

Minutes of a meeting of the Bicester Town Council Environment Committee held on **Monday 16th April 2018** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** at **7.30pm** for the transaction of the following business.

Present:

Cllr Sean Gaul – Chairman
 Cllr Dave Magee
 Cllr Richard Mould
 Cllr Debbie Pickford
 Cllr Lynn Pratt
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Jason Slaymaker

In attendance:

Chris Johnson – Operations Manager
 Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer

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428/1718	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies where received from Cllr Lawrie Stratford and Cllr Rose Stratford.</p>
429/1718	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr Slaymaker declared an interest in agenda item 10 – Party in the Garth, as a Director of OneBicester.</p>
430/1718	3	<p>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on:</p> <p>ENV05/1718 19th February 2018.</p>
431/1718	4	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Mr Bob Hessian, Chairman of Bicester Local History Society sought agreement for a WW1 memorial seat in the Garth Park. BLHS would like to purchase a bench and possibly a tree as a memorial to those who died and served in the conflict.</p>
432/1718	5	<p>PLAY AREA UPDATE</p> <p>RESOLVED that Committee NOTED the play area update and thanked the Operations Manager for the work undertaken.</p>
433/1718	6	<p>GARTH PARK SUMMER BEDDING</p> <p>RESOLVED that Committee AGREED the bedding scheme to show the Council's acknowledgement and support of the WW1 100-year Centenary. Committee thanked the Operation Manager and Cllr Slaymaker for the work undertaken.</p>

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		Further RESOLVED that the Operations Manager work with Bicester Local History Society to arrange for a WW1 Memorial Seat to be suitably located in Garth Park.
434/1718	7	SEMLEP BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT RESOLVED that Committee grant delegated authority to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chairman of Environment to work with Cherwell District Council to gain the best possible scheme to enable biodiversity improvements to land owned or operated by Bicester Town Council.
435/1718	8	UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SUTDY RESOLVED that Committee NOTE the contents of the report; thanked Cherwell District for paying for and sharing the study and AGREED that Officers to come back with reports on the specific benefits and barriers in the short, medium and long term.
436/1718	9	GRAVE SPACES RESOLVED that Committee NOTE the report on grave spaces and AGREED that the Council's position in respect of unused purchase graves be DEFERRED to consider an Officer's report on pre-purchased graves to come back to Committee.
437/1718	10	PARTY IN THE GARTH RESOLVED that Committee ACCEPTED the new name and brand.
438/1718	11	FORWARD PLAN RESOLVED that Committee agreed to ADD Child burials with a November 2018 date
439/1718	11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11 th June 2018, 7.00pm CLOSE OF MEETING: 8:26pm