

**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 18th FEBRUARY 2019**

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

Nominated Members: C. Fletcher, K. Osborne

Clerk: J. Fairbrother

1.	Apologies To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. There were no apologies.
2.	To resolve to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. One member of the public was present but there were no questions or comments.
3.	Clerks Progress Report / Matters Arising. Park Lane Services have carried out all outstanding repairs and in future will provide itemised quotations. Two Dog/litter bins have been installed by HDC at the Breadland Allotments Tree and Conifer removal have been awarded the work to pollard the remaining trees on Uppleby and will be starting as soon as the weather is suitable. The hedge at Chase Garth Park has been reduced in size by 2'6" approximately. Two self-seeding ash trees have been removed from Chase Garth Park. A letter of thanks has been received from a resident. The large bushes outside of High Society on Windross Square have been reduced in size. The hedge bordering Millfield Lane and the Car Park has been reduced in size to one metre and two tree trunks in the hedge line removed. The Clerk and the Chairman of the Committee approved the purchase of hawthorn hedging to plant a new hedge there. A new sign for the Memorial Park Play Area has been delivered and will be put up as soon as possible. The tree behind 12 and 14 Tiplady Close will be pruned in the next two weeks and a further emergency repair will be carried out on a separate tree close to number 12 as requested by Councillor Madden. The lower branch has been damaged and needs removing. Matters arising: Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jackson for his hard work on the Millfield and Chase Garth hedges.
4.	Trees 4.1 To receive an email from Councillor Tanfield to prune two trees on East Avenue/Leasmires Avenue and consider the way forward. (photos circulated by email). It was AGREED that as the trees are the responsibility of NYCC, and they do not present a danger to the public, ETC does not wish to set a precedent by maintaining these trees. 4.2 Willow Tree at Rowan Avenue: to receive a second report on the tree and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the quote from Arborwise to prune the tree. 4.3 To receive an email from Councillor Johnston-Banks about a dead cherry tree on Sandholme Close and consider the way forward. (previously circulated by email). It was AGREED Councillor Johnston-Banks would assess the tree again in spring to see if it comes into bud or has actually died. This matter will be referred to the next REC/OS meeting.

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5.	<p>Annual Play Area Inspections To receive the Annual Play Area Inspection Reports carried out by GB Sport & Leisure and consider the way forward. This item will be referred to the full Council Meeting on 19th February.</p>
6.	<p>Millfields 6.1. To receive notes from the last meeting of the Millfields Working Group for approval and consider the way forward. The notes were considered and approved. In particular: Item 1: It was AGREED that ETC should pay up to £500 for a more detailed design for the lit running track to take to consultation. We are currently awaiting a report from the lighting designer.</p> <p>Item 3: Kelly Osborne brought some material samples of the boardwalk to the meeting. It was noted that instead of the 50m quoted, the length was actually 61m so the total cost would come to £13,054.68. (a 20% increase). The Committee RECOMMENDS accepting the quote from TCV but due to the sum involved, this would need to be ratified by Full Council. Work could commence in three weeks time and take approximately ten days. Kelly Osborne suggested that the interpretation boards should be done after 12 months in order to represent species actually found on the site.</p> <p>Item 6: It was AGREED that the Clerk should work together with the Cresta Dog Club to agree how it should be fenced off and what equipment they would like, and report back to the full council with a detailed proposal. It was AGREED that after a detailed proposal has been received, quotes should be obtained for the fencing. It was AGREED that in the meantime the area should be cut.</p> <p>Item 7: It was AGREED that the path should be 1.8m wide where possible. A discussion was held about the surface of the wheelchair friendly path. It was PROPOSED and AGREED unanimously by the Committee that the path should be completed with a crushed stone surface at the same time and that it should be recommended to Full Council for approval. It was PROPOSED that the Clerk writes to the Woodland Trust for written confirmation that they have no objections to ETC constructing the path. NOTE: The horseshoe path will be progressed when the lit running track has been developed further.</p> <p>6.2. To receive quotes for the Boardwalk and Pond Dipping Platform and consider the way forward. (details circulated by email) This item was dealt with under 6.1</p> <p>6.3. Millfield Wood – Woodland Trust – to receive a report from Councillor Jackson and consider the way forward. Councillor Jackson proposed that we approach the Woodland Trust to see whether they are still willing to offer ETC on a 99- year peppercorn lease on the woodland. It was AGREED to defer this suggestion to a later date as the Town Council are working on other large projects at present.</p> <p>6.4. Trees on the Millfield boundary: to receive an email and detailed plan from the EGSG and consider the way forward. A member of the EGSG presented a plan to the committee for a suggested planting of 40 native trees on the Millfields Park side of the boundary with the Hesley Group property. This would future-proof the treeline along</p>

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	<p>this boundary. EGSG would plant the trees. The members of the Committee were not in favour of planting further trees at this time. The proposal was as presented was REFUSED.</p> <p>6.5. To receive a report and quotation from a mole catcher to deal with the mole problem at Millfields. It was AGREED to accept the quote for the annual contract.</p> <p>6.6. To consider any other matters`. Councillor Jackson requested that if the proposal for the wheelchair path is accepted at Full Council, then the border on both sides of the main path through Millfields and the dog agility area is cut at the same time.</p>
7.	<p>Memorial Park To receive a quotation from Park Lane Playgrounds to supply and fit a new spring to replace the old tyre on the Aerial Runway and decide the way forward.</p> <p>It was AGREED to accept the quote.</p>
8.	<p>Dawney Allotments To review the rent for 2019/20 and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the rent should be kept at £22 for 2019/2020.</p>
9.	<p>Annual Risk Assessment Review To consider the 2019/20 Risk Assessment (circulated by email) and resolve the way forward. It was AGREED to recommend the Risk Assessment for ratification by Full Council.</p>
10.	<p>Budget Monitoring To note the financial position as at 11th February 2019 and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.</p>
11.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to 8th April 2019 at 7pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 21.24

Signed (Chairman)
Date