

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES**  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE GALTRES**  
**CENTRE ON 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**Present: Councillors P Nottage, K Butcher, K Osborne, N Madden, F Johnston-Banks, R Varney, A Gledhill. Co-opted member C Jackson**

**In attendance: Councillor Shirley Shepherd**

**Clerk: Mrs J Fairbrother**

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| <b>1</b> | <p><b>Apologies</b><br/>No apologies were received.</p>   |
| <b>2</b> | <p>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. 4 people were present. One person spoke to object to the planting of trees on the north-east boundary of Millfields Park.</p>   |
| <b>3</b> | <p><b>Clerks Progress Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has been completed on two trees in Chase Garth Park behind Hunters Close.</li> <li>• The Miscellaneous Works Contractor has ringed the ivy on the oak tree in the Memorial Park to stem it's growth.</li> <li>• The dead tree on Sandholme Close has been removed.</li> <li>• Emergency work has been carried out on trees on Larch Rise.</li> <li>• The tree surgeon has submitted the necessary applications to HDC to carry out work to the lime tree outside Tudor Cottage, Uppleby and also at 16 Larch Rise.</li> <li>• The clearing of the wetlands, dykes and ponds has been delayed due to the wet weather.</li> <li>• The lifebuoy has been delivered and will be installed shortly.</li> <li>• The new sign for the Skate Park has been delivered and will be installed shortly.</li> <li>• The new signs for the permissive route at Claypenny are on order.</li> <li>• A site meeting has taken place with the contractor to discuss the new gates off Millfield Lane and we are awaiting quotes.</li> <li>• The storage container which will be sited at Millfields Car Park will be ordered shortly.</li> <li>• A quote for the gates at Millfields has been received and will be circulated to Councillors for approval.</li> <li>• A proposal for a management plan for the north meadow has been received and will be circulated to Councillors for approval.</li> <li>• We are awaiting sketches of the wooden sculptures for the woodlands before placing an order for one sculpture.</li> </ul> |
| <b>4</b> | <p><b>Playground Inspections</b><br/>Councillors Butcher and Osborne provided an update on the latest inspection reports and also quotes from two further companies providing inspections and repair work. It was <b>PROPOSED</b> and <b>AGREED</b> that Hags should be given the contract to carry out the quarterly inspections and Playscheme to carry out the repairs. Councillor Butcher pointed out that most of the equipment at the Memorial Park is a made of wood and rotting and in the near future will need to be replaced. This will need to be considered in future budgeting.</p>   |

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| <b>5</b> | <p><b>Trees</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> Quotes for pruning the tree between 38-40 Uppleby were received. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Tree and Conifer Removal.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> Quotes to remove epicormic growth from all trees on Uppleby were received. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Tree and Conifer Removal.</p> <p><b>5.3</b> Quotes for a crown reduction and pruning of two sycamore trees near the Bowling Green were received. A vote was taken not to take any action. This was voted for unanimously.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> A request to remove a willow tree at Stonefield Garth was received. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Tree and Conifer Removal and replace it with one or two Rowan Trees.</p> <p><b>5.5</b> Councillor Osborne provided a proposal and quote for a woodland maintenance plan for Mallison Hill Woods from Top Cut Tree Services. The quote was considered and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk's office should endeavour to obtain two further quotes. A decision will then be made at the next Full Council Meeting.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher about future tree planting. Councillor Butcher explained about the importance of planning ahead to replace trees which are dying or may not have a long life for future generations. It was also suggested that additional trees could be planted in areas that don't currently have any trees. Locations mentioned were Stillington Road, Thirsk Road, York Road and Long Street. It was <b>AGREED</b> to support the idea of planting additional trees subject to Councillors Butcher and Johnston-Banks preparing a structured proposal to send to North Yorkshire County Council to gain their permission.</p> <p><b>5.7</b> A quote to carry out a tree survey at Claypenny Estate was received. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote for the Tree Hazard Evaluation Report on Claypenny Estate excluding Lime Tree Avenue which was surveyed two years ago.</p> <p><b>5.8</b> An email about the trees on the pathway at Larch Rise was received. It was noted that emergency work had been approved and carried out and that the Assistant Clerk would inform the resident. The remaining trees will be covered in the tree survey of Claypenny Estate and any further decisions will be made after receiving the report.</p> <p><b>5.9</b> An email was received about planting cherry blossom trees on Long Street. It was <b>AGREED</b> to support the planting of the trees and Councillor Butcher will incorporate it into the plan in 5.6.</p> |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>Millfields</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> An update was received from Councillor Butcher on the Betty's Tree for Life Project and the planting of additional trees on the north-east boundary of Millfields Park. Councillor Butcher explained that the trees won't be planted near the boundary and it will future proof the trees in Millfields Park. Trees to be planted include native aspen, field maples, hornbeam and cherry. It was <b>AGREED</b> to send local residents a plan of the trees to be planted.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Two letters of concern from local residents about planting trees on the north-east boundary were received and the contents were noted.</p>  |

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| <b>7</b>  | <b>Chase Garth Park</b><br>A recommendation for a junior goal post and a basketball hoop at Chase Garth Park was received from Cllr Madden. It was <b>AGREED</b> that a written plan will be presented to Full Council tomorrow.   |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Verges Working Group</b><br>A request to form a Verges Working Group was received and it was <b>AGREED</b> that interested councillors and members of the public will be invited to form a Working Group to cover bulb planting, tree planting, grass cutting, wildflowers etc. |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Budget monitoring</b><br>The financial position at the 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 was noted.   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Date of the next meeting</b><br>17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee   |

**The Meeting closed at 20.40**