

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Recreation and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 8pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.

Cllrs Present:	Jane Boulton (Chairman) Mike Wise Al Cane David Barron
In attendance:	Sally Thurston (Town Clerk) Cllr. Steve Leniec
1/2/17	Apologies for Absence Cllr. Julie Farmer
2/2/17	Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 th January were signed as a correct record.
3/2/17	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made at this time
4/2/17	Public Question Time None
5/2/17	Public Speaking Time None
6/2/17	Financial Report Members NOTED a financial report to 31/3/2017. It was NOTED that current allotment income was incorrectly allocated in the previous financial year. It was PROPOSED that no allotment income was allocated in the 2016/17 year to ensure that this was corrected. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.
7/2/17	Open Spaces Members received and NOTED updates on the following open spaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Elms Tennis Court It was PROPOSED that the steering group be congratulated and thanked for their hard work. This was AGREED. b. Allotments It was PROPOSED that if any large plots become vacant they be split in two. This was AGREED. c. Tuckers Play area d. All Saints Church Yard e. Town park f. Oakwood Park g. Willes Close Triangle It was NOTED that a 25 year lease was now signed and the triangle is under the control of the sensory garden project.
8/2/17	Christmas Lights Members received and NOTED an update which highlighted: Members were informed that all bills have now been received – the total bill for the 2016 display is £5251.07 There were some lights missed off the 2015 bill totalling £288.56 Bringing the total invoice to £5,539.63 an over spend of £131.63. The Rotary are very concerned about installing the small trees in 2017 due to insufficient safe plug sockets. It was PROPOSED that a Christmas Lights working party be called to discuss ways of providing a ring main. This was AGREED. The clerk was asked to arrange

	a meeting.
9/2/17	<p>All Saints Church Yard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members received and considered a proposal from the PCC regarding two trees obscuring the view of the church. It was PROPOSED that the Committee support the PCC in their wish to remove the trees if this is deemed essential. This was AGREED. Members received and NOTED a letter from the PCC regarding the maintenance of the Church wall. It was PROPOSED that a maintenance schedule and realistic costs be drawn up and this be clearly illustrated in the precept request so residents were aware of the costs. This was RESOLVED.
10/2/17	<p>Oakwood park</p> <p>Members received and considered a request from a resident regarding fence repair. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk be delegated up to £500 from the maintenance budget to carry out necessary repairs. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED</p>
11/2/17	<p>Town Centre Planters</p> <p>Members received and considered a recommendation from the Business Coordinator regarding Town Centre planters. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk approach free food Faringdon with the aim of taking back control of the Town Centre planters. This was AGREED. It was Further PROPOSED that £841 of unspent maintenance budget 2016/17 be earmarked to purchase 3 further planters and the Business Coordinator look for sponsorship for planting. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
12/2/17	<p>Faringdon in Bloom</p> <p>It was PROPOSED that a £100 be allocated from the R&OS Maintenance budget. This was AGREED. It was further PROPOSED that the Faringdon in Bloom competition be transferred to the Community and Partnership Committee. This was SECONDED and RESOLVED.</p>
13/2/17	<p>Tidy Team</p> <p>Members NOTED an update. It was PROPOSED that the members of the Leisure Services staff who passed their weed spraying course be congratulated. This was AGREED.</p>
14/2/17	<p>Items for Information Only</p> <p>Members were informed that the Portwell diver and seat had been cleaned and sealed.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.