

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held on **Monday 19th September 2016** at **7.00** in **The Garth, Garth Park, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** for the transaction of the following business:

Present:

Cllr Richard Mould – Chairman
 Cllr David Anderson
 Cllr Jolanta Lis
 Cllr Nick Mawer
 Cllr Lynn Pratt
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Lawrie Stratford
 Cllr Rose Stratford

In Attendance:

Chris Johnson – Operations Manager
 Angie Suter – Administrator

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147/1617	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies where received from Cllr Dan Sames and Cllr David Magee.</p>
148/1617	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no declarations of interest.</p>
149/1617	3	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors confirmed the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting:</p> <p>POL02/1617 – 19th July 2016.</p>
150/1617	4	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>4.1 ASSETS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>A meeting will be arranged to wrap up the task and finish group when the Chief Officer has returned from leave at the end of September.</p> <p>4.2 GARTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>The play area has suffered from heavy wear and tear on 4 out the 5 grass mounds to the point that the grass is not growing back. The water feature has also had extensive use so that the grass area behind it has become very wet. A 5ft pit was dug was dug in infilled with hard-core, sand, top soil and then turf to help with drainage but it still gets very wet.</p>

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		<p>A report will go to the next Environment Meeting regarding certain areas being astro turfed to help with the wear and tear. There has also been damage to some of the equipment, the zip wire was out of use for 2 weeks and some of the small children's play equipment had been damaged but has now been repaired.</p> <p>A grant from Tesco is being used for picnic benches, additional bins, signage and an archway.</p> <p>The Skate park is still very much a work in progress, Wren and Viridor have been approached for funding however we do not match the criteria for Viridor and we are still awaiting a reply from Wren. However, we do need to start looking at other channels for funding. A commitment to fund raising by users has been very disappointing with only a handful of users putting themselves out to raise money.</p> <p>4.3 BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>The Head of Policy and the Chief Officer had a meeting with a company who offer burial chambers. They are now awaiting detailed drawings from CDC for the site to draw a detailed report that we can use to go for a pre planning application to gage a response from the Environment Agency.</p>
151/1617	5	<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 Executive Board Meeting - Thursday 7 July 2016</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the above minutes.</p>
152/1617	9	<p>ITMES TO NOTE:</p> <p>Update on the recruitment process for Chief Officer – Another candidate was invited for an informal interview on Thursday 15th September and has been invited back to meet the Personnel Committee on Tuesday 27th September at 7pm.</p> <p>Councillors moved the following proposal: -</p> <p>Head of Policy will attempt to move the meeting to earlier in the day for the candidate to have a formal interview with the Personnel Committee followed by a no strings attached meeting with Councillors.</p> <p>5 in favour, 2 abstentions, motion carried.</p>

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153/1617	10	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors reviewed the Forward Plan and requested that Albion Land Developers be invited to come and give a talk to Bicester Town Council. Head of Policy to write to CDC expressing our disappointment that a presentation is being held in Banbury with only a few Bicester Councillors being invited and that it is during the day when many Councillors cannot attend anyway.</p>
154/1617	11	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 21st November 2016 at 7pm</p> <p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 20:35 hrs</p>

