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9 September 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the **Public Land & Open Space Committee** will take place on **Tuesday 15 September 2015** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade**, commencing at 7pm in order to transact the undermentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully

Cllr B Briars
Chairperson

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Cllr P Biernis	Cllr I Bond
Cllr B Briars (Chair)	Cllr F Foster
Cllr M Foster	Cllr Ms R Kerfoot
Cllr M North (Vice Chair)	Cllr Mrs H Ramsay
Cllr D Strachan	Cllr S Watkins
Cllr G Wilson	

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item –
- (b) Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item –

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions that are pertaining to matters listed on this agenda.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a. For Members to receive the minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces meeting held on 16 June 2015.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a. From the Public Lands and Open Spaces meeting held on 16 June 2015.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Proposed Public Arts Feature and Seating at Dan Albone Car Park**

Members are asked to consider a request from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity for the installation of a Public Arts Feature and Seating at Dan Albone Car Park.

“In relation to enhancing the area further, and to highlight the links to both Dan Albone and the Green Wheel, I have secured some funding, which could be spent in the car park / picnic area. In particular an ‘arts feature’ and some seating, which I think could work well on the grass area immediately west of the pumping station. We could also look to add a bit more planting to screen the pumping station and provide an attractive backdrop.”

Further information is attached to this agenda.

b. **66th Biggleswade Sports Meeting – 9 July 2016**

Town Council has received correspondence from Biggleswade Sports to advise that they plan to hold their 66th Annual Sports Meeting on Saturday 9 July 2016 commencing at 12.00, midday, at Fairfield Sports Ground. Biggleswade Cricket Club Secretary has agreed to the date. They are requesting permission to use the Sports Ground as well as the Pavilion and Toilets.

Members are asked to consider this request.

c. **Biggleswade Splash Park Committee**

Correspondence from the Biggleswade Kids Splash Park Committee is attached to this agenda.

Members are asked to consider the following two matters:

- 1) To use Franklin Recreation Ground as a site for a Splash Park
- 2) For the Town Council to adopt the Splash Park once built.

7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Update on current works and orders for information**

Kitelands Recreation Ground

Play Equipment: an order has been placed for the installation of two Zig Zag Twisters, removal of rubber tiles and installation of kerb edging and wetpour. The contractor is currently waiting on delivery of play equipment with a further 4 week lead time prior to commencing work.

MUGA: additional groundworks have been identified, which is planned to be carried out by Town Council staff in the autumn prior to the installation of the MUGA.

Lakes Recreation Ground

The swing frame has been removed and repainted ready for installation at Poppyfields. Concrete bases and tiles have been replaced with top soil sown with grass seed.

Poppyfields Play Area (2)

Contractor waiting on supply of Turnstile with a further 4 week lead time prior to commencing work. Benches have been removed for refurbishment.

Litter Bins

Six bins have been received and will be installed at Dan Albone Car Park (x1), Eagle Farm Road (x2), Franklin Recreation Ground (x1) and River Ivel by new life buoy (x1). One bin has been reserved for installation by the MUGA at Kitelands Recreation Ground.

Allotment Access Road

The allotment road has been completed and feedback from allotment holders has been extremely positive.

Allotment Dip Tanks

Four dip tanks have been received. Installation is planned for the autumn/winter ready for next season.

Vehicles

An additional Kubota RTV X900 Utility Vehicle has been delivered and is in use by Ground Staff.

Football Pitches

Works through the summer have included overseeding all of the football pitches and making good worn areas including goal mouths at Stratton Way Recreation Ground and the Lakes. Changes to the layout of pitches at Eagle Farm Road have been made to accommodate the requirements of various youth teams using the site for training and matches. The available pitches are as follows:

Eagle Farm Road	80x50 yards	60x40 yards	40x30 yards
The Lakes	98x55 yards	75x50 yards	
Stratton Way	98x55 yards		

Refurbishment of benches

A rolling programme of refurbishment of wooden benches in play areas and recreation grounds has commenced and will be fitted in around ongoing priorities.

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9. EXEMPT ITEMS

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item +issue(s) is discussed.

Item 10a - Contracts

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.