

Minutes of the Environment Committee

A meeting of the **Environment Committee** was held on **Monday 31st January 2022** at **19:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, The Garth, Launton Road, OX26 2PS**.

Present:

Cllr Jason Slaymaker (Chairman)
Cllr Zoe McLernon (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Nicholas Mawer
Cllr Lynn Pratt
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Donna Ford
Cllr Sandy Dallimore

In Attendance:

Phil Evans – Chief Officer (Acting)
Sophia Bradbury – Administration Assistant
Susan Hall – Public Representative
Eleanor Williams – Public Representative

457/ 1. Apologies for Absence

2021 AGREED that apologies were received from Cllr Richard Mould.

458/ 2. Declarations of Interest

2021 AGREED that no declarations were received.

459/ 3. Minutes of the Environment Committee

2021 Councillors **APPROVED** the minutes of **ENV04-2122 22nd November 2021**.

460/ 4. Minutes of the Events Working Party

2021 Committee **CONFIRMED** the minutes of **BE04-2122** and **APPROVED** the agreements of the **Events Working Party 26th January** with an amendment to the date of the Christmas Light Switch On to 26th November 2022.

461/ 5. Community Football Working Group Minutes

2021 No minutes to review.

462/ 6. Public Session

2021 Resident Susan Hall informed the committee of the ongoing use of Playground 52. Stating that it is being used by a variety of community groups such as; children, teenagers, dog walkers etc. Mrs Hall requested the Council take this into account when renovating the park to ensure it caters for everybody.
Resident Susan Hall would like ongoing involvement within the renovations of the community parks.
Chairman Slaymaker responded to Mrs Hall with the suggestion of the public designing any changes they would like the council to consider and expressed his hope that the public feel they can contact Bicester Town Council with any concerns on the matter accordingly.

463/ 7. Allotment Rent and Inspections

2021 RESOLVED that committee **REVIEWED** the Allotment and Inspections Report and **RECOMMENDED**;

1. If the Allotment Holder recommended for eviction is due to unpaid rent
 - a. Officers check the record of the Allotment holder.
 - b. Ring the Allotment holder and place an A4 sign on the allotment plot to inform them to contact BTC Staff.
2. If the Allotment Holder recommended for eviction is due to 3 Inspection Fails officers are to wait until 1st April. If the Allotment Holder wishes to renew their tenancy they must pass the following inspection.

464/ 8. Funfair 2022

2021 RESOLVED that committee reviewed the Funfair 2022 report and **APPROVED** the location and dates of the Fun Fairs with consideration of size and public concerns. Chairman Slaymaker stated that any issues and concerns with the fun fair will be delegated to Officers discretion. A consultation was requested with feedback to come to council.

465/ 9. Garth Park Pathways

2021 RESOLVED that committee;

1. **REQUESTED** officers to retender for the additional work on the pathways.
2. **AGREED** to defer the retenders to a special environment committee meeting to be held at a later date.

466/ 10. Play Area Tender Conclusions

2021 RESOLVED that committee **SELECTED** their preference of Supplier C.

467/ 11. Play Area Review 2022

2021 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** the information presented.

468/ 12. Approved Projects

2021 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** the schedule presented and **REQUESTED** the inclusion of the Bure Park Tree Planting.

469/ 13. Wild Bicester

2021 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** the Wild Bicester Report.

Wild Bicester's Rosie Rowe formally thanked Bicester Town Council for the grant of £10,000 to support the project accompanied by the engagement as an active partner in this work.

470/ 14. Forward Plan

2021 RESOLVED that committee **REQUESTED** officers to **ADD** Play Areas to review

Date of next Meeting: Monday 28 March 2022 at 19:00

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Signed *RS Laymaker*

Dated *26-03-2022*

CLOSE OF MEETING: 20:50 hrs