

# Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting of Witney Town Council



**Monday, 12th May, 2025 at 6.00 pm**

To members of the Parks & Recreation Committee – J Aitman, A Bailey, R Smith, S Simpson, D Edwards-Hughes, J Treloar, J Doughty and T Ashby (and all other Town Councillors for information).

You are hereby summonsed to the above meeting to be held in the **Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange, Witney** for the transaction of the business stated in the agenda below.

## **Admission to Meetings**

All Council meetings are open to the public and press unless otherwise stated.

Numbers of the public will be limited, with priority given to those who have registered to speak on an item on the agenda. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact the Committee Clerk [derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk) in advance.

## **Recording of Meetings**

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the council's public meetings may be recorded, which includes filming, audio-recording as well as photography.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings, please let the Deputy Town Clerk or Committee Clerk know before the start of the meeting.

## **Agenda**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To consider apologies and reasons for absence.

Committee Members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify the Committee Clerk [derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk) **prior** to the meeting, stating the reason for absence.

Standing Order 30(d)(v) permits the appointment of substitute Councillors to a Committee whose role is to replace ordinary Councillors at a meeting of a Committee if ordinary Councillors of the Committee have confirmed to the Proper Officer **before** the meeting that they are unable to attend.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in any of the items under consideration at this meeting in accordance with the Town Council's code of conduct.

### **3. Election of Vice-Chair**

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

### **4. Minutes (Pages 4 - 7)**

a) To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on 10 March 2025;

b) Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda (Questions on the progress on any item).

5. **Participation of the Public**

The meeting will adjourn for this item.

Members of the public may speak for a maximum of five minutes each during the period of public participation, in line with Standing Order 42. Matters raised shall relate to the following items on the agenda. 5

6. **Committee Terms of Reference** (Pages 8 - 9)

To review the Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) if appropriate.

7. **Committee Objectives & Work Programme for the Municipal Year (To Follow)**

To receive and consider the report of the Town Clerk/C.E.O concerning the priorities of this Committee during 2025/26.

**Recreation**

8. **Leys Cricket Update** (Pages 10 - 11)

To receive the report of the Operations Manager.

9. **Update on Cricket Provision at The Leys Recreation Ground**

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk will provide an update on recent communications with Oxfordshire Cricket Board regarding ongoing interest in reintroducing cricket at The Leys. This includes a renewed expression of interest from Henry Box school in using a proposed artificial pitch on the field adjacent to their premises, and general support from the OCB for facilitating cricket activities—including All Stars and women's sessions—once construction works at Courtside are completed.

10. **Witney Basketball** (Pages 12 - 13)

To receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding basketball provision in Witney.

11. **Major Strategic Projects** (Page 14) **(Officer Report to Follow)**

To receive and consider the report of the Projects Officer concerning the progress of projects under the remit of this Committee being undertaken by the Council or Stakeholders.

12. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider and if appropriate, to pass the following resolution:

That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

13. **Major Strategic Projects - West Witney Projects**

a) **Project Update (To Follow)**

To receive and consider the report of the Projects Officer concerning the progress of projects.

b) **Finance Report (To Follow)**

To receive and consider the report of the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).



Town Clerk