

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee
held on 5 December 2023 at 7:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Helen Harrison (Chair)
Cllr Chris Bloor
Cllr Danny Bonnett
Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Chris Davies

Officers present: Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Clerk)

No members of the public were present

Absent: Cllr Simon Johnson
Cllr Phil O'Rourke
Cllr James Murray
Cllr Fiona Deas

Before the start of the meeting, a two minute silence was held to mark the sad passing of ex-Councillor Bob Griffin and Mr Jerry Dicker, who both contributed greatly to the improvement of open spaces around the town.

OS2324.47 TO CONSIDER ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Phil O'Rourke and Cllr James Murray.

OS2324.48 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared by members.

OS2324.49 TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public present.

OS2324.50 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19.09.23

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 19.09.23 and they were then signed by the Chair.

OS2324.51 TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE ROUTE OF THE BIODIVERSITY RING THROUGH THE MUNDY PLAYING FIELDS AND TO CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

It was **RESOLVED** to implement the alternative route as outlined in the Officer Briefing. It was **RESOLVED** to inform the fireworks and carnival organisers of the alternative route which addresses their concerns where possible.

OS2324.52 TO CONSIDER COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REGIME FOR OAKLEAZE GREEN AND TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CHANGES

It was **RESOLVED** to implement the alternative grounds maintenance regime on Oakleaze Green as outlined in the Officer Briefing.

OS2324.53 TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR HANGING BASKETS IN THE HIGH STREET IN 2024 AND CONFIRM DETAILS OF ANY BASKET ORDER

It was **RESOLVED** to order 25 hanging baskets to be filled and to be hung on new columns (installed by South Gloucestershire Council) on the High Street and on Town Council properties (total cost = £912.50). It was further **RESOLVED** to consider other planting options on the High Street once the works by SGC are complete.

OS2324.54 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM ST MARYS CHURCH TO LOCATE TEMPORARY WELFARE FACILITIES IN THE CHURCHYARD

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to welfare facilities being sited within St Mary's Churchyard while works are carried out by the Church.

OS2324.55 TO CONSIDER AUTHORISING THE DEPUTY CLERK TO SIGN THE LOCALISM AGREEMENT FOR 2024/2025

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Deputy Clerk to sign the Localism Agreement with South Gloucestershire Council for 2024/2025.

OS2324.56 TO NOTE PROGRESS AGAINST ACTIONS FROM THE ROSPA PLAY AREAS INSPECTION REPORT

Progress against actions from the RoSPA play areas inspection report was noted by the Committee.

OS2324.57 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2024

The date of the next meeting was noted to be Tuesday 16 January 2024.