

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Open, Spaces and Environmental Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday 5th September 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: John Tippett - Chairman

Councillors:

Mike Arnold
Dawn Branigan
Malcolm Ogle
Lynne Taylor
Katie Thurston
Karen Tweedale

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

OPEN FORUM

None

OS2202.1 APOLOGIES

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Holly Steenson	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

OS2202.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

OS2202.3 MINUTES

Members noted that the meeting was the inaugural meeting of the there are no minutes for review.

RESOLVED	That the minutes for the Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 4 th July 2022 on, be approved, and signed as a correct record.
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OS2202.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET.

- (i) Members noted the Income and Expenditure reports, for Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee to 31st August.
- (ii) Members referred to initial draft budget for 2023/24, prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer and noted the Council's current contract for electricity was fixed until 2024 so the forecast was likely to be correct, although the fixed prices did not include possible increases in standing charges. Members thanked the RFO for her due diligence and agreed that final figures would not be able to be confirmed until negotiations with Daventry Norse had been concluded.

OS2202.5 LICENCES

Members noted the report.

OS2202.6 PONDS AND DITCHES

The Chief Officer referred members to the report from the Operations Officer, summarising the costs to restore the Town's ponds and ditches into a good starting point to manage and maintain going forward, and it was

RESOLVED	To authorise the use of up to £23,500 of the Open Spaces Earmarked Reserves, to carry out works, as identified in the audit to improve the condition of each waterbody in the parish of Daventry.
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OS2202.7 CLIMATE CHANGE

Members referred to a report from the Operations Officer on proposals to plant saplings in some of the Town's open spaces, and it was

RESOLVED	i) That approval be given for the planting of saplings, as per the report from the Operations Officer and, ii) That approval be given for up to £1000 for the purchase of suitable caging and other tools and/or materials to facilitate the completion of this project.
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OS2202.8 OPEN SPACES

Members noted the report.

OS2202.9 PLAY AREAS

Members referred to the report and were understanding of the request for the installation of goal posts, following results of a consultation held at the Emergency Services Day, held on 10th August 2022. They considered the two options and agreed Option A was too expensive and the design not suitable for the surrounding environment. Members were also not supportive of installing nets, as this would require a resource that wasn't currently available to install and remove. However, on referring to the results of the consultation, it was

RESOLVED	To approve Option B for the installation of goal posts, at a cost of up to £1500 to include installation.
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OS2202.10 ENVIRONMENT

The Chief Officer advised members that arrangements had been made to hold The Daventry Green Debate in Daventry Volunteer Centre at 3pm on Saturday 1st October 2022 and that it had been published in the recent DTC newsletter, that was delivered to every household and would be promoted this month on social media.

OS2202.11 Correspondence.

None

OS2202.12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parks, Open Spaced and Environment Committee will be held on Monday, 7th November 2022.

Meeting Closed at 19:40hrs

Signed Date