

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Open, Spaces and Environmental Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday 6th March 2023 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Karen Tweedale - Chairman

Councillors:

Mike Arnold
Malcolm Ogle
Holly Stevenson
Lynne Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)
Mel Bland -Operations Officer
0 Member of the press
0 Members of the public

OPEN FORUM

None

OS2303.1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2022/2023.

Members considered the appointment of Chairman for the Parks, Open Spaces & Environment committee for the Council year 2022/23.

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| RESOLVED: | That Cllr Karen Tweedale be appointed Chairman for the Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee for the Council year 2022/23. |
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OS2303.2. APOLOGIES

| Councillor | Apologies | Resolved |
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| Katie Thurston | Received and considered | Apologies approved |

OS2303.3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

OS2303.4. MINUTES

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| RESOLVED | That the minutes for the Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 16 th January 2023 on, be approved, and signed as a correct record. |
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OS2303.5. COMMITTEE BUDGET.

Members noted the Income and Expenditure reports, for Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee to 28th March 2023

OS2303.6. LICENCES

Members noted the on licences issued for events, works or access on land owned or leased by Daventry Town Council.

OS2303.7. OPEN SPACES

Members noted the scheduled works to remove the Beech Tree at the New Street Recreational Ground, the installation of the Football Goal Posts on Fishponds, Southbrook and the planting of 24 trees within the open spaces at Stefen Hill.

Members referred to the report in relation to Councils commitment to making its ground maintenance practices more sustainable and wildlife friendly and noted the plans in place to leave some areas uncut as part of the 'No Mow May' campaign. Members recognised the importance of the campaign and supported the postponement of cutting various areas within the open spaces and verges, allowing grass (and dandelions) to grow to help pollinators with habitats and increase the number of bees.

Members also suggested that they would be supportive of exploring the idea of implementing a community fruit pick in September, to harvest the ripened fruit within the orchard at Middlemore.

OS2303.8. Correspondence.

None

OS2303.9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee will be held on Monday, 22nd May 2023.

Meeting Closed at 18:50

Signed Date