

Minutes of the Environment Committee

A meeting of the **Environment Committee** was held on **Tuesday 21st November 2023** at **19:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, The Garth, Launton Road, OX26 2PS**.

Present:

Cllr Damien Maguire (Chairman)

Cllr Donna Ford
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Rachel Mallows
Cllr Nicholas Mawer
Cllr Les Sibley

In Attendance:

Paul Canning, Service Manager
Shannon O'Connor, Events & Marketing

1/23 Apologies for Absence

24 RESOLVED that apologies have been received for Cllr Christopher Pruden and Cllr Alisa Russell

2/23 Declarations of Interest

24 RESOLVED that no declarations were received.

3/23 Public Session

24 RESOLVED that the committee received presence

- Eco environmental advocate
- Bicester Green Gym
- Linda Burn

4/23 Minutes of the Environment Committee

24 RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting ENV03/2324 ENV03A/2324 were **NOTED** and **APPROVED**

5/23 Minutes of the Events Working Party

24 RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Events Working Party meeting EWP02/2324 ENP03/2324 were **NOTED** and **APPROVED**

6/23 Community Football Working Group Minutes

24 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** community sport working group

Committee requested the agenda headings align with minute titles 'Community Sports Working Group'

7/23 Budget

24 RESOLVED that the budget proposal for 2023/2024 is referred back to Town Clerk to:

- Check rates with CDC regarding Whiteland's
- Confirm the split between Whiteland's café and Whiteland's sports centre
- Meter readings need to be placed onto Finance/budget agendas

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- Breakdown of one off payments to be visible – capital budget / revenue budget

Service manager to gather quotes for a new ride on mower
Cllr Mallows suggested a conversation around solar panels

8/23 Refund

24 RESOLVED that committee **APPROVED** the refund request for Glory Farm on 3 bookings during September 2023 and October 2023.

9/23 Sports Facilities

24 RESOLVED that committee support the recommendation.

- Officers to look into section 106 clause around pitches
- Whiteland's cricket pitch to be looked at with CDC agreement
- Officers to advertise the cricket pitch as a mixed sports facility.

10/2 Fun Fair 2024

324 RESOLVED that committee **APPROVE** the requests of locations and dates set out in the report.

11/2 Southwold Play Area Location

324 RESOLVED that committee **APPROVE** option 3 under the basis that the footprint of the park is increased.

12/2 Whitelands Function Room Partition

324 RESOLVED that officers must re-submit report with a clear plan and understand the below

- Terms of the lease
- Clarity on who asked for the partition

13/2 Garth Park Splash Pad

324 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** the report.

Public consultation to start on social media in FEB 2024.

14/2 Approved Projects

324 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** the work schedule for approved projects

Officers to include tiny forests to schedule

15/2 Section 6 Motion

324 RESOLVED that committee referred item back to officers for the following investigations

- Garth Court residents – they need to be consulted
- Staff costings matrix for opening and closing times
- How many complaints collated

- Staff safety

16/2 Forward Plan
324 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** the report

2024 Events budget to be added.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 19:00

CLOSE OF MEETING: 20:37 hrs