

Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee
held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 7:30pm
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall

Councillors present: Cllr Danny Bonnett (Chair)
Cllr Chris Bloor
Cllr Chris Davies
Cllr Fiona Deas
Cllr Chris Rowe

Officers present: Wendy Sydenham (Deputy Clerk)

OS2526.121 TO CONSIDER ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Gil Gilroy, Cllr Christine Carter and Cllr Chris Woodhouse

OS2526.122 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no members' declarations of interest.

OS2526.123 TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no members of the public present.

OS2526.124 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE ON 19 MAY 2026

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting on 19 May 2026, and they were signed by the Chair.

OS2526.125 TO NOTE AN UPDATE FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL ON THE STREAMSIDE WALK PROJECT

An update had not been received from South Gloucestershire Council and it noted that this item would be carried forward to a future meeting and that Cllr Chris Davies would seek an update on timescales and progress.

OS2526.126 TO AGREE TO REPLACE THE PIPE WITHIN THE CULVERT BY THE TENNIS COURTS AND TO AGREE FUNDING

In relation to the replacement of the pipe within the culvert by the tennis courts, the following was **RESOLVED** unanimously:

- To carry out the repair to the culvert as set out in the officer report.
- To delegate authority to officers to engage a contractor to carry out the works after seeking three quotes.

- To delegate authority to officers to spend up to £3800 on these works, to come from the Open Spaces/Maintenance budget (130/4150).
- To request that, in due course, officers assess potential upstream interventions to reduce the impact of a likely increase in future flooding events, and to explore options for opening up the culvert.

OS2526.127 TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THORNBURY CEMETERY

- **To consider a request made regarding allowing dogs in the Cemetery**
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to continue to allow dogs on leads in the Cemetery and noted that officers would resolve the inconsistent signage.
- **To consider a request made regarding cutting less frequently in some parts of the Cemetery**
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to continue with the existing regime of leaving some of the older sections of the Cemetery uncut for longer period, but to authorise officers to respond to requests to make small adjustments to individual plots.

OS2526.128 TO FURTHER CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE GROVESEND ROUNDABOUT

In relation to the Grovesend roundabout, the following was **RESOLVED**:

- To await further detail from South Gloucestershire Council on both the special expenses funding changes and the various landscaping projects, as they would impact any plans to make changes to the roundabout.
- Once more is known regarding the above, to investigate options for improvements to the roundabout including bringing in an (ideally local) external contractor/landscaper to take it back to the original design and add in some additional planting, and the installation of a feature e.g. sculpture or multi rotor turbine, possibly with a farming or nuclear power theme.

OS2526.129 TO AGREE KEY POINTS FROM THE MEETING TO BE PUBLICISED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to publicise progress on South Gloucestershire Council's Streamside Walk project once further details were available.

OS2526.130 TO NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEMS TO THE DEPUTY CLERK FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA IS WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

The deadline for submission of items to the Deputy Clerk for inclusion in the next agenda was noted to be Wednesday 2 September 2026.

OS2526.131 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

The date of the next meeting was noted to be Tuesday 15 September 2026.

The meeting closed at 20.20.