

Minutes of the Environment Committee

A meeting of the **Environment Committee** was held on **Monday 22nd September 2025** at **19:00hrs** at **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**

Present:

Cllr Alisa Russell – (Chair)
Cllr Donna Ford
Cllr Damien Maguire (left at 19:33)
Cllr Nick Mawer
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Paul Wheatley
Cllr John Willett

In Attendance:

Michael Lee (Officer)
Isobel May (Event & Marketing Administrator)

20/ Apologies for Absence

2526 RESOLVED that apologies for absence were received from Cllr Harry Knight, Cllr Rachel Mallows and Cllr Chris Pruden

21/ Declarations of Interest

2526 RESOLVED that no declarations of interests were received.

22/ Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

2526 RESOLVED that Committee did **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting:

- **ENV01/2526 – Monday 16th June 2025**

UNRESOLVED that Committee did **NOT APPROVE** the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting:

- **ENV02/2526 – Monday 14th July 2025** – due to the meeting taking place when it was inquorate, stated in the Standing Orders '*No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one third of the whole number of members of the Council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than 3.*'
- These minutes will not be noted for future meetings.

23/ Public Session

2526 RESOLVED that no members of the public were present.

24/ Langford Parks Consultation

2526 UNRESOLVED that the Committee did **NOT APPROVE** and **COMMENTED** on the proposal.

- Cllrs requested more in-depth questions and further questions to be added, for example, '*what would you like to see done with the other parks?*' and '*Do*

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Signed

Dated

you agree with the positioning of the new proposed play area?’

- Cllrs have requested clarification on the rationale for the consultation, as they believe it is important for the public to be informed of the background and timeline.

25/ Additional Costs for Tree Adjacent to Network Rail

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee **APPROVED** and **COMMENTED** on the proposal.

- Cllrs queried as to why BTC are paying for this, Officer shared that the trees are on BTC owned land.

26/ Claypits Shed Proposal

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee **APPROVED** the proposal.

27/ Land Grabs Letter

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee **APPROVED** the proposal.

28/ Bee Hives at Allotment Sites

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee **APPROVED** the proposal.

29/ Allotment Tenancy Review

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee **APPROVED** in principle and **COMMENTED** on the proposal.

- Cllrs would like to defer the notices until posters go up on the plots stating to contact BTC. After this then the letters can be sent out.

30/ Forward Plan

2526 RESOLVED that the Committee **APPROVED** and **COMMENTED** on the report.

- Cllrs would like to see the memorial wall and splash park to be added back onto the forward plan.

31/ Date of Next Meeting:

2526 Tuesday 21st October 2025, at 7pm, The Council Chamber, Garth House

CLOSE OF MEETING: 19:38
