

**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 NOVEMBER 2018**

**Present:** Councillors: C. Jackson  
N. Madden  
P. Nottage  
F. Johnston-Banks  
J. Fowell

Nominated Members: C. Fletcher  
K. Osborne

In attendance: Councillor G. Bingham  
Councillor S. Shepherd

Clerk: Mrs J.Fairbrother

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. Apologies were received from Councillor Geoff Ellis.
<b>2.</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.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Clerks Progress Report / Matters Arising.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Assistant Clerk has written to the tenant on Plot 17 about the anonymous complaint received and sent him a copy of guidelines on poultry keeping supplied by the National Allotment Society.</li> <li>• An email was sent to Park Lane Services requesting that they carry out their quarterly inspections to coincide with REC/OS Meetings in order for necessary repairs to be approved and carried out quickly.</li> <li>• A revised quotation for works outstanding from July and September has been submitted.</li> <li>• Image Playgrounds have carried out the repairs to the zip cable which is still under warranty with them. They have also replaced a log which was unsafe on the trim trail.</li> <li>• The Assistant Clerk has written to Huck Nets who manufactured the large rope swing to enquire if it is still under guarantee as the top beam is rotten in places.</li> <li>• Tree and Conifer Removal have completed work to the overgrown trees on Plot 19 of Dawney Allotments.</li> <li>• Tree and Conifer Removal have completed work to the trees on Lime Tree Avenue</li> <li>• Tree and Conifer Removal have completed work to the maple trees at Chase Garth Park</li> <li>• Wheelscape have painted the metal bars which were rusting and filled the small cracks in the concrete.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Trees</b> 4.1 To receive a request from residents of Hunters Close for the MWC to reduce the height of the large hedge adjacent to their property from approximately 10' to 6' and remove two self-seeded ash trees and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that a professional hedge layer should be asked to survey the hedge and make a proposal of how it can be reduced but maintained sympathetically.

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	<p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Jackson will inspect the trees to determine whether they are damaging the perimeter wall. If this proves to be the case, it was <b>AGREED</b> that the trees should be removed.</p> <p>4.2 To receive a recommendation from the MWC to reduce the size of a tree at Stonefield Garth which has grown too large for the area. It was <b>AGREED</b> to seek further clarification from the MWC and report back to the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p>4.3 To receive a request from the proprietor of High Society on Windross Square to reduce the bushes in front of the shop from approximately 5' to 3'. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the MWC should carry out this work.</p> <p>4.4 To receive a quote to reduce the size of a tree on the market place which overhangs the stalls on market days, and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that this item should be inspected on a Market Day and deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>4.5 To receive a quote to reduce the size of a maple tree situated on Chase Garth Park adjacent to 12 and 14 Tiplady Close and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the tree should be reduced by 40% and the quote accepted.</p> <p>4.6 To consider the large dead tree on the edge of Millfield Woods and resolve the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that because of the advantage to wildlife, the tree should remain. Furthermore, it is located in the woods which are under the management of the Woodland Trust.</p> <p>4.7 To receive a recommendation from the tree surgeon to pollard the willow tree on Rowan Avenue and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> to seek a second opinion from an alternative tree surgeon and defer this to the December Full Council Meeting.</p> <p>4.8 To receive a recommendation from the tree surgeon to regularly prune new growth at the base of the trees recently pollarded on Uppleby and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the tree surgeon should be asked to quote for the new growth and also provide a separate quotation to complete the remaining pollarding on Uppleby.</p>
5.	<p><b>Play Area Inspection</b> To receive a quote for all outstanding repairs to the play areas and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quotation but request that in future a breakdown of the cost is provided. It was also requested that the dog tetherers be placed at ground level.</p>
6.	<p><b>Millfields</b> 6.1 To receive a request from Councillor Jackson to grass-crete the access to the two catch pits and resolve the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Jackson would draw up a specification to submit for quotations.</p>

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	<p>6.2 To consider reducing the size of the hedge bordering the Millfields Car Park and resolve the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the MWC should be asked to cut back the hedge to one metre and tidy up the undergrown, and then re-assessed as to whether any further work is necessary.</p> <p>6.3 To receive an email about planting more trees near to the boundary of the park and resolve the way forward. A representative from the EGSG spoke about applying for more trees from the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy initiative or the Woodland Trust and planting along the boundary with the Hesley Group Development. This would future-proof the boundary in this area as the trees mature. It was suggested that the entire fence line starting at the Hesley Group Property should be planted following the boundary line in an easterly direction. It was <b>PROPOSED</b> that the EGSG should prepare a proposal which will be considered at a future full Council Meeting.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Memorial Park</b> To receive a quote for a new sign for the entrance to the children's play area and consider the way forward. The quote was <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Dog Bins</b> To receive a request from the management of Breadlands Allotments for two dog bins and consider the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that two bins should be ordered from HDC and that a member of the Council should meet with them onsite to confirm the positioning.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Yearly Routine Maintenance Plan</b> To consider a proposal from Councillor Jackson for a yearly maintenance plan and resolve the way forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> that a maintenance plan should be established for Millfields Park and Councillor Jackson agreed to draw up a proposal. The suggestion of a maintenance plan for the whole of the town should be prepared and presented at a future Full Council Meeting. Councillor Jackson also agreed to prepare this proposal.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Budget Monitoring</b> To note the financial position as at 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b> 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee</p>

The meeting closed at 20.40

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....