

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016** at **The Garth, Lantton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** at **7pm** for the transaction of the following business.

**Present:**

- Cllr Lynn Pratt
- Cllr Debbie Pickford
- Cllr David Anderson
- Cllr Dave Magee
- Cllr Jolanta Lis
- Cllr Les Sibley
- Cllr Rose Stratford
- Cllr Lawrie Stratford

**In attendance:**

- Cllr Sean Gaul
- Chris Johnson – Operations Manager
- Laura Wilson

*In accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 960, members of the public were in attendance and one commented on the parking around the chicanes in Langford Village.*

Minute No	Agenda No	
166/1617	1	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies were received from Cllr Richard Mould.</p>
167/1617	2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that there were no declarations of interest declared of any item under consideration on this agenda in accordance with Bicester Town Council's Code of Conduct.</p>
168/1617	3	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to confirm the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on:</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> June 2016, ENV01/1617</p>
169/1617	4	<p><b>PARKLANDS POND MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors agreed to the recommendations as follows:</p> <p>That this Committee accepts <b>option 2</b> and continues to manage the pond on a biannual basis in which the climate will be a critical factor in the speed of growth.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> Scrap the bottom of the pond using mechanical machinery removing a large section of the root bases. This work should be complete bi-annually depending on weather conditions, climate etc. Total Cost: Approx.£4000.00 per visit.</p>

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170/1617	5	<p><b>GARTH HOUSE FIRE ALARM</b></p> <p>Subject to costs being confirmed in the meeting of circa £30,000, Councillors <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept Quotation 2 for a remote radio system.</p>
171/1617	6	<p><b>GARTH PARK BANDSTAND FLOOR</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors agreed to the recommendations as follows:</p> <p>To accept the quotation and have the work completed at an appropriate time in accordance with the climate and usage.</p> <p><b>Total Cost: Approx. £3500.00 +VAT</b></p>
172/1617	7	<p><b>GARTH PARK PLAY AREA SURFACING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors agreed to the recommendations as follows:</p> <p>To accept the quotation with the long pile carpet (4-5 years' usage time) and have the work completed at an appropriate time in accordance with the climate and usage.</p> <p>Total Cost: £9720.00 +VAT Tesco Grant Contribution: £2276.00</p> <p><b>Total Cost After Grant Contribution: £7444.00 +VAT</b></p>
173/1617	8	<p><b>MERGANSER DRIVE PLAY AREA - ROUNDABOUT</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors agreed to the recommendations as follows:</p> <p>The site offers a good provision of play even without the roundabout. This level of investment is required at other sites before looking at this particular area. Recommended to remove the roundabout and concrete the hole giving a flat dry area to relocate the picnic bench which is currently housed on grass.</p>
174/1617	9	<p>Prior to the close of the meeting, Cllr Debbie Pickford queried legality of decisions made during the meeting without evidence of 3x quotes in Officer reports.</p>
175/1617	10	<p><b>FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p>Councillors were asked to review and comment on the Forward Plan.</p>
176/1617	11	<p><b>INFORMATION SHEET(S)</b></p> <p>None to note.</p>
177/1617	12	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7pm</b></p>
178/1617		<p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 8:00pm</b></p>