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Market Deeping Town Council – Amenities and Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 15^h July 2026 at 6.45 pm held on the John Eve Field, Market Deeping. Cllr Broughton presided over Cllr Debbie Jones, Cllr Dick Hughes, Cllr Paul Hanson and Cllr Jean Sked, also present were two Clerks.

01. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Broughton extended a very warm welcome to all to the meeting.

02. To note apologies and accept valid reason for Absence

There were none.

03. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

04. Minutes of a previous AOS meeting held on the 13th May 2026

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.

05. 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 15^h July 2026

John Eve field

- Goal posts – One post has started to rot and the second is showing signs of wear. Initial feelers are being made to see if a utility company would be able to supply replacement poles to use free of charge so that we can update the goal posts – on-going.

BMX Track

- A report was received in May 2026 by a user of the track, reporting that electric scooters, radio-controlled cars and small children are using the BMX track, hence presenting a hazard to BMX users. MDTC will monitor the situation and report back at this meeting, a notice is being drafted to be placed on the BMX track...This BMX track is for BMX users, it prohibits use for radio-controlled cars, electric scooters and small children to play in this area due to Health & Safety concerns.
- A further incident has been reported in this period of people using electric scooters on the track, this has been reported to the Police and a crime reference number has been obtained.
- The field is scheduled for a RoSPA inspection in August as well as the BMX Track.

Town Centre

- Hanging baskets – Were installed in June 2026.

Clerk's Report

- Wickstead – Pendulum Swing repairs have been made.
- New Tractor for the Park Keepers arrived 15/5/26
- Defib change of location. Exploring the possibility of locating a defib in the Tattershall Drive area has identified the following; there is no power source, a solution would be to have a wind & solar post for installation and these have an average cost of 3K plus installation cost of circa. £700. Planning permission may apply as it is likely to be SKDC land. An alternative solution is for a different

location to be identified that would be at less cost. Members discussed this point at the meeting and agreed to keep searching for a location that has an electric supply.
Cherry Tree Park - Water butt/supply – see also agenda item. - There has been an act of vandalism with graffiti on the back wall, this has been referred to Lincolnshire Police – on-going.
Charter Avenue Children's Play Area - Perimeter fencing – next steps of possible tendering continue. - There are repeated acts of vandalism occurring in the children's play area, with the new installation of swings primarily being targeted, currently this situation is being monitored. Councillors discussed this point in the meeting and advised all acts of vandalism to be reported to Lincolnshire Police.
Charter Avenue Allotments - The local Explorers assisted with the initial clearing up of the existing Allotment areas and we are thankful for their support. An email has been sent to them thanking them for their work. - Sectional Fencing – Commenced w/c 29/6/26 and has now been completed. - There has been an act of vandalism regarding the outer perimeter fence where a section has been damaged, this matter will be reported to Lincolnshire Police and the area will be monitored. - Additional support has been received by students from the Deepings School, with continuing to clear the Allotment Area.
Welland Gardens - Planter and planting – All completed. - New Bench – Update on a gift from the Round Table on-going. - Land adjacent to Welland Gardens – No further information at the time of writing this report.
Riverside Park - Preparing the area for the Raft Race (2/8/26) and The Boundary Event (August BH) - A bench donated by a local family is in need of some maintenance, the family have arranged for work to be completed and are considering changing the bench for one which is made of more durable material (see also correspondence). - The out- of- date noticeboard remains a work in progress as we work with other organisation to have the information updated.
Cemetery Driveway Raking – Now performing a ration of 2:1 in favour of the Council. A rota was set up following a meeting held in May 2026, with a ratio of 2:1, however, we have experienced two heatwaves, and this work is deemed unsafe to perform in high temperatures. Members: Clerk recommendation to hire mechanical aids for the raking of the driveway, to assist and aid the Park Keepers.

06. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon

Correspondence – Amenities & Open Spaces – 15 th July 2026				
Agenda item 6				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1.	Lincs Wildlife Trust	26/5/26	Email: Request to raise a banner on the John Eve Field from 26/5/26 to 8/6/26	Approved by Clerks
2.	Deepings Business Community Awards	27/5/26	Email: Request to raise a banner on the John Eve Field from 1/6/26 to 21/6/26	Approved by Clerks
3.	Deepings Young Explorers	25/6/26	Email: Received to acknowledge an email of thanks that had been sent to	For Information

			thank all of the Explorers for their hard work and commitment in helping clear the Allotment ground. Explorers stating that they really enjoyed the opportunity.	
Correspondence to be Acted Upon – Received up to 15th July 2026				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1.	BMX User	20/5/26	Email: email correspondence received from a person who uses the track with his family. Has raised concerns about the use of electric scooters, radio-controlled cars and children playing on the track	For Committee Information
2.	Raft Race Committee	2/6/26	Email: Seeking advice/guidance regarding work in the Market Place and planning for their event of the 2/8/26	For Committee Information Update: This enquiry was passed to the Chair, due to the timescales and planning requirements for the event
3.	Business Contact wishes to provide chargeable services (small group football coaching)	29/5/26	Email: Seeking permission to use land in the town to host football coaching sessions. Sessions to be attended by patrons/clients and these are chargeable services. Permission being sought to use MDTC land Tues, Weds, Fri and Sunday weekdays approx. 6pm to 9pm, Sunday's daytime hours	Committee Response Councillors discussed and unanimously RESOLVED for MDTC land not to be used for commercial use. Therefore, permission not granted
4.	Business Contact wishes to provide chargeable services (small 1:1/1:2 football coaching) Note: This is a different applicant to the above	16/6/26	Email: Seeking permission to use the John Eve Field to host private 1:1 and 2:1 football coaching. Sessions to be attended by patrons/clints and these are chargeable services. Permission being sought to use MDTC land 1 day a week, for 3 hours max	Committee Response Councillors discussed and unanimously RESOLVED for MTDC land not to be used for commercial use. Therefore, permission not granted
5.	MDTC Councillor	22/6/26	Email: Advised that a report has been made to the Police regarding people using electric bikes on the BMX Track and a Crime Reference number has been allocated	Committee Response For Information
6.	Local Resident	24/6/26	Email: Existing wooden memorial bench that is located in Riverside Park,	Committee Response Councillors discussed and unanimously

			wish to replace with one made of more durable material	RESOLVED to agree to the changing of the bench and offered practical support to the resident to enable the change
7.	Local Resident	9/7/26	Email: Resident seeking a work opportunity	Committee Response Councillors discussed and asked the Clerk to acknowledge the email, at this point in time there are no vacancies within the town

07. Omega Reports had been distributed ahead of the meeting. The Chairman asked if there were any questions, there were none.

08. Cherry Tree Park – Water Butt/Supply; for members to discuss the following;

a) Reimburse local resident for water used from private supply to water plants at Cherry Tree Park, costs £100. For members to discuss and agree next steps

Members discussed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to reimburse a local resident for private water supply for £100 and this to be in place for the whole time that the resident lives at the property and agrees to supply.

b) For members to discuss any other solutions for a water supply for Cherry Tree Park and agree the next steps

Members discussed and unanimously **RESOLVED** for the Chairman to make enquiries to explore if there are any other solutions for a water supply at Cherry Tree Park

09. BMX Track – Following a report from a user of the track highlighting, people using the track with radio-controlled cars and electronic scooters, and maintenance of the track, members to discuss and consider next steps

Members discussed and agreed to continue to monitor the situation

10. For members to consider and discuss any points raised in the Open Session

There were none

11. 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 9th September 2026 at 6.45pm meet in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Market Deeping

For the next agenda, location for an additional defibrillator with electric supply

Meeting Closed: 7.05pm

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....

