

Ongar Town Council



Aimi Middlehurst
Town Clerk

16 February 2017

TO MEMBERS OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, BANSONS, BANSONS WAY, ONGAR CM5 9AS** on **THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017** commencing at **8.00 pm** for the transaction of business as set out below. Members of the press and public are invited to attend.

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AGENDA

79/16 Apologies for absence

80/16 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Pecuniary Interest and Non Pecuniary Interests under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

Members of the Council are subject to paragraphs 6 (DPIs), 7 (Other Pecuniary Interests) and 8 (Non Pecuniary interests) of that Code. Members are also subject to paragraphs 9-11 of that Code as regards declaration of interests and participation in the meeting insofar as any item of business involves such an interest.

81/16 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda previously notified to the Clerk.

To receive any representations from members of the public.

The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes.

82/16 To agree the minutes of the Open Spaces committee meeting held on 15 December 2016

The minutes are attached.

83/16 Clerk's Report - on items of information that are not an agenda item.

84/16 Finance report

To receive financial report for the committee up to 31 January 2017

85/16 Allotments

- i) To consider an increase in fees with effect from 1 November 2018 and make a recommendation to Finance and Human Resources committee
- ii) To receive information from ECC on the maintenance of gates and stiles on public footpaths



86/16 Cemetery Fees

To review cemetery fees and make a recommendation to Finance and Human Resources committee

87/16 Dog control

To consider Cllr Reynolds suggestion that the Council makes a Dog Control Order where it would be an offence not to remove faeces and punishable with a substantial fine and agree any action necessary.
Extract of minutes from Open Spaces meeting on 20.10.16 –

63/16 Dog Control

iii) To consider Cllr Reynolds suggestion that the Council makes a Dog Control Order where it would be an offence not to remove faeces and punishable with a substantial fine and agree any action necessary.

Information on dog control orders was provided for Councillors consideration.

Cllr Birch proposed that the Council did not pursue the Dog Control Order and to review the situation in 3 months' time and this was seconded by Cllr Bolden.

Vote –

For – 4

Cllr Fletcher abstained.

88/16 Notice boards

- i) To note the budget allocated for notice boards for 2017/18
- ii) To receive information from EFDC regarding re-badging existing notice boards in the street scene
- iii) To consider Cllr Reynolds suggestion to replace the notice boards in the street scene and agree any action necessary

89/16 Ongar in Bloom

To appoint a Councillor to the liaison group with Ongar in Bloom

To receive update on the proposed planting scheme and consider any necessary action

90/16 Tree survey

- i) To agree to an updated tree survey for the Nature Reserve (previously undertaken in 2014).
- ii) To consider tree work at Jubilee Park that was deferred from the meeting on 18 August 2016

91/16 Play areas

- i) To receive quotes for repairs to play areas (as requested at O S 15 Dec 2016)
- ii) To consider quotes for a replacement see saw and a replacement slide at Greensted Rd play area (as requested at O S 15 Dec 2016)

