

**DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks, Open, Spaces and Environmental Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Karen Tweedale - Chairman

**Councillors:**  
Mike Arnold  
Malcolm Ogle  
Katie Thurston

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

**OPEN FORUM**

None

**OS2301.1. APOLOGIES**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Resolved</b>
Dawn Branigan	Received and considered	Apologies approved
Holly Stevenson	Received and considered	Apologies approved
Lynne Taylor	Received and considered	Apologies approved
John Tippett	Received and considered	Apologies approved

**OS2301.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**OS2301.3. MINUTES**

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

<b>RESOLVED</b>	That the minutes for the Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 on, be approved, and signed as a correct record.
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**OS2301.4. COMMITTEE BUDGET.**

- (i) Members noted the Income and Expenditure reports, for Parks, Open Spaces and Environment Committee to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

**OS2301.5. LICENCES**

Report noted.

**OS2301.6. PONDS AND DITCHES**

Members noted the report and feedback received from members of the public in relation to the positive affect of the works on the environment. Cllr Arnold asked about the build up of silt on the edge of the ponds, the Operations Officer advised that the company were in the process of getting this removed.

**OS2301.7. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Members received an update from the Operations Officer, on the project to plant 50 saplings in the open space by Stefen Hill, and on recent meetings with the U3A, who expressed an interest in working with the Town Council on projects to protect and enhance the environment and updated members.

**OS2301.8. OPEN SPACES**

Members referred to the open spaces report and noted plans were in place to install goal posts at the Fishponds, Southbrook and the Operations Officer had been liaising with external partners to ensure this facility, when installed would be used widely by the community.

the need to fell the copper beech tree located at the New Street Recreation Ground. Members noted this was a landmark tree and concerns may be raised by the public on the reason for its removal. The Chief Officer advised a notice would be published on the website to inform the public of the reason for the works and that a replacement tree would be planted in the same location.

The Chief Officer advised members that negotiations were ongoing with WNC Norse, in relation to the cost of the contract for 2023/24. Cllr Thurston suggested she reviewed the contract, and it was

<b>RESOLVED</b>	That the Chief Officer, in consultation with Cllr Thurston continue to negotiate and challenge the terms within the Norse Contract to ensure it met the needs of all parties.
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**OS2301.9. Correspondence.**

Members received correspondence from a resident, expressing concern with the mowing schedule in relation to the detrimental environmental impact it may have to the wildlife.


Members understood the concerns raised, but also understood that it was also important to manage and maintain the open spaces for people to use on a regular basis, it was

<b>RESOLVED</b>	That the Chief Officer invite the author to attend a meeting with the Operations Officer and Daventry Norse to better understand concerns raised and explore ways of maintaining the Town's Open Spaces whilst still enabling them to be used by the public.
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**OS2301.10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parks, Open Spaced and Environment Committee will be held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Meeting Closed at 19:40hrs

Signed  Date 6/3/23