

**HALLS & GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on Monday, 1 July 2019

At 7.00 pm in the Gallery Room, The Corn Exchange

Present:

Councillor V Gwatkin (Chair)

Councillors:	L Duncan	O Collins
	T Ashby	D Enright
	D Butterfield	M Jones

Officers:

Others: # members of the public.

H1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllr R Bolger, Cllr J King and the Town Clerk

H2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

H3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting were and signed as agreed by the Chair of the committee.

H4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - THE MEETING WILL ADJOURN FOR THIS ITEM

H5 COMMITTEE VISION & OBJECTIVES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

H6 OPERATIONAL REPORT - PROGRESS ON IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS SINCE LAST MEETING

H7 PUBLIC HALLS

Members received and considered the report of the Public Halls Officer and Office Manager. There had been some successful large events but overall, the usage figures for the Corn Exchange were low and members were advised this had been a trend since its refurbishment in 2014. The Office Manager advised there were a number of issues that needed to be fully explored by the Corn Exchange Working Party.

H8 CEMETERIES AND CLOSED CHURCHYARDS

H9 SPORTS, RECREATION GROUNDS & PARKS

H10 **ALLOTMENTS**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Operations and Estates Officer as circulated prior to the meeting. There was discussion on the future of skips being provided to allotment sites and on whether the Council would buy a shredder for the Allotment Association. Members felt that the Association should be composting at the sites and skips would contradict the work of the Council in terms of its commitments on climate change.

RESOLVED:

1. that the report be noted;
2. that the request from Witney Allotment Association for a shredder be turned down;
3. that Witney Allotment Association are advised the Town Council will not be providing a further skip following the final scheduled one in 2019;
4. that following the Town Council declaration of a climate emergency, the Witney Allotment Association are advised they will need to write something into their constitution regarding environmental impact, and;
 - a) that the above forms part of the lease negotiations and that the WAA provide ways in which they will mitigate their carbon footprint.

The meeting closed at: 8.50 pm

Chair