



Minutes of a Meeting of the **Environment & Open Spaces Committee** held

in the Main Hall, Park House, Stamford Street, Glenfield, Leicester on

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 6.30 pm**

**Present**

Cllr. D. Allen  
Cllr. N. Chapman  
Cllr. L. Stephens (*Acting Chair*)

Also, in attendance –

Beverley Greenwood, Parish Manager  
Callum Wilkinson (Advisor for grounds)  
Gillian Goldie, Clerical Assistant

**Three members of the public**

**Not Present**

Cllr. R. Denney  
Cllr. G. Huss (apologies received)  
Cllr. R. Wyatt

- EOS/58/24-25 **Chairman's Introduction**  
In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chair, Cllr Lee Stephens welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- EOS/59/24-25 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr. Graham Huss  
This apology was noted.
- EOS/60/24-25 **To receive disclosures of interests from members:** *(i.e., the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda).*  
None
- EOS/61/24-25 **Minutes**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a true and accurate record.
- EOS/62/24-25 **Matters arising from the minutes of said meeting not otherwise on the agenda**  
None
- EOS/63/24-25 **Public Participation**  
The meeting was suspended at 6:32pm to allow members of the public to speak on items on the agenda. Two members of the public, Glenfield's Cricket Club Secretary and the Club Captain, voiced concerns in respect of agenda item EOS/65/24-25 regarding the council's decision made in September 2024 to increase the fees for the Cricket season 2025 and 2026.



The club secretary explained to members that the club were expecting some increase for 2025 of about 2.28% but that the new fees for 2025 would probably force the club to close as they only brought in £6,000 in income with subs etc and the new fees would equate to only breaking even. The club captain went on to say that their use of the grounds brought in income to the local pubs and that cricket allowed the community to engage and stay fit.

The chair thanked the members of the public for attending and advised that the members would discuss the issue further later in the meeting.

The public were invited to remain for the rest of the meeting but they declined.

**(Two members of the public left the meeting at 6.52pm. The meeting went back into session.)**

EOS/64/24-25 **Matters affecting Parish owned or managed smaller parks and open spaces and the Sports Ground:**  
*Review of these sites and Associated Assets (any maintenance or improvement works required).*

The Grounds Manager Callum Wilkinson reported the following:

**Football finish dates**

Glenfield Town last game- Tuesday 15th April 2025

Glenfield United - last games Sunday match 13th April 2025 with midweek games 15th & 17th April 2025. Glenfield United Sunday 8th June 2025 club presentation day

**Cricket** start 19th April 2025

**Bowls green** opening day 31st March 2025

New play equipment opened to the public 21st February 2025. It has been well received.

- i) Correspondence in respect of the removal of the fence surrounding Wheatfield Pond was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that as per previous discussions to remove the fence, no further action would be taken to fence the area off at this time.
- ii) Request to plant a memorial tree in Ellis Park – **RESOLVED** to advise the applicant that the request has been approved for sponsorship of an existing tree. The Parish Manager to issue the necessary paperwork
- iii) Request for a memorial bench in Ellis Park – **RESOLVED** to advise the applicant that the request has been approved for sponsorship of an existing bench. The Parish Manager to issue the necessary paperwork.

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### **Inspections Mill Lane & Glebe allotments**

Clerical assistant, Gillian Goldie gave a verbal report regarding new occupants on Mill Lane allotment site which occurred in February 2025.

### **Allotment Reports – February 2025**

Inspections of the allotment sites would be carried out in March 2025 due to the new staffing arrangements which had taken place in February 2025.

#### **Mill Lane site**

Three new tenants in February 2025.

One remaining available plot.

Plot 15a and 15b had also been combined to make one large plot, 15. The application to erect a shed, 6ft by 4ft was discussed it was **RESOLVED** to approve the application as the plot, ML15, was now large enough to accommodate a shed, as part of the Council's Allotment policy. A £50 deposit was required.

#### **Glebe Allotment site**

Three available plots

#### **Notes**

The water at both sites is due to be turned back on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for the summer season.

EOS/65/24-25 **To re-consider the committee's original decision of the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in regard to the charges for the 2025 and 2026 cricket season.**

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to advise the Club that the Council must ensure that its facilities operate on a cost-neutral basis, meaning that all users, including organisations like the Glenfield Cricket Club, should be self-sufficient rather than relying on Glenfield taxpayers to subsidize these facilities.

**RESOLVED** that the members had not received adequate information from the Secretary and Club Captain to build support for overturning the Committee's original decision, made in September 2024, to increase the fees for using the Cricket Square and related facilities at Gynsill Lane Sports Club for the 2025 season and beyond.

**RESOLVED** that the Committee unanimously uphold the original decision made in September 2024 and that the charges for the Cricket Square and associated facilities will remain at £300 per session for the 2026 season.

**RESOLVED** to again facilitate the transition by offering a 50% reduction for the upcoming 2025 season providing the Club ample time to prepare for the changes in 2026.

EOS/66/24-25 **Matters arising in respect of the Environment and Climate Change.**  
Nothing to report.

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EOS/67/24-25 **Any other business that the Chairman deemed urgent and requires action so as not to delay the business of this Committee.**

None.

EOS/68/24-25 **Date of next meeting:**

The date of the next meeting was advised as Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 7.25pm**

Signed:.....  
Chair

Date:.....

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