

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE GALTRES
CENTRE ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Councillors N Madden, K Butcher, K Osborne, A Gledhill, R Varney, F Johnston-Banks, co-opted member Chris Jackson

Apologies: Councillor P Nottage

Clerk: Mrs J Fairbrother

1	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Nottage and the reason accepted.</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. No members of the public were present.</p>
3	<p>Clerks Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The epicormic growth has been removed from the lime trees on Uppleby. • The lime tree in front of Tudor Cottage, Uppleby has been pruned back from the property and the crown thinned. • The willow tree has been felled at Stonefield Garth and a rowan tree planted in its place. • The clearing of the wetlands, dykes and ponds has been completed. • The new signs for the permissive route at Claypenny have been installed. • The storage container has been delivered and sited at Millfields Car Park. • The access gate to the Millfields Wetland from Millfields Lane has been installed. • Hags UK has been appointed to carry out the quarterly playground inspections and will do the first one in April 2020. • Playscheme has been appointed to carry out repairs to the playgrounds as required.
4	<p>Playgrounds</p> <p>4.1 A quote was received from Playscheme to carry out repairs and it was AGREED to accept the quotes provided, including the option to take apart and service the roundabout at Memorial Park.</p> <p>4.2 The Annual Inspection Report from GB Sports and Leisure was received. It was AGREED to ask the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to clean off the moss and look at what repairs he could carry out on the fencing. It was AGREED to ask Playscheme for quotes to replace or repair all items which are marked as medium risk at the Memorial Park.</p>
5	<p>Trees</p> <p>5.1. A Tree Survey of the Claypenny Estate carried out by JCP Arboriculture was received. It was AGREED to obtain quotes for all the work recommended needing carrying out within one year in the Tree Hazard Evaluation Report and consider these at the next Recreation & Open Spaces Meeting.</p>

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	<p>5.2 Two further quotations for a woodland maintenance plan for Mallison Woods were received. It was AGREED to accept the quote from Phoenix Tree Services.</p> <p>5.3 Councillors Johnston Banks and Butcher provided an update on the proposal to North Yorkshire County Council to plant more trees for future generations. Attempts have been made to contact NYCC without success. It was AGREED that County Councillor Peter Sowray will be approached for assistance with the best approach to move this project forward.</p> <p>5.4 Two emails were received requesting the planting of trees on Hambleton Close. It was AGREED that Councillors Johnston-Banks and Butcher will speak to North Yorkshire County Council about the protocol for plant trees on their verges. Residents will be notified of progress.</p>
6	<p>Millfields Councillor Butcher reported that all the trees have now been planted by the Easingwold Green Spaces Group and local park users.</p>
7	<p>Chase Garth Park An update on the junior goal post and basketball hoop was received from Councillor Madden.</p>
8	<p>Risk Assessment The 2020/21 Risk Assessment was received. It was AGREED to recommend the Risk Assessment for ratification by Full Council.</p>
9	<p>Hedgehog Friendly Parishes An email about becoming a hedgehog friendly parish was received from Bickerstaffe Parish Council and it was AGREED that Easingwold Town Council wish to support the initiative. The Assistant Clerk will contact them for more information.</p>
10	<p>Dawney Allotments 10.1 The allotment rent was reviewed and it was AGREED that the rent should be increased to £25 and reviewed again next year. 10.2. It was AGREED that Councillors Johnston-Banks, Varney and the Assistant Clerk would carry out an inspection as soon as possible. It was NOTED that Plot 16 was completely under water and it was AGREED that the rent should be waived for 2020/21 and the plot looked at in detail on the inspection.</p>
11	<p>Budget Monitoring The budget was reviewed and no virements were considered necessary.</p>
12.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting 18th May 2020 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at: 20.18.