

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Recs & Services Committee held at The Olney Centre on Monday 15 November 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Geach, Varley (Chair), Brown, Pibworth, Rowland, Stokes, Geary

R21/35: Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs' Brock, Rodden, Whitworth and Bethune

R21/36: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Ben Brown declared interest in the Cricket Club

R21/37: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 2021

Resolved: Cllrs did not receive the draft minutes from 16th August so this item will be deferred until the next Recs & Services meeting

R21/38: To discuss Olney Town Cricket Club pitch maintenance

The Deputy Town Clerk explained she had received communication from the Cricket Club expressing their concerns on how the cricket club ground was maintained last season. The Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Geach meet with the Chairman of the Cricket Club and discussed that the club may be able to use to Olney Town Council machinery on the cricket ground for 2022.

Ian Stokes declared an interest as Chairman of Football Club

Resolved: that the Cricket Club are able to use Olney Town Councils equipment subject to various conditions, insurance, and parameters to enable them to maintain the grounds.

R21/39: To receive a presentation from the Allotment Association regarding a proposal to administer the allotments from 2022

Resolved: this item was deferred as the Allotment Association were not able to present at this time.

R21/40: To discuss Recs & Services budget for 22/23

Cllr Brown said that the proposal would be that we maintain the schedule of charges at the levels they were last year.

The Deputy Town Clerk is going to undertake a benchmarking exercise to compare the cemetery charges with those of surrounding areas as per Cllr Geary's request.

Cllr Geary said Council need to look into a strategy for replacement machinery.

Resolved: that the schedule of charges remain the same for the FY22/23. Cllr Geary abstained all others in favour.

R21/41: To consider a proposal to use the Olney Centre for a Climate Change and Sustainability Day in 2022

Cllr Varley said this was to consider the centre being used for an education/exhibition on climate change free of charge. Cllr Geach said if this was run by a commercial organisation there would be charge.

Resolved: that the Climate change and sustainability day in 2022 will be held. Cllr Varley to consider options and report back to OTC at a later date.

Meeting closed at: 19.36hrs