

# **BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL**



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks and Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 3 June 2025**

**Present** Cllrs: D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, E Blackmore, L Childs, V Cann and M Cann

**Also in Attendance** Tracey Lovell (Parish Clerk)  
Angela Corner (Senior Council Officer)  
1 Member of the Public

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| PG/1/2025/26 | <b><u>Elect Chair</u></b>              | Cllr D Spear was nominated.<br>RESOLVED: That Cllr D Spear be elected Chair of the Parks and Gardens Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/26<br>(NC)  |
| PG/2/2025/26 | <b><u>Apologies</u></b>                | None received  |
| PG/3/2025/26 | <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> | None   |
| PG/4/2025/26 | <b><u>Minutes</u></b>                  | The committee noted that the Minutes of the Parks and Gardens Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025 had previously been approved and ratified by full Council and the Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.<br>(NC)  |
| PG/5/2025/26 | <b><u>Recreation Ground</u></b>        | In the Recreation Ground dog walkers are continuing to ignore all the information and signage asking for dogs to be kept on leads. Various reports were received regarding incidents of dogs off leads and dog mess, both by the public and staff. Requests have also been received to ban dogs from the recreation ground.<br><br>RESOLVED:<br>To carry out a poll to residents to either:<br>i) Ban dogs outright<br>ii) Continue to allow dogs to be walked |

through the recreation ground on a lead.  
Advertise this in EX33 and on social media as well as dropping forms into the library etc.

It is to be noted that if allowed to continue, the Council may still consider a ban in the future if people still ignore the signage.

(NC)

PG/6/2025/26

**Parish Council Play Parks**

a) Mowstead Play Park - The Clerk reported that the Council are in a position to proceed with new play equipment in Mowstead play park. The earliest date the contractor can carry out work is September 2025.

RESOLVED: To book the contractor in and to consult children through Kingsacre School regarding their preferred play equipment.

(NC)

b) Recreation Ground – The Committee considered the remedial surfacing works to the matting under the new play equipment.

RESOLVED: For Proludic to replace the plastic matting under the Turnfly at a cost of £30 per mat plus installation. Work to be carried out after the summer holidays and at the same time as Proludic carry out the work at Mowstead play park.

(NC)

PG/7/2025/26

**Japanese Knot Weed, Velator Quay**

The committee noted that the sum budgeted for the treatment of the Japanese Knotweed had increased by £600 due to revised costs, also due to an increase in the area to be treated.

RESOLVED:

- i) To appoint Environet at a cost of £4300 plus VAT for a 5-year treatment plan
- ii) Advise Braunton Marsh Inspectors
- iii) Ask contractor regarding public safety

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The meeting closed at 2.40pm

Chairman: .....

Date:.....