

**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 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

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

Assistant Clerk: Mrs J. Fairbrother

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. Apologies were received from Colin Fletcher.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<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>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Clerk's Progress Report/Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The damaged net has been removed from the goal post at Chase Garth Park and the grass in front of the goal has been re-seeded by the MWC.</li> <li>• The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk met with representatives from Image Playgrounds to discuss the issues highlighted in the Annual Inspection Report.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the damaged timber was due to strimmers being used too close to the frames and this has been discussed with the MWC.</li> <li>• Arborwise Tree Surgery has completed over 50% of the work on Uppleby.</li> <li>• A &amp; S Corner has confirmed that the fencing around Millfields Wetlands will be completed by the end of May to comply with the terms of the Tesco Bags of Help Grant.</li> <li>• Matters arising.</li> <li>• There were no matters arising.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Millfields Open Space</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b> To receive an update on the Millfields Consultation Project from Councillor Nottage and consider the way forward. Councillor Nottage provided an update following the last Working Group Meeting. He explained that some amendments to the Master Plan and the mood boards needed to be made prior to the final presentation boards being produced. Cllr Nottage also explained how the public consultation would work in order to reach the maximum number of residents.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> To address the matter of drainage for the rough pasture area and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the rough pasture area opposite the Skate Park requires</p>

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	<p>drainage work and that the Clerk should endeavour to obtain three quotes.</p> <p><b>4.3</b> To consider any other matters.</p> <p>Councillor Jackson reported that he had erected the chicanes on the Skate Park and he has continued to work on the horse shoe path. Councillor Jackson suggested that the rough pasture should be cut as soon as possible and then monthly in the short term. Kelly Osborne informed the Committee that the Wildflower Area would need to be rotavated and reseeded each year to produce a good display. It was <b>AGREED</b> that as drainage work was to be carried out, it would be better to cut it this year at the same time as the rough pasture and not plant wildflowers. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Jackson would obtain a quote for the rough cut for both areas and the Chairman was delegated to approve the quote if it was satisfactory.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Play Area Inspections</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> To receive an email from Image Playgrounds following on from a site meeting to discuss remedial works to equipment still under guarantee, and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Assistant Clerk should check the terms of the guarantee and write to Image Playgrounds stating that the independent inspector has highlighted the support posts of the Cableway as medium risk and as such, it should be fixed under the guarantee without charge.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> To receive the latest quarterly inspection report from Park Lane Playgrounds and a quote for necessary repairs, and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Park Lane Playgrounds to carry out the repairs outlined in the Quarterly Inspection Report.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Trees</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> To consider the implementation of Phase 2 of the rolling programme of tree work which was introduced in 2017, and consider the way forward. A copy of the Lime Tree Avenue Tree Survey has been circulated to Committee Members. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the quote from Tree and Conifer Removal for all of the trees on Lime Tree Avenue should be accepted. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Assistant Clerk will confirm that work would not commence before the end of the nesting season.</p> <p><b>6.2.</b> To receive a quote for pruning work to three maple trees at Chase Garth Park and consider the way forward.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Tree and Conifer Removal. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the contractor should be asked to check for nesting birds before starting work.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Dawney Allotments</b></p>

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	<p><b>7.1</b> To receive an update from Councillor Jackson on a recent inspection of the allotments and drainage problems on certain plots (photographs previously circulated by email). Councillor Jackson reported that there was a blockage in the drains and he is working to clear it in conjunction with the affected allotment holders.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> To receive photographs (previously circulated by email) from Councillor Johnston-Banks of the condition of one of the allotments and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Cllr Jackson would speak to the tenant in question and request that the site should be cleared as soon as possible.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Memorial Park</b></p> <p>To receive an email from a resident proposing an access point between the Memorial Park and the Cricket ground, and consider the way forward.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that the email should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Cricket Club for his response, copying in the member of the public.</p> <p>Kelly Osborne addressed the issue of sign at the entrance to the Memorial Park being in a bad condition. It was <b>AGREED</b> that she would submit a photograph to the Clerk's Office and the Clerk is delegated to make the decision whether to replace the sign or not.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Budget Monitoring</b></p> <p>To note the financial position as at 8<sup>th</sup> May and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b> 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 20.36

Signed ..... (Chairman)  
Date .....