

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council Environment Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Environment Committee** was held on **24th May 2021** at **19.00hrs** at the **John Paul II Centre, Webbs Court, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon.**

Present:

Cllr Zoe McLernon – *Chairman*
Cllr Sandy Dallimore - *Substituted*
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Richard Mould
Cllr Lynn Pratt
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Alex Thrupp

In Attendance:

Phil Evans – Service Manager
Julie Trinder – Administration Officer
Donna Ford – OCC

Residents:

Linda Burn
David Hall
Susan Hall
Cllr Michael Waine
Eleanor Williams

1. 30/2122 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Jason Slaymaker, Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer and Cllr Calum Miller – OCC.

2. 31/2122 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that no declarations were received.

3. 32/2122 Minutes of Environment Committee

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting **ENV06/2021** held on **Monday 22nd March 2021 to be signed at a later date.**

4. 33/2122 Public Session

4.1 A resident of Bicester gave a report on the condition of Bisley Park (Spitfire) and requested for updated equipment to be installed.

The Committee noted the report for the need of refurbishment of play equipment and will report on Bisley Park Play area at a future meeting.

4.2 Residents of Bicester give the Committee a report on a campaign they come up with regarding the play area on the Banbury Road in support of Cllr Michael Waine. Cllr Waine also give a report and expressed the need for green space, play areas and facilities in Bicester.

The Committee reported that Bicester Town Council are currently in discussion with Cherwell District Council regarding the ownership of the land and will give an update at a future meeting.

5. 34/2122 New Bin Installation Request

RESOLVED that the committee **APPROVED** the request for new bin placements.

Councillors have requested additional litter bins to be installed on the Churchill Road and Langford Village bus stops. Once the land in question has been established, additional requirements will be discussed at a future meeting.

6. 35/2122 Tree Works

RESOLVED that the Committee **CONSIDERED** the potential action regarding the works undertaken on the tree at Medina Gardens. It was agreed that Bicester Town Council remove and replace the tree and that the resident in question is reminded that under no such circumstances should trees be removed without the consultation of Bicester Town Council and an Arboriculturist from Cherwell District Council.

Bicester Town Council to review its Tree Policy and bring make to a future meeting.

7. 36/2122 Allotment Rents

RESOLVED that the Committee:

- **NOTED** the information provided;
- **CONSIDERED** the potential action regarding rule 22 in the agreement between Bicester Town Council and allotment holders.
- Requested reminder letters be sent to allotment holders regarding their outstanding rent. Bicester Town Council to explain that there is a lengthy waiting list and to let Bicester Town Council know if they are experiencing any problems because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

8. 37/2122 Banbury Road & Coltsfoot Leys Play Areas

RESOLVED that the Committee:

- **NOTED** the information for the Banbury Road play area and report back to a future meeting once negotiation have taken place with Cherwell District Council.
- **CONSIDERED** the work originally plan for Coltsfoot Leys for refurbishment and not as originally agreed a communal garden.

9. 38/2122 Forward Plan

RESOLVED to:

- **ADD** the Banbury Road play area
- **ADD** the Tree Policy
- **ADD** Bilsey Road/Spitfire play area
- **REMOVE** Garth Park Bylaws
- **REMOVE** Bus Shelters

10. 39/2122 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 19th July 2021 – 7pm

Venue to be confirmed.

Close of Meeting: 7:56pm