

# **FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Sally Thurston



**Minutes of a Recreation and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Mike Wise (Acting Chairman)  
David Barron  
Al Cane  
Julie Farmer  
Andrew Marsden

**In Attendance:** Sally Thurston, Town Clerk  
Rebekah Pugh, Deputy Town Clerk

**1/1/17 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Jane Boulton  
Cllr. Mark Greenwood

**2/1/17 Declarations of Interest**

None made at this time.

**3/1/17 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were signed as a correct record.

**4/1/17 Public Question Time**

None

**5/1/17 Public Speaking Time**

None

**6/1/17 Items for Information Only**

**7/1/17 Precept 2017/18**

- a) Members received and NOTED a financial report.
- b) Members considered any final amendments to the DRAFT budget for 2017/18. It was PROPOSED that an expenditure budget of £13,195 be put forward. This was AGREED.
- a) Members considered capital expenditure projects for 2017/18 It was PROPOSED that £15,222 for a Christmas Lights' ring main be included as a capital expenditure project in the budget request for 2017/18. This was SECONDED and CARRIED.

**8/1/17 Christmas Lights 2016**

- a) Members received and NOTED a report

**9/1/17**

**Open Spaces**

Members received and NOTED the following updates:

- I. Elms Tennis Court  
No update available due to quiet winter period
- II. Allotments  
Rentals all up-to-date, a current waiting list of 23, some issues of theft from the site
- III. Tuckers Play area  
Some vandalism continuing but this has decline with litter being an ongoing issue. Positive feedback around the new play area.
- IV. All Saints' Church Yard  
Unstable graves will be filled with bark from Oakwood park
- V. Town Park  
Twinning gift of apple tree now planted. Problem with mile-a-minute vine from neighbouring property. LS staff to investigate ownership.
- VI. Oakwood Park  
Rubber surface now installed. Some bark to be used for All Saints' some needs dispersing.
- VII. Portwell  
Bench cleaned awaiting dry weather to apply protective coating
- VIII. Telephone Boxes  
Book swap still operating well. Will change use in the spring. Canada Lane to be a school uniform swap in spring.
- IX. Willes Close Triangle  
Update received that charitable status has been applied for with result expected February. Grants being sought from the VoWHDC with a focus on sports participation for the elderly.

**10/1/17**

**All Saints' Church Yard**

Members received and considered a letter from All Saints' regarding the upkeep of the wall at the rear of the church yard. The cost of repair is approx. £300 of which Faringdon House have agreed to pay half. It was PROPOSED that FTC offer to split the remaining cost with All Saints' Church on the understanding that no precedent was set for future repair. It was further PROPOSED that the Clerk, in conjunction with the chair, be delegated up to £150 to cover cost of repair. This was SECONDED and AGREED.

**11/1/17**

**Tidy Team**

The Tidy Team is working very well and its work has been much appreciated by residents. Members were informed that an unlimited pass for the Stanford Recycling Centre had been requested from OCC in order to dispose of rubbish and cuttings.

**Meeting closed at 7.35pm**