

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE OF EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GALTRES
CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017**

Present: Councillors: G. Ellis
F. Johnston-Banks
C. Jackson
N. Madden
P. Nottage
Nominated Members: K. Osborne
C. Fletcher

Assistant Clerk: Mrs J. Fairbrother

1.	<p>Apologies To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Fowell.</p>
2	<p>To resolve to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. There were no members of the public present.</p>
3.	<p>Clerk's Progress Report/Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plot number 10 at the Dawney Allotments has been re-allocated after repossession. Due to the overgrown condition the new tenant has been offered the first year rent-free. There are currently two names on the waiting list for an allotment. • Two recycled plastic picnic benches were ordered on 26th September for Chase Garth Park and are due to be installed w/c 6th November. • The overgrown cherry trees at Thornlands have been reported to NYCC. Notification was received on 19th September that they have been added to their programme of works. The resident concerned has been informed. • New dog/litter bins have been installed by HDC at Millfield Lane, Millfield Open Space, Kellbalk Lane, Tanpit Lane and Hambleton Way. Two damaged dog/litter bins have been replaced by refurbished bins at Millfield Open Space. A litter bin has been relocated from the toddler's play area to the front of the bandstand. • The Assistant Clerk has requested that NYCC install a floodlight to the lamp post in front of the Skate Park. NYCC have confirmed they will be replacing all lights on the footpath with LED and will attach a LED floodlight to column 17 directed towards to Skate Park. The floodlight will be timer and photocell controlled. • Signs have been purchased for Millfields Car Park, the Skate Park and the Memorial Park requesting users to be considerate to neighbours and other park users. • A team of volunteers led by Councillor Jackson and the Easingwold Green Spaces Group have planted over 8000 daffodil bulbs on the approach roads

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	<p>into Easingwold. The Committee wishes to express its thanks to everyone involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Assistant Clerk has contacted Groundworks to confirm that the Feasibility study can be paid for out of the Tesco Bags of Help grant money and they have agreed. They have also agreed to an extension on the completion of the Wetlands Project until March 2018. They will review the situation again then.
4.	<p>Millfields Open Space</p> <p>4.1 To receive the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Feasibility Study (previously circulated) and a recommendation from the Millfields Working Group on access to the ponds and consider the way forward. Millfields Working Group put a recommendation forward to go for Option 2 as outlined in the Feasibility Study. It was AGREED that this recommendation should be taken forward to the Public Consultation.</p> <p>4.2. To receive quotations from three Landscape Design companies for the Millfields Public Consultation and consider the way forward. Millfields Working Group put a recommendation forward to accept the proposal from the Landscape Design Company (Option A) to carry out the Public Consultation. After discussion it was AGREED to refer the recommendation back to the Millfields Working Group for further consideration. The Chairman of the Working Group will report back to the Committee with a new recommendation.</p> <p>4.3. To receive a recommendation from a local resident about the best place to locate a new picnic bench and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to situate the picnic bench further away from the boundary of properties on Uppleby towards the horse shoe path in line with the sketch provided.</p> <p>4.4. To review the plan to “rough cut” the meadow at Millfields Open Space and consider the way forward. Cllr Jackson reported on the current situation including drainage problems which are preventing the area being cut. It was RECOMMENDED that Cllr Jackson prepare a specification to obtain quotes for the drainage issues to be rectified. A working group will clear the area of stones and litter to allow the MWC to attempt a cut using a pasture topper, weather permitting. It was AGREED to carry this item forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>4.5 To consider any other matters. Kelly Osborne put forward a proposal to move on with replacing the broken fencing around the perimeter of the wetlands during the winter months. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should check with Groundworks that dog proof fencing and a self-closing gate can be funded using the Tesco Bags of Help Grant. If approval is given, it was AGREED to go ahead with the work to replace the fencing.</p> <p>Cllr. Jackson informed the Committee that he has begun work to improve and reinstate the horse shoe path to its full width and improve accessibility for the public.</p>

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	<p>It was AGREED that Cllr. Nottage should draft a letter for the Advertiser explaining about the horseshoe path and other projects at Millfields.</p>
5.	<p>5. Play Area Inspections</p> <p>5.1 To receive a quotation from Park Lane Playgrounds to carry out essential maintenance work highlighted in their quarterly inspection reports. It was AGREED to accept the quotation.</p> <p>5.2 To receive quotations for Annual Inspections for the Play areas and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should clarify whether or not it is mandatory to have an Annual Inspection. If this is the case, it was AGREED to accept the quote from G B Sport & Leisure.</p>
6.	<p>Trees</p> <p>6.1 To receive a quote to carry out essential work to trees at Barns Wray and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from Yorkshire Stumpgrinders.</p> <p>6.2 To receive a quote to provide and plant a lime tree on Lime Tree Avenue where a dead ash was recently removed, and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from Yorkshire Stumpgrinders.</p> <p>6.3 To receive a quote to carry out essential work to a silver birch tree in front of 10 Copperclay Walk and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from Yorkshire Stumpgrinders.</p> <p>6.4 To receive a letter from Easingwold District Scouts regarding a tree survey at the Easingwold Outdoor Centre and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the Scouts should include the trees when they obtain quotes for the work but that ETC is to be provided with an estimate before any work is carried out. It was AGREED that the Lease should be checked to determine that the trees remain the responsibility of ETC.</p> <p>6.5 To receive a quote to carry out maintenance work to trees and bushes on the Millfields Car Park and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from Yorkshire Stumpgrinders.</p>
7.	<p>Maintenance of Uppleby Greens</p> <p>To receive an enquiry from a resident (via the Chairman) about maintaining Uppleby Greens and consider the way forward.</p> <p>It was AGREED that when the next grass cutting contract goes out for tender, a separate price will be obtained for including Uppleby in the regular cutting.</p>

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8.	<p>Memorial Park Band Stand</p> <p>To receive an email from Easingwold Town Band regarding the rose bushes surrounding the Bandstand and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should write to the Town Band to inform them that the rose bushes have been cut back and it is not planned to remove them completely. It was AGREED that the bench under the tree could be moved out into the open.</p>
9.	<p>Storage for Miscellaneous Council Property</p> <p>To consider providing a storage facility for general property belonging to the Town Council and consider the way forward.</p> <p>Cllr Jackson proposed that a small store was required to keep maintenance equipment such as cones, flood bags etc. It was AGREED that Cllr Jackson would speak to the Miscellaneous Works Contractor about different options.</p>
10.	<p>Budget Monitoring</p> <p>To note the financial position as at 13th November 2017 and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.</p>
12.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting 19th February 2018 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 21.25

Signed (Chairman)

Date