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Market Deeping Town Council – Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 06.45 pm held in the Town Hall Chambers, Market Deeping. Cllr Broughton presided over Cllr Mrs D Jones, Cllr Dick Hughes, Cllr Mrs Jean Sked, Cllr Paul Hanson, Cllr Jayne Reed, also present was the Clerk.

16. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Broughton welcomed members to the meeting.

17. To note apologies and accept valid reason for Absence

Apologies for Absence were accepted for Cllr Xan Collins.

18. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

There were no Declarations of Interest.

19. Minutes of a previous AOS meeting held on the 14th May 2025

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

20. Clerk's report and update on work of the Park-Keepers

Members had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item 5

Clerk's and Park Keeper's report 9th July 2025

John Eve field

- Replacement grass cutting tractor delivered May 2025
- Green carpet vandalism, added in as an additional request was for the supplier to assess the deterioration of surfaces in the wet pour area. Supplier visited in May 2025 and we are currently awaiting an updated quote for these works. It is intended that both these areas of work will take place on the same visit. Currently waiting for revised quote and date of remedial work yet to be confirmed
- Another dog bin has been installed junction The Spinney/Orchard, and two replacement liners have been purchased, and these will be inserted into the existing dog bins following current liners deteriorating located on the John Eve Field and Tattershall Road areas
- Additional 'Please Shut This Gate' signage has been installed in the small play children's area
- Following the recent Arb. Report a number of trees across John Eve & Glebe Fields, The Spinney and Cemetery have been identified for remedial work, this remains on-going

Town Centre

- Hanging baskets were installed in the Town in May 2025

Clerk's report

- Annual review of Risk Assessments has commenced and remains on-going

Cherry Tree Park

- Initial assessment of the existing children's play equipment has been undertaken, and it is noted that the existing children's swings need replacing

Charter Avenue Children's Play Area

- Initial assessment of the existing children's play equipment has been undertaken, and it is noted that repairs are desperately needed to certain play pieces and a supplier has visited the site to quote for remedial work

Charter Avenue Allotments

- A site visit has been conducted by the Chairman and Clerk and on assessing the measurements for the site, the number of allotment plots has increased. Work has begun to map these plots out. Further work will be required to reach a 'Set-Up' stage before agreeing next steps

21. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon

Correspondence – Amenities & Open Spaces – 9th July 2025				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1.	Peterborough Sings!	10/6/25	Email: Seeking permission to raise a banner on the J.E Field to promote "Best of John Williams and Film Music"	Authorised by the Clerks
Correspondence to be Acted Upon – Received up to 9th July 2025				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1.	Taylor's Amusements	4/6/25	In person visit – To request use of the John Eve Field, dates May 2026 14 th , 15 th , 16 th , 17 th , then 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd and 24 th May 2026	Approved – Subject to field conditions
2.	Local Resident	19/6/25	In person visit – Request for Council to consider; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planting an Oak tree on Riverside Park to honour the 80th anniversary of V.E & V.J Day 	Committee members wish to thank the Local Resident for submitting their idea, and also advised that a soil test has been previously conducted on Riverside Park, whereby it was found that this area is not suitable for the growing of Oak trees
3.	Local Resident	8/7/25	Email – Request to meet a councillor to discuss various items regarding Cemetery Drive	Members discussed and have agreed to meet with the Local Resident, after the summer recess

4.	Supplier of play equipment and repairs	9/7/25	<p>Email – Quotes for repairs and some new equipment.</p> <p>Area 1 – John Eve Field (repairs) £766</p> <p>Area 2 – Charter Avenue (repairs and new play equipment combined) £6,789</p> <p>Area 3 – Cherry Tree Park (repairs and new play equipment combined) £9,535</p>	<p>Area 1</p> <p>Area 2</p> <p>Area 3</p> <p>Members discussed and RESOLVED unanimously to accept the costs, with Area 1 and 2 given priority as Area 3 is currently going through a legal process to transfer ownership</p>
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22. Omega

The Omega report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The Chairman asked members if they had any questions, there were none.

23. New Defib/Bleed kit housing cabinet required – for members to discuss and agree costs

Members discussed and RESOLVED unanimously for the purchase of a Defib/Bleed kit housing cabinet.

24. New cordless hedge trimmer/pruner – for members to discuss and agree costs

Members discussed and instructed the Clerk to obtain two further quotes to compare prices

25. For members to consider and discuss any points raised in the Open session

There were none

26. To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of Amenities and Open Spaces Committee, to be held in the Town Hall Chambers on Wednesday 11th September 2025 at 6.45 pm, meet in the Town Hall Chambers, Market Deeping

September Agenda to include; Comparison of costs for a new cordless hedge trimmer/pruner

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance, the meeting closed at 6.59 pm

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....

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