

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE GALTRES CENTRE ON 19TH
AUGUST 2019

Present: Councillors P Nottage, K Butcher, K Osborne, N Madden, F Johnston-Banks, R Varney, co-opted member C Fletcher

In attendance: Chris Jackson, Councillor C Barnes, Councillor S Shepherd

Clerk: Mrs J Fairbrother

1.	Election of Chairman
	Councillor Madden was nominated, seconded and duly elected Chairman.
2.	Apologies
	Apologies were received from Cllr Gledhill and the reasons approved.
3.	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 was one member of the public present, but no questions were asked.
4.	Clerks Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCV rotavated and sowed the wildflower area. • Tree & Conifer Removal pruned the maple tree behind 12/14 Tiplady Close and also removed a damaged limb from an alder tree. • Bartletts have been appointed to carry out option 1 on the willow tree. They will contact Easingwold Town Council when they have obtained permission from Hambleton District Council. • HuntCatchKill started work to eradicate the moles at Millfields w/c 15th July. • The Clerk has reported the overgrown trees on Church Hill in front of the Police Station to NYCC via the online portal.
5.	Trees <p>5.1 A request to pollard a tree outside Tudor Cottage, Uppleby was received and it was AGREED to accept the quote from Tree & Conifer Removal to lift and clean the crown.</p> <p>5.2 A quote to carry out work at the rear of 6 Hunters Close was received and it was AGREED to accept the quote from Tree & Conifer Removal to prune them back.</p> <p>5.3 A quote to carry out work at 16 Larch Rise was received and it was AGREED to accept the quote from Tree & Conifer Removal for a crown lift.</p> <p>5.4 An email was received regarding the tree between 38-40 Uppleby and it was AGREED to obtain a quote for pruning the tree.</p>

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	<p>5.5 A quote to carry out work on a dead cherry tree on Sandholme Close was received and it was AGREED to accept the quote from Tree & Conifer Removal to fell and grind the tree.</p> <p>5.6 A quote to carry out work on the oak tree covered in ivy in the Memorial Park was received and it was AGREED to ask the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to ring the ivy to stem its growth before deciding on any further work.</p> <p>5.7 A letter was received regarding overgrown trees in Mallison Hill Woods. Councillor Butcher reported on a site visit to the woodlands and it was AGREED that a professional company should be commissioned to draw up a management plan for the woodland. It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should find a suitable company and ask them to include the impact of the woodlands on the adjacent fencing. The Assistant Clerk will inform the residents of the decision.</p> <p>5.8 An email was received regarding trunk and root growth in Uppleby and it was AGREED that a quote should be obtained for treating all the trees on Uppleby to remove epicormic growth.</p> <p>5.9 A request from Councillor Shepherd to replant the Queen's canopy was received and it was AGREED that this item should be referred to the next Full Council Meeting and become part of a proposal to plant more trees on the boundary of the Hesley Group Building. It was AGREED that larger specimens should be used to prevent them being mowed down or vandalised. It was AGREED that Councillor Butcher could apply for a grant from Betty's Trees for Life to be used towards planting more trees.</p> <p>5.10 A request from Councillor Shepherd regarding a proposed survey of trees on Claypenny Estate was received and it was AGREED that the Clerk's office should request a quote for a tree survey to be carried out on all the trees on the Claypenny Estate to produce a management plan.</p> <p>5.11 A request to prune the trees between the bowling green and the Memorial Park was received and it was AGREED to obtain a quote for a crown reduction and trim.</p>
6.	<p>Millfields</p> <p>6.1 A proposal from Councillor Osborne regarding placing carved wooden posts and sculptures around Millfield Woods was received and it was AGREED that this would be an attractive addition to the woodland. It was AGREED that Cllr Osborne should put together a proposal for the best combination of posts and sculptures within a budget of approximately £2500 and report to the Full Council Meeting in September.</p> <p>6.2 A proposal to dredge the wetlands, dykes and ponds was received. Cllr Barnes advised that this was last carried out six years ago and it is now in need of redoing. It was AGREED that Councillor Osborne should provide two comprehensive quotes and circulate them to the committee for consideration. It was AGREED that the work should be carried out as soon as possible after receipt of the quotes. It was</p>

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	<p>AGREED that Councillor Johnston-Banks will carry out a test of the ponds using his own test kit and Councillor Osborne will investigate purchasing a test kit for ETC. It was AGREED that the Easingwold Green Spaces Group will remove the blanketweed from the pond.</p> <p>6.3 An email was received about the wildflower border and it was AGREED that the Clerk should thank the sender for her comments which will be taken into consideration.</p>
7.	<p>Road Verges</p> <p>A request from a member of the public was received and it was AGREED that the Clerk should obtain detailed maps from Hambleton District Council to establish which verges ETC are responsible for and then reconsider the idea of a verge management scheme to encourage wildlife and diversity.</p> <p>It was AGREED to extend bulb planting in the town and a budget of £750 was set for the purchase of bulbs.</p>
8.	<p>Playground Inspections</p> <p>8.1 As the reports were not available to the councillors, no decisions were made and this was referred to full Council.</p> <p>8.2 A proposal to form a working group to take responsibility for monitoring repairs to the play areas was received and it was AGREED Councillors Osborne and Butcher will take responsibility for the playground inspections.</p>
9.	<p>Chase Garth Park and Memorial Park</p> <p>A request to review expenditure on Chase Garth Park and the Memorial Park was received. Cllr Madden requested that a new junior goal post should be purchased for Chase Garth Park. It was AGREED that a firm proposal for improvements at the Park should be presented to Full Council in September.</p>
10.	<p>Budget Monitoring</p> <p>The financial position at 31st July 2019 was noted and no virements were considered necessary.</p>
11.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>18th November 2019 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 20.45