

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON 17th
AUGUST 2020

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

Co-opted: C. Jackson

Observing: C Barnes

Clerk: J. Fairbrother

1	Election of Chairman: Councillor Madden stood down and Councillor Osborne was elected as the new Chairman.
2	Apologies: There were no apologies received.
3	There were no members of the public present.
4	<p>Clerk's Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roundabout at Memorial Park has been inspected and we are advised that it is beyond repair. • A brace rod has been fitted in a mature tree on Copperclay Walk to provide supplementary support. • The swings at Longlands Playground and the Springer at Claypenny have been repaired by Playscheme. • The rugby posts have been removed by Chris Jackson after they were deemed unsafe by the manufacturers. • Essential repairs to equipment at the Memorial Park will be carried out following quarterly inspection reports. • Phoenix Trees have submitted an application to HDC for work to be carried out at Mallison Woods and are meeting with a Planning Officer to carry out a site visit.
5	<p>Trees</p> <p>5.1 It was AGREED to approve work being carried out to the willow tree providing the owners agree to meet the cost themselves and make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>5.2 It was AGREED to inform the resident that he is entitled to cut back the trees and shrubs overhanging his garden at his own expense and return the cuttings over the fence for the Town Council to dispose of. It was AGREED to recommend a local tree surgeon and ask a local contractor to remove the debris and make chippings if necessary.</p> <p>5.3 It was AGREED to inform the residents that they are entitled to cut back the trees overhanging their garden at their own expense and return the cuttings over the fence for the Town Council to dispose of.</p> <p>5.4 It was AGREED that a local tree surgeon should be approached with a view to establishing a regular maintenance plan for the epicormic growth removal and a quote obtained.</p>

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6	<p>Millfields Open Space</p> <p>6.1 It was AGREED that the path should be closed on one day a year when routine maintenance work is being carried out and that a notice be put up at that time to inform the public.</p> <p>It was AGREED to grass seed the area at the right time of year and put up a sign to ask people to keep off the seed area. It was AGREED to advise the member of the public to contact North Yorkshire County Council with her concerns about the parking on Penny Lane.</p> <p>6.2 It was AGREED that the rugby posts should not be replaced.</p> <p>6.3 It was AGREED that this item should be deferred to the Millfields Working Group meeting.</p> <p>It was NOTED that 80% of the rough meadow area will need to be cut in September. The exact locations to be cut will be decided at the Working Group Meeting but in the meantime Chris Jackson will liaise with the contractor about his availability.</p>
7	<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>7.1 It was AGREED to set up a Working Group to review and plan for the future of the park to ensure that all our play parks are of the same standard.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Working Group should be just for the Memorial Park.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Councillors Varney, Fletcher, Butcher, Osborne, Barnes and Madden would form the group with Councillor Madden as Chairman.</p> <p>7.2 Councillor Gledhill explained that the Youth Council had worked on the proposal since December and researched the project thoroughly.</p> <p>£1000 has already been allocated from the Town Council and a further £1200 is needed to complete the project. It was AGREED that the Town Council should provide the additional £1200.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the Committee were impressed with the high standard of the proposal.</p>
8	<p>Playgrounds</p> <p>It was AGREED that Councillor Madden should arrange a meeting of the Working Group as soon as possible and that the park should be kept open.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should obtain quotes to have the large slide repaired.</p>
9	<p>Chase Garth Park</p> <p>Councillor Madden proposed that a Working Group should be formed in the long term to plan for the future of the Park. It was AGREED that this would be deferred until after the Memorial Park had been completed.</p>
10	<p>Budget Monitoring</p> <p>The budget was reviewed and no virements were considered necessary.</p>
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>16th November 2020 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee</p>

The meeting closed at 21.06