

Minutes of the Environment Committee

A meeting of the **Environment Committee** was held on **Monday 23rd September 2024** at **19:00hrs** at **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester Oxon, OX26 6PS.**

Present:

Cllr Rachel Mallows (Chair)
Cllr Donna Ford
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Damien Maguire

Public in attendance:

In Attendance:

Paul Canning, Office Manager
Shannon O'Connor, Events and Marketing Administrator

25/ Apologies for Absence

2425 RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Alisa Russell and Cllr John Willett.

26/ Declarations of Interest

2425 RESOLVED that the following Cllr's are also CDC councillors, Cllr Ford, Knight, and Sibley.

27/ Minutes of the Environment Committee

2425 UN-RESOLVED that Committee did **NOT APPROVE** the **MINUTES** and **RESOLUTIONS** of the following meeting:

- **ENV02/2425 – Monday 22nd July 2024**

Not approved due to in-correct record of information on the minutes, officers are to rectify in preparation for the next meeting.

28/ Public Session

2425 RESOLVED that no members of the public were present.

29/ Langford Outdoor Gym

2425 RESOLVED that Committee **APPROVE** supplier B

- Cllr Pruden questioned the service and quality of the equipment
- Cllr Ford is pleased to see this come forward,
- Cllr Sibley is pleased to see the facility is completely inclusive
- Cllr Mallows suggested that equipment is clustered together rather than scattered.

30/ Play Area Review

2425 RESOLVED that Committee **APPROVED** the report based on the below details:

- Committee **APPROVE** the closure of Palm Court and two Mallards way play areas and the installation of a single new play area subject to the results of a public consultation and the below points:

- Cllr Mallows suggested a Tiny Forest for one of the closure sites.
 - Committee requested officers to investigate village green laws prior to closure
 - Cllr Mallows highlighted a date discrepancy on the report
 - Committee **APPROVE** the installation of new play area equipment across all wards as and when the play area inspections dictate a piece of play equipment as redundant and subject to funds.
 - Cllr Ford highlighted to officers the standing order for finance regs and level of authority
 - Cllr Sibley highlighted his concerns with some play areas that are under the ownership of developers still.
 - Committee would like officers to create a code of practice/standards for adoption of play areas from developers.
 - Officers highlighted a ROSPA inspection should be done prior to adoption
 - Committee would like to thank Outdoor Technician Dave Bambrook for his excellent craftsmanship and dedication to the play areas across Bicester.
- Committee would like to thank officers for their work during a busy period.

31/ **Approved Projects**

2425 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the work schedule for approved projects:

- Officers are to contact CDC regarding Emergency Plan and seek assistant
- Bicester Litter Pick has been suggested for Spring 2025 and will be managed by Cllrs and Wards.

32/ **Forward Plan**

2425 RESOLVED that Committee **REVIEWED** and **COMMENTED** on the Forward Plan:

- Climate control policy – suggestion of a review in Policy Committee

33/ **Date of Next Meeting:**

2425 Monday 21st October 2024 - 7pm, The Chamber Room, Garth House

CLOSE OF MEETING: 20:31 hrs