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BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

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MINUTES

Held on:	Monday, 15 June 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Corn Exchange
Summoned members present	Recreation & Amenities Cllrs; Y Miéville (Chair), S Chapman (Vice-Chair), C Stevens, S Hitchings, L Hitchings, M Putt, H Miéville, A Cross
Absent:	J Robinson
Officers Present:	Town Clerk, Operations Manager, RFO (online)
In attendance:	Cllr M Spruce, Cllr G Del-Pinto, Press (0), Members of the public (0).

RA1.1 Public Session

- a. No members of the public were present to make representations to the Council. Cllr Chapman reported that the mess at Heddington Drive had been cleared up.

RA1.2 Apologies

- a. Officer report RA1.2 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Robinson due to ill health.

ACTION: MAYOR'S ASSISTANT

RA1.3 Declarations of Interest

- a. Officer report RA1.3 was received, all councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted and it was **NOTED** that there were no declarations made

RA1.4 Minutes

- a. Officer report RA1.4 was received and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of 09/02/2026 be approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken.

ACTION: CLLR Y MIÉVILLE SIGNED THE MINUTES AT THE MEETING.

RA1.5 Officer Report to the Committee

- a. Officer report RA1.5 was received and **NOTED**.
- b. It was **REQUESTED** that the RFO provide additional details regarding the EV charging expenditure versus income.

ACTION: RFO

- c. It was **REQUESTED** that the Clerk provide details of training for Martyn's Law for councillors as part of the policy development.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Initial:

RA1.6 Allotment Rents

- a. Officer report RA1.6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (*unanimously*)

To increase the rent for 2026/27 to £530.19 (+VAT), amend the name ‘ringfenced fund’ to ‘maintenance contribution’ and consider plot rents and potential grant request at the Town council meeting on 22nd June 2026.

ACTION: RFO

RA1.7 Members Motion 26001 – Living in Harmony

- a. Members Motion 26001 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (*unanimously*)

To support Phase 1 of the “Apple Orchard for Blandford” project, comprising the mapping, identification and preservation of existing apple and fruit trees within Blandford Forum, together with engagement with landowners and relevant partner organisations to assess biodiversity, heritage and community opportunities.

*That officers and the relevant committee or working group work with Cllr Del-Pinto and stakeholders to develop a fully scoped Phase 2 proposal for the establishment of a Community Orchard, including potential sites, costs, funding opportunities, governance and maintenance arrangements, for consideration by Council at a future meeting.
(Financial provision – up to £612 no current budget line existing)*

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

RA1.8 Cremated Remains

- a. Officer report RA1.8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (*unanimously*)

To establish a cremated remains interment area in Area G of the Top Field, with plots for up to two sets of cremated remains, one approved memorial type only (lectern style as shown in accompanying report), and the fees set at £150 for residents and £300 for non-residents plus interment fees, with memorial fees of £135 for residents and £268 for non-residents. Communications to be executed as outlined in the accompanying report, with quotes and media interviews to be provided by the Chair of Committee or Chair of Council.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:05pm

These minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the **Recreation and Amenities Committee** and, if approved, will be signed and dated by the Chair of that meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____