



## Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF Finance Committee [In-person] held on **Thursday 13 March 2025** at **16:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council Offices, 8 Broad Street, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1BZ**

Present: Cllrs Dean Stewart (Chair), Richard Grainger (Mayor and Vice Chair), John Green and Janice Aherne

In Attendance: Melissa Wall, EDDC Section 106 Officer and Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

### **F/25/03/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr Lucas.

### **F/25/03/15 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Stewart	No interests declared.
Cllr Grainger	No interests declared.
Cllr Aherne	No interests declared.
Cllr Green	No interests declared.

### **F/25/03/16 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS**

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

There were none.

### **F/25/03/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration  
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

There were none.

### **F/25/03/18 TO REVIEW IDEAS SUBMITTED ON HOW £162,000 SHOULD BE SPENT ON IMPROVING PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND MAKE DECISIONS AS APPROPRIATE**

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Melissa gave an overview of her role.

It was noted that the PlayZone/MUGA at Strawberry Lane has a separate S106 allocation of £150,000. Any funds left after the creation of a PlayZone would need to be used on new or improving sports pitches.

The list of ideas submitted were reviewed. It was AGREED that the following projects are suitable for S106 funds and should be investigated further:

- Nets at the Ottery St Mary Cricket Club
- Improvements to the Land of Canaan – either some form of shelter or further improvements to the proposed new playpark
- Improvements to Winters Lane Tennis Courts – however the Council want to ensure that free access is maintained.
- Skatepark – equipment and access
- Proposals at Ottery St Mary Football Club including Car parking especially to maintain access for air ambulance; Changing room uplift; Darts academy; LED lighting; Fencing
- Creation of a 5 a side pitch at Winters Lane and/or Strawberry Lane

EDDC have advised that replacing the footbridge at Land of Canaan and ensuring it was DDA compliant would cost approximately £60,000 and is therefore cost prohibitive.

EDDC confirmed that proposed walking trails around the town should come from CIL funding and not the S106 money allocated to open spaces. It was **RECOMMENDED** that these ideas should be progressed by the Environment, Local Development and Commerce Committee as part of the regeneration work they are undertaking.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact EDDC to ask how asset transfer would work due to the proposed local government review.

**F/25/03/19 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There is none.

**F/25/03/20 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS**

There were none.

**F/25/03/21 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

It was confirmed that the next step will be to go back to the parish and ask them to complete an online survey asking if they support the proposed projects. It can be an online survey and it could be put on Commonplace if required.

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**F/25/03/22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TO BE CONFIRMED**  
Reports & Appendix 1

Meeting concluded at 17:50

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