

**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 8th APRIL 2019**

Present: Councillors: N. Madden, P. Nottage, C. Jackson, F. Johnston-Banks
Nominated Members: C. Fletcher, K. Osborne
In attendance: Councillor S Shepherd
Clerk: J. Fairbrother

1.	<p>Apologies To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. Apologies were received from Councillor Ellis and Councillor Fowell</p>
2.	<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. One member of public was present and two questions were asked. The Entrances off Millfield Lane into the woods and rough grass area. Is there going to be a fence or bollard to prevent vehicles or horses entering the woods and rough grass area? Answer: The Woodland Trust propose to lock the existing gate which would only be opened to allow cutting machinery etc in, and a smaller entrance for pedestrian/wheelchair access. ETC will also prevent unauthorised vehicles at the entrance to the rough grass area Question Two: Is there going to be further surfacing on the path? Answer: there will be no further surfacing to the type provided on the completed stretch of path by the wetlands.</p>
3.	<p>Clerk's Progress Report Park Lane Services have installed a new tyre/seat to the Aerial Runway at Memorial Park. The second phase of tree pollarding at Uppleby has been completed.</p> <p>Matters arising: Uppleby greens: Councillor Nottage raised the issue of a resident on Uppleby being unhappy about the contractor cutting the grass. It was AGREED that the Clerk should reply to the resident that the issue has been reviewed at the Committee and it was agreed to continue with the contractor cutting all the greens. The work will be monitored and if there are genuine reasons for complaints, these will be addressed on a case by case basis.</p>
4.	<p>Trees</p> <p>4.1 To receive an update from Councillor Johnston-Banks about the cherry tree on Sandholme Close and consider the way forward. Councillor Johnston-Banks reported that the cherry tree has not produced any blossom and has definitely died. The Assistant Clerk will obtain a quote to have the tree removed and it was AGREED to replace it in the autumn.</p> <p>4.2 To receive a request to pollard a lime tree on Uppleby which was not included in the recent tree-pruning programme and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to accept the tree surgeon's advice and not carry out any further work at this time.</p> <p>4.3 To receive an email from a local resident about the lime tree at 16 Larch Rise and consider the way forward. It was AGREED to consult a tree surgeon and obtain a quote for a 50% reduction.</p>
5.	<p>Millfields</p> <p>5.1 To receive an update from Councillor Nottage on the Millfields Vision. Councillor Nottage reported that work has been focused on the wheelchair/pushchair-friendly footpath where a team of volunteers have been working. It was noted that Councillor Jackson has put in a considerable amount of work over the last weeks to move this project forward. The Grasscrete has been installed but needs to be completed. A Meeting was held with the Woodland Trust who have obtained agreement from their Board for ETC to take responsibility for the path and maintain it. The whole route (other than through the woods) has now been dug out and the stretch in front of the wetland has been completed and some additional drainage put in.</p> <p>Councillor Shepherd asked about the surface and whether it would get wet and muddy in the winter. Councillor Nottage explained the structure of the path and that this shouldn't happen. TCV have started work on the Boardwalk.</p> <p>The Dog Agility Area: After a resolution at the APA about reconsidering the re-siting of the</p>

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	<p>dog agility area, the Town Council will now reconsider its location. A site meeting has taken place by a small group comprising the Cresta Dog Club and other interested parties and two other locations have been put forward. 1. Entrance to Millfields from the Surgery end on the RHS. 2. At the top RHS of the recreation area on the border with the Hesley Group Property. It was PROPOSED to invite the group to a meeting of the Millfields Working and report to Full Council in May.</p> <p>Bike Skills Track: A meeting has been arranged on 13th April to begin the design process. An advert will be put in the Advertiser to invite young people to participate.</p> <p>Wildflower Meadow – It has been AGREED that we should spray the area to remove the weeds. The MWC will be asked to do this as soon as possible, and the wildflower meadow should be sowed by the end May to have a display this year. It was AGREED the same seed mix should be purchased as in the previous year.</p> <p>5.2 To receive the latest lighting report from the designer. Colin Fletcher addressed the Committee on the options recommended by the company Lybtech Ltd. It was AGREED that the Working Group will meet as soon as possible to discuss the design and report to the May Full Council.</p> <p>5.3 To receive an email from a member of the public about the hedge at Millfields Car Park and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the EGSG should report to the REC/OS Committee about suitable options and make a recommendation. A local resident has been watering the new hedge and it was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should write a letter of thanks.</p> <p>5.4 To consider any other matters. There were no other matters to consider.</p>
6.	<p>Daffodils To receive a request from Councillor Johnston-Banks to plant more daffodils and consider the way forward. It was PROPOSED that crocuses should be considered as they provide an early food supply for wildlife. It was AGREED that in principle the main roads into Easingwold are enhanced by the addition of bulbs and the programme should be continued this year. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to NYCC to ask permission to plant daffodils and crocuses on the roundabouts on the A19.</p>
7.	<p>Budget Monitoring To note the financial position as at 8th April 2019 and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.</p>
8.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on 19th August at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 20.52

Signed (Chairman)

Date