

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES**  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MAY 2020**

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

**Co-opted: C. Jackson**

**Clerk: J. Fairbrother**

<b>1.</b>	There were no apologies.
<b>2.</b>	To resolve to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. There were no members of the public present.
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Clerks Progress Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The horse chestnut tree on the permissive route/boundary of Millfields has been felled and a new tree planted. The ash tree has had a crown lift.</li> <li>• The tree outside 38/40 Uppleby has been pruned.</li> <li>• Work has been carried out on two lime trees on Larch Rise.</li> <li>• An allotment inspection was carried out on 3 March.</li> <li>• An application has been submitted by Phoenix Trees to HDC for work to be carried out at Mallison Woods. HDC have confirmed that a site visit won't be necessary and Phoenix Trees will keep us updated.</li> <li>• Repairs to the Springer at Claypenny Park, the cradle swings at Longlands and the roundabout at Memorial Park have all been postponed by Playscheme due to the COVID19 pandemic.</li> <li>• At the last Full Council Meeting it was decided that no decisions should be made on the remedial works required at Memorial Park until a site visit has been carried out by members of the Committee. This will be arranged after the lockdown restrictions have been lifted and parks are allowed to re-open.</li> <li>• The Clerk has contacted the manufacturer of the rugby posts at Millfields but they are not working currently due to the pandemic. Councillor Butcher expressed concern for the safety of the second goal post and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the advice of an expert in sports equipment should be sought. This item will be included in the next REC/OS Meeting in August.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Trees</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Tree and Conifer Removal to carry out the work to trees on Claypenny Estate. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Bartletts Tree Experts to install a brace rod in one ash tree on Copperclay Walk. It was <b>AGREED</b> that work should not be carried out until after 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> A reply has been received from North Yorkshire County Council about the grass verges on Long Street, York Road, Leasemires Avenue and Stillington Road and which are maintainable at the public expense. (Report circulated by email). Councillor Johnston-Banks said that more information is required on the ownership before this project can be moved forward.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should write to North Yorkshire County Council to determine the protocol for obtaining permission to plant trees and ask for them to provide the</p>

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	details of NYCC ownership from their Corporate Assets department.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chase Garth Park</b> Councillor Madden reported that before the COVID19 pandemic goal posts had been selected. It was <b>AGREED</b> that an order should be placed by the Clerk's office. The possibility of a basketball hoop is being considered. A stand-alone style would require hard standing or an alternative would be one which can be attached to the goal post.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Millfields Open Space</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Miscellaneous Works Contractor would be asked to re turf the strip of grass adjacent to the footpath. It was noted that the docks have taken over the wildflower strip and it was <b>AGREED</b> to brush cut the edges to encourage more wildflowers to come through. It was <b>AGREED</b> to move this item to the August Agenda. Councillors Butcher and Osborne will produce a plan to manage the wildflower strip in the coming years to give a good display.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Budget Monitoring</b> Due to the COVID19 pandemic there has been an extension to the year end until 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020 and therefore the accounts for 2019/20 haven't been closed yet.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of the Next Meeting</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The Meeting closed at: 20.10