MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GALTRES CENTRE EASINGWOLD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 26TH 2018

PRESENT: Councillors P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes, N. Madden, S. Shepherd,

G. Bingham, C. Jackson, R. Tanfield, J. Fowell, G. Ellis, F. Johnston-Banks

Clerk of Meeting: Mrs Jane Bentley

| 18/142 | APOLOGIES |
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| | Apologies were received from Councillor Gledhill and reasons given approved. |
| | It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments |
| | through the Chairman from members of the public. There were approximately 100 members |
| | of the public present. A range of people put forward a range of points of view supporting |
| | or opposing elements of the consultation. |
| 18/143 | MILLFIELDS VISION |
| | The Millfields Consultation report was received. |
| | Councillor Nottage outlined the comprehensive efforts that the Council had made to consult widely and comprehensively on the various ideas contained in the questionnaire and supporting documentation and plans. This had led to a very high level of completed questionnaires (931). |
| | Councillor Ellis gave a review of the history of Millfields and the initial reason for its use. Councillor Shepherd declared a personal interest as she lives on the edge of Millfields. Councillor Nottage proposed that each item in the consultation report should be addressed and voted on separately. |
| | 1. Friendship Garden – Councillor Jackson supported the initiative but proposed the Memorial Park as an alternative location. Councillor Shepherd supported the proposal in Millfields, seconded by Councillor Madden. It was noted that 85% of the positive responses to public consultation supported it. It was put to a vote and was unanimously accepted. |
| | 2. Boardwalk and Pond Dipping Platform – Councillor Shepherd stated that the current proposition had the benefit of expert advice as opposed to previous proposals. It was noted that 79% of positive responses to the public consultation supported it. It was put to a vote and was unanimously accepted. |
| | 3. Wheelchair Friendly Path. It was noted that 87% of the positive responses to the public consultation supported it. It was put to a vote and was unanimously accepted. |
| | 4. Wildflower Border/Area Councillor Shepherd supported the proposal, Councillor Barnes outlined an explanation for the maintenance and care of wildflowers. It was noted that 91% of the positive responses to the public consultation supported it. It was put to a vote and was unanimously accepted. |
| | 5. Bike Jump and Skills Track – the flaw in the questionnaire design that led to a significant under reporting of support for this initiative was noted. Councillor Barnes supported the initiative in the second rough meadow. Half of the respondents of the consultation wished it to be sited opposite the skate park. Councillor Bingham supported it being sited in a safe place. Councillor Madden supported it for young people. Councillor Johnston-Banks supported the bike track as did Councillor |

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Shepherd as something for younger people. Councillor Ellis supported it but not in the wood. It was put to the vote for the bike skills track and unanimously accepted. The proposed location of opposite the skate park was put to a vote and 8 were in favour 2 against. It was therefore agreed that a Bike Jump and Skills Track would be located on the rough grassland opposite the Skate Park.

- 6. A fenced off dog fun exercise area. Councillor Ellis did not support it. It was put to a vote 5 voted for 5 voted against, the Chairman's vote carried it and it was accepted. The proposed location opposite skate park had 2 votes whilst an alternative option to locate it at the other side of Millfields Wood on the rough grassland near Millfield Lane had 6 votes and was accepted.
- 7. Lit jogging track. Councillor Tanfield proposed that better ways of lighting it without the posts should be considered. Councillor Madden supported Councillor Tanfield. Councillor Barnes stated that Millfields would be a safe place to run. Councillor Shepherd did not support the lit running track. Councillor Nottage proposed that as the main concern was lighting the decision should be deferred until a new improved and acceptable lighting design proposal could be developed. Easingwold Town Council would then consult the community again on the new design proposal. It was put to a vote and 9 voted for 1 against.
- 8. Fitness trail. It was put to a vote and 7 were for and 3 against and accepted. However, the location and design still needs to be agreed subject to the agreed way forward on the lit jogging track.

| The meeting closed at 8.45. pm |
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| Signed |
| 17 th December 2018 |