

**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 19TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Present: Councillors: G. Ellis
C. Jackson
N. Madden
P. Nottage
Nominated Members: K. Osborne
C. Fletcher
In attendance: Councillor S Shepherd
Councillor C Barnes

Assistant Clerk: Mrs J. Fairbrother

1.	<p>Apologies To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Frank Johnston-Banks and 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"> • The trees at the corner of Oulston Rd and Thornlands have been pruned back by NYCC and a letter of thanks received from a local resident. • Three maple trees were removed and bushes cut back at Millfields Car Park at the boundary with Claypenny Cottages. • Pruning work to a silver birch in front of 10 Copperclay Walk has been completed by Yorkshire Stumpgrinders. • Pruning work to trees at Barns Wray has been completed by Yorkshire Stumpgrinders. • A lime tree has been planted on Lime Tree Avenue to replace the dead ash tree which had to be removed. • A picnic bench has been installed at Millfields by Park Lane Playgrounds. The litter bin has been re-positioned by Cllr Jackson. • The Assistant Clerk wrote to the Town Band explaining that the rosebushes have been cut back but will not be removed and the bench will be moved by the MWC in the spring. • Arborwise Tree Surgery have started tree maintenance work at Uppleby. • NYCC have agreed to install a brighter light and an additional LED floodlight to illuminate the Skate Park and also fit a twin bracket arm for a second street light at Millfields Car Park. <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was AGREED that Cllr Jackson could purchase bags of hardcore to complete the horse shoe path at Millfields Open Space. • Cllr Ellis suggested the provision of a seat on the grass bank on Long Street below the Police Station. • The purchase of additional seats was discussed. The Miscellaneous Works Contractor is currently reviewing all the seats in the town and therefore it was AGREED to wait for the results before making any decisions.

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4.	<p>Millfields Open Space</p> <p>4.1. To receive a presentation from 2B Consultancy about their proposals for the Millfields Vision Consultation and consider the way forward. 2B Consultancy gave a presentation on their proposals for producing a vision of the future of Millfields Open Space which will be put to the general public for consultation. It was AGREED that the proposals will be evaluated in more detail by the Millfields Working Group and the Group will report back to 2B Consultancy with their decisions. It was AGREED that the information will be presented in the form of physical boards and also digitally via the website in order to reach a wider audience.</p> <p>4.2 To receive quotations for supplying and fitting the fencing and gate around the Wetlands Area and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from A & S Corner with one strand of high tensile plain wire.</p> <p>4.3 To consider any other matters. Colin Fletcher reminded the Committee that approval was given for a cross country event on 4th March in and around Millfields. He confirmed that signage would be put up to publicize the event.</p>
5.	<p>Annual Play Area Inspections</p> <p>To receive the Annual Inspection Reports(circulated by email) carried out by GB Sports & Leisure and consider the way forward. A number of medium risk issues were highlighted at Memorial Park which are under guarantee by the supplier. The Assistant Clerk has contacted the supplier, Image Playgrounds, and asked that these issues be rectified as soon as possible under the terms of the guarantee. It was AGREED to follow up in two weeks time if no response has been received.</p>
6.	<p>Grass Cutting</p> <p>To receive tenders for the grass cutting contract for the period 2018-2020 and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from C E Walker and increase the number of cuts to 12. It was AGREED that from this season on the grass cutting will include Uppleby Greens and that the Assistant Clerk will write to residents to inform them of the new arrangements.</p>
7.	<p>Dawney Allotments</p> <p>7.1 To review the annual rent for 2018/2019 and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the annual rent for 2018/19 should remain at £22.</p> <p>7.2 To consider an email from the National Allotment Society about membership and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should arrange to join the National Allotment Society and use their services to update the application form and tenancy agreement.</p> <p>7.3 To consider carrying out an inspection of the allotments. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk will arrange an inspection for early April.</p>

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	<p>7.4 Any other business. Cllr. Madden requested a Dog/Litter Bin to be sited in the layby close to the Breadlands Allotments. It was AGREED that this will be referred to Cllr Johnston-Banks who is compiling a list of all bins in the town to identify where there are any shortages.</p>
8.	<p>Chase Garth Park To receive an email from EGSG about the condition of the grass around the goal post and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the net should be removed and the bare ground reseeded. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should ask the MWC to do this.</p>
9.	<p>Easingwold Lawn Tennis Club To receive an email from the Easingwold Lawn Tennis Club and consider the way forward. The contents of the email were noted and it was AGREED that ETC do not require the fence or gates.</p>
10.	<p>Annual Risk Assessment Review To consider the 2018/19 Risk Assessment (circulated by email) and resolve the way forward. The Annual Risk Assessment was reviewed and APPROVED.</p>
11.	<p>Budget Monitoring To note the financial position as at 12th February and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.</p>
12.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting 14th May 2018 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 21.40

Signed (Chairman)

Date