

**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 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**

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

Apologies: J. Fowell  
G. Ellis  
C. Fletcher

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

<b>1.</b>	<b>To elect a Chairman</b> Councillor Madden was nominated and duly appointed Chairman
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Ellis and Fowell and C. Fletcher
<b>3.</b>	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 5 members of the public present, no questions were asked.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Clerk's Progress Report/Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree and Conifer Removal have confirmed that they will commence work to trees on Lime Tree Avenue after 31<sup>st</sup> August</li> <li>• Park Lane Playgrounds have carried out necessary repairs at Memorial Park, George Mews, Claypenny Park in July. Wheelscape, the company which built the Skate Park agreed to replace the rusty welds and therefore this item was removed from the quote. Also, it was discovered that the Toddler Unit at Claypenny has been painted by a member of the public prior to Park Lane coming out on site.</li> <li>• Park Lane Playgrounds have completed the next quarterly inspection following repairs in July.</li> <li>• Phase I of the tree work at Uppleby has been completed by Arborwise Tree Surgery.</li> <li>• A letter was delivered to all residents at Uppleby to ask for feed back on the grass cutting service started this season. 26 responses were received and from these, 13 people were for and 12 against it. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk had a meeting with the contractor to discuss the feedback and he has agreed to raise the level of the mowers and endeavour to maintain the high standards on the greens.</li> <li>• The Assistant Clerk has sent two emails to Image Playgrounds about the outstanding repair to the cable way at Memorial Park and requesting a breakdown of the quotation but there has been no response to date.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Millfields Open Space</b> 5.1 An email was received from the Chairman of the Council regarding the path in Millfields and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Foden-Spence will consider it when they revisit. 5.2 A report was received from the Vice Chairman and it was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillors Jackson and Barnes should be thanked for their hard work. It was <b>AGREED</b> to look at an annual maintenance plan for the drainage and consider the plan at budget time. 5.3 An update was received from Councillor Jackson regarding ploughing and spraying rough pasture. It was <b>AGREED</b> that a decision would be made following the

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	consultation but that it should be cut it in the meantime.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Play Area Inspection Reports</b> The Play Area inspections (sent by email) were received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out the repairs. Memorial Park Cableway: the issue of the outstanding repair by Image Playgrounds (see above) was considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Assistant Clerk would contact them again.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Trees</b> 7.1 A quote to prune a lime tree in front of 16 Larch Rise following an enquiry from a resident was received and it was <b>AGREED</b> to proceed with the quote. 7.2 A quote for tree work at Easingwold Scouts/Dawney Outdoor Centre was received and it was <b>AGREED</b> to proceed with the quote. 7.3 A quote was received to prune two trees on Plot 19 at the Dawney Allotments and it was <b>AGREED</b> to proceed with the quote. <b>Matters Arising:</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> that quotes should be obtained for work on the following trees: 1. On the path at Millfields, adjacent to the path a large arm of an ash tree is growing into a Rowan tree. The metal guards also need to be taken off the ash tree. 2. Chase Garth, in the join between 12 and 14 Tiplady Close, a large Ash tree with a fork in it needs the arm taken off. 3. Cherry Tree at the back of Sandholme Close. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should investigate land ownership and then obtain a quote if it is the responsibility of Easingwold Town Council.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Dawney Allotments</b> 8.1 An anonymous letter was received from Dawney allotment holders about the condition of one allotment. It was <b>AGREED</b> to arrange a follow up visit to check the condition of the other allotments.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Uppleby Greens</b> 9.1 The arrangements for cutting Uppleby Greens were reviewed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk would write to the residents to inform them of the dates of the grass cutting schedule if they wished to cut it themselves, but that the greens would be still be cut by the contractor. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk would contact the contractor to discuss the first cut of the season. 9.2 The fences on Uppleby Greens and Spring Street were considered and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk would investigate who is responsible. There are also rotten posts on Long Street which need attention.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b> There were no matters to consider.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Budget Monitoring</b> The financial position as at 13th August 2018 was considered and no virements were considered necessary.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of the Next Meeting</b> 19th November 2018 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....

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