

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held on **Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.00pm in The Garth, Garth Park, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** for the transaction of the following business:

Present:

Cllr Richard Mould – Chairman
 Cllr Jolanta Lis
 Cllr James Porter
 Cllr Dan Sames
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Lawrie Stratford
 Cllr Rose Stratford

In Attendance:

Sue Mackrell – Chief Officer
 Angie Suter – Administrator

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323/1516	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies where received from Cllr Dave Magee and Cllr Lynn Pratt.</p>
324/1516	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest.</p>
325/1516	3	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors confirmed the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting:</p> <p>POL04/1516 – 23rd November 2015,</p>
326/1516	4	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>4.1 ASSETS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>The Asset Task and Finish Group are due to meet later this week with the main item being play area policy.</p> <p>4.2 GARTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>The play area is now compete. The landscaping and green areas need time to establish before it opens to the public, hopefully by Easter 2016 or before if weather conditions are favourable.</p> <p>Construction of the café on site has commenced, with the shell expected to be completed within two weeks. It is anticipated that it will open in time for Easter 2016.</p>

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		<p>It was requested that we consider having boards put up around the park outlining the history of the park. This will be taken to the next Environment Committee for consideration.</p>
327/1516	<p>4.3</p> <p>5</p>	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>The cemetery consultant is still working on the issues arising from the recent report regarding the topography of the proposed site. One possibility is the provision of concrete chambers which could eliminate the need for substantial ground level raising. However, there is a cost implication to this as well as further environmental issues that need to be explored.</p> <p>MAJOR TOWN INITIATIVES</p> <p>Councillors were asked to note and comment as appropriate on the minutes from the following meetings:</p> <p>5.1 Bicester Vision: Partnership Meeting - Tuesday 1 December 2015 5.2 Strategic Delivery Board.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the above minutes and the Chairman gave a verbal update on the Strategic Delivery Board.</p>
328/1516	6	<p>CHANGE TO IT SYSTEM</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors agreed with the following recommendation:</p> <p>To accept the proposed course of action for IT system changes and upgrades at a total cost of £5967.00.</p> <p>Motion carried, all in favour.</p>
329/1516	7	<p>LATE AGENDA ITEM – CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN AND MAKE CHERWELL PRISTINE.</p> <p>RESOLVED that members noted the late agenda item.</p>
330/1516	8	<p>ITEMS TO NOTE :</p> <p>None to note.</p>
331/1516	9	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors requested the Burial Ground be added to the Forward Plan.</p>

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332/1516	10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm CLOSE OF MEETING: 19:40 hrs