



Minutes of **FILTON TOWN COUNCIL – Assets & Open Spaces Committee** held at 7:00PM on Tuesday, 20th May 2026 – Held at: Filton Town Council Office's Conference Room.

PRESENT: Cllrs: J. Baverstock (*Chair*), T. Mewies (*Vice Chair & Mayor*), A. Doyle, and J. Molloy.

IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Hutton (*Deputy Clerk*) and Peach Jones (*Support Officer*).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: A. Monk and S. Milestone.

MEETING STARTED AT 7.04pm

01. EVACUATION PROCEDURES – Noted.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Noted: Cllrs Monk and Milestone.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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| a. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda. | None. |
| b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any). | None. |
| c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. | None. |

04. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: No items were required for exclusion of the press and public, and no members of the press or public were in attendance.

05. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ASSETS & OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 were approved and signed, as an accurate record.

06. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT RANGER REPORT

NOTED: The Deputy Clerk updated councillors on sports and community initiatives.

Councillors discussed revisiting plans to develop the lower area of Elm Park, as previous concerns linked to the leisure centre collapse no longer apply.

An update was provided on Filton Foxes Cycling Track activities and their work with local schools to teach cycling skills.

Councillors supported expanding participation to more schools, including secondary schools, SGS College and Rolls-Royce College.

Questions were raised about participant age ranges, gender balance, and opportunities for local boys' and girls' schools to engage in cycle speedway.

It was suggested that the track could be made available free of charge for school sports days.

Officers will raise these opportunities through the Community Business Partnership network.

07. OUTDOOR CHESS QUOTES

RESOLVED: Councillors unanimously agreed to purchase two units of Quote 1, consisting of a stone table with separate stone chairs.

08. CONYGRE REGENERATION PROJECT LAUNCH BUDGET

RESOLVED: A proposed £2,000 launch event budget was discussed.

Councillors highlighted the need to confirm whether an event could legally be held on land not owned by the Council.

Rather than approving the budget, councillors agreed that officers should bring forward proposals for a public consultation event at the next committee meeting.

09. CONYGRE BUS STOP

RESOLVED: Councillors considered options for the disused bus shelter, including removal, repair, or repurposing.

Ideas included using it as a community information point, seating area, planting feature, or public artwork space.

The shelter will be retained for now while officers investigate costs and options for improvement and report back.

10. FILTON FESTIVAL UPDATE

Councillors received an updated programme featuring birds of prey displays, model aircraft, hot air balloons, static exhibits, paper aeroplane workshops, a classic car show, and expanded children's activities.

The Sunday format was intended to create a family-friendly atmosphere and reduce antisocial behaviour.

Concerns were raised about the environmental impact of foam activities and potential effects of birds of prey and hot air balloon displays on wildlife.

With the Mayor and Deputy Mayor unavailable, councillors supported Liam (local kickboxing athlete) to formally opening the festival.

Suggestions were made to involve the South Gloucestershire Vintage Group in the classic car display.

11. COMMUNITY GROWING CONTEST

NOTED: An update was provided on the Filton Allotments Growing Contest.

Councillors suggested engaging the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), representatives from Filton Golf Club, and South Gloucestershire Council to support and promote the initiative.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 16th June 2026 at 7PM.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.04pm