of members of the public able to attend. If you wish to attend, please let Ilminster Town Clerk know either by email town.council@ilminster.gov.uk or phone the office on 01460 52149 by 15:00 hrs on Tuesday 5 October 2021. Officers of the council will advise whether capacity remains.

If members of the public have any questions on matters that are on the agenda, then if possible, please notify the Council Office before the day of meeting which item you would like to speak about.

This meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public. Please be aware that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public are not filmed, we cannot guarantee this, especially if you are speaking or taking an active role.

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

*Mark Tredwin* Town Clerk

# **Open Spaces Agenda**

# 1. Public Forum

Fifteen minutes will be made available for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda. Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each to address the committee.



## 2. Apologies for absence

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

## 3. 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 the interest.

Members are reminded that if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on their register of interest relating to any item on the agenda, they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting as to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly, if you are or become aware of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting and register it within 28 days.

## 4. Dispensations

To note the grant of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

## 5. Minutes

There are no Minutes to be agreed as the Open Spaces Committee Meeting scheduled for 3 August 2021 was cancelled.

## 6. Open Spaces Team report

## 7. Financial Monitoring report

#### 8. Welcome Back Funding

For members to consider which projects they would like to see progressed using the allocated Welcome Back Funding.

- 9. Permission for Plaque under tree in Cemetery For members to consider giving permission for a plaque to be placed under a tree
- **10.** Permission for a Plaque on a bench overlooking Britten's Field For members to consider giving permission for a plaque to be attached to a bench
- **11. DEFRA Local Nature Recovery Strategies Consultation** For members to consider a response to the consultation.

# 12. Recreation Ground Play Park

For members to consider a solution to stop the problem of children digging under the Sophie Louise.

**13. Headstone testing at the Cemetery** For members to note the headstone testing report and consider repairs that are required.

# 14. Officers Cemetery Training

For members to note the outcome of the cemetery training.

#### 15. Electricity and water supply on the recreation ground

For members to consider additions to the internal and external supply of water and electric.

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable 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

#### 16. Exempt Business

To move that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business in view of the likely disclosure of confidential matters about information relating to an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Order 2006.

Open Spaces Committee: Councillors Gunn, Swann, Shepherd, Taylor, Wilcock, White, Lancaster and Hamilton

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AS OBSERVERS Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are now allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the office know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Question Time may be recorded. Copies of this document are available in large print on request.