

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Councillors P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman), N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, K. Butcher, S. Shepherd, R. Varney, K. Osborne, R. Tanfield

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Fairbrother

<b>20/145</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Councillors A. Gledhill, C. Fletcher, County Councillor P. Sowray, District Councillors M. Taylor and P. Thompson, and approval of reasons given.
<b>20/146</b>	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments and representations through the Chairman in respect of the business on the agenda. There was 1 member of the public present at that point and no questions were asked.
<b>20/147</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the Council meeting of 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 were received and approved.
<b>20/148</b>	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</b> An update was received from North Yorkshire Police via email.
<b>20/149</b>	<b>GRAVESTONES</b> Representatives of Easingwold Parish Church was welcomed to discuss their request for a financial contribution towards the cost (£14,000) of re-erecting and making safe the gravestones. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this item would be decided in agenda item 8a) N1.
<b>20/150</b>	<b>CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT</b> To note progress on action points from previous minutes (information items only).  a) <b><u>Events &amp; items granted under the delegated powers of the Chairman and Clerk</u></b> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no events &amp; items requested.</li> </ul> b) <b><u>Responses sent</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email was sent to the organiser of the Great Easingwold Pumpkin Hunt to confirm approval of funding of £70.00 for the Pumpkin Hunt and to confirm a donation for the Easingwold Christmas Window Trail.</li> <li>• A formal letter was sent on the 8<sup>th</sup> December to Yorkshire Water regarding drainage.</li> </ul> c) <b><u>Projects</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Toilets</b> – Healthmatic has confirmed that the toilet refurbishment will be finished on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. The Clerk has requested that they try and finish by 17<sup>th</sup> December in time for the markets. Healthmatic will keep the Clerk informed of progress.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Lights</b> – All of the Christmas lights have been put up in the Market Place, Long Street and the trees on the market green. Extra lights have been purchased from Blachere Illuminations as replacements.</li> <li>• <b>Light Up a Life</b> – The virtual ceremony has taken place and the Mayor took part in filming for the event.</li> <li>• <b>Markets</b> – The Christmas craft market will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Little Bird Artisan Market on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and the usual Friday market on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The stallholders have been asked to ensure that they adhere to social distancing measures.</li> </ul>
<b>20/151</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS &amp; MATTERS</b> 151.1 The minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting from the 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 were received. 151.2 An update was received from Councillor Butcher who will present a proposal on the wildflower border for January's full council meeting. An update was received from Councillor Barnes on the Memorial Park Working Group on the hedges and walls confirming that he is waiting for quotes to finish the report for

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	January's full council meeting. Councillor Barnes provided an update on the Town Centre Paths Working Group; a meeting will be arranged to discuss the next consultation stage. Councillor Barnes will engage with the new owners of The George as part of the consultation process. Councillor Johnston-Banks provided an update on the defibrillators; two are in place and the third will be installed very soon at Howell's. The fourth is moving forward at the Persimmon site. The LED lights for the Belisha Beacons at the primary school have been ordered.		
<b>20/152</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
	a) Correspondence for decision – to be circulated prior to the meeting		
	Correspondence for Decision: December 2020		
	<b>No</b>		
	<b>N1</b>	01/12/2020	Easingwold & Raskelf PCC
			Request for grant support for the Churchyard – A total of £6,000.00 was <b>approved</b> ; £3,000 for the annual maintenance of the graveyard and a one-off payment of £3,000 towards the gravestones.
	<b>N2</b>	17/11/2020	Member of the Public
			Request to pollard a lime tree, 16 Larch Rise. It was <b>agreed</b> to review the recent survey to confirm what was proposed and review the matter at the January council meeting. It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk would investigate responsibility and liability.
	<b>N3</b>	24/11/2020	Member of the Public
			Request for a donation for a photography project – it was agreed to review the outcome of December's project (for which funding has already been provided) and reconsider funding the larger project in January/February.
	b) To note –circulated prior to the meeting		
<b>20/153</b>	<b>EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE</b>		
	There was no emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting.		
<b>20/154</b>	<b>FINANCE MATTERS</b>		
	154.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for November 2020 were noted.		
	154.2 The accounts for payment (list circulated prior to the meeting) were approved.		
	EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS DECEMBER 2020		
			Amount
	Payee Name	Reference	Paid
	J Hudson	BP201201	1500.00
	HM Revenue & Customs	BP201202	598.72
	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP201203	964.08
	Salary 2	BP201204	500.51
	Salary 1	BP201205	2210.31
	Garden Studio	BP201206	375.00
	M E Willis	BP201207	224.93
	PHS Group plc	BP201208	513.18
	Business Stream	BP201209	111.11
			Transaction Detail
			Market stalls contract
			Tax & NI
			Superannuation
			Salary 2
			Salary 1, Xmas lights & Webex
			Friendship garden design
			Various Miscellaneous
			Provision of hygiene products
			Water toilets

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	YLCA	BP201210	10.00	Training
	BATA	BP201211	79.58	Misc O/S costs
	Powerpoint Northern Ltd	BP201212	180.00	Cherry picker
	Blachere Illuminations	BP201213	1086.00	Christmas lights
	A64 Loohire	BP201214	617.14	A64 Loohire
	Aaztec Associates Ltd	BP201215	347.28	Call out to fix gents 4 visits
	Welcoms	BP201216	82.39	Wi expenditure
	Puro	BP201217	20.00	Website upload
	HAGS	BP201218	216.00	HAGS
	Playscheme	BP201219	2470.20	Repairs to slide
	Corona Corporate Solutions	BP201220	7.24	Photocopier
	A Nelson	BP201221	1666.06	Miscellaneous Works Contract
	SLCC	BP201222	234.00	Membership
	Easingwold Community Primary School	BP201223	193.50	Installation of defib
	Top Cut Tree Services	BP201224	500.00	Trees Memorial Park
	A & M Cleaning	BP201225	1008.00	Cleaning toilets
	Hambleton District Council	DDR	85.00	Rates
	BT	DDR	60.48	Business bill
	<b>Total</b>		<b>15860.71</b>	
	154.3 The precept request and budget 2021/22 figures were approved on 8 <sup>th</sup> December full council meeting.			
	154.4(i) The revised investment policy was received and approved.			
	154.4 (ii) The finance sub-committee was proposed, and it was <b>AGREED</b> it would consist of the Chairs of the committees, the Chairman and the Clerk.			
<b>20/155</b>	<b>DAWNAY ALLOTMENT ROAD</b>			
	A letter was received from an allotment holder and it was confirmed that NYCC were dealing with the matter.			
<b>20/156</b>	<b>ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS</b>			
	A proposal was received from Councillor Madden and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to move the item to the agenda of the full council meeting on January 19th.			
<b>20/157</b>	<b>TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b>			
	Requirements and actions for the Clerk to take included contacting NYCC for a response to the Road conditions letter.			
<b>20/158</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>			
	<b><i>This item was taken at 8.00pm</i></b>			
	158.1 To consider Town Council response to planning applications received (see list attached)			
	<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Application details</b>		<b>Address</b>
	A	20/02401/FUL Construction of a detached dwelling with attached garage, store, and home office Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b> .		Woody Edge, Raskelf Road Easingwold
	B	20/02538/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 154 residential units (C3) areas of public open space, associated car parking, with vehicular access from Husthwaite Road. Change of use of agricultural fields to		Land North East of Easingwold Community Primary School Thirsk Road Easingwold

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		<p>Easingwold Community Primary School playing fields.  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b> in principle subject to the following issues being resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The playing fields that are being provided are delivered as useable playing fields in perpetuity to the school.</li> <li>2. The timing of the development should be delayed ensuring alignment with the new local plan.</li> <li>3. A suitable connection be provided through the fields for pedestrian/cycle access to Church Hill.</li> <li>4. The level of affordable housing increased to 50%.</li> <li>5. The design of the estate be improved to make the fronts of the properties greener and more attractive.</li> <li>6. The environmental provision be improved for example the addition of solar panels/high levels of insulation/electric vehicle charging points.</li> <li>7. The amount of green space being provided is too limited for 150 houses.</li> <li>8. We would like to see traffic amelioration measures taken e.g., a mini roundabout to allow for increased traffic on Thirsk Road, especially given the closure of Easingwold primary school car park.</li> </ol>	
C	20/02481/FUL	<p>Construction of a two-storey side and single storey rear extension.  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>	2 West Avenue Easingwold YO61 3DQ
D	20/02279/FUL	<p>Replacement of all 7 timber double glazed Georgian-style vertical sliding sash windows to the front elevation with double glazed Spectus UPVC vertical sliding sash windows  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>	The Elms 55 Uppleby Easingwold
E	20/02517/FUL	<p>Single storey side and rear wrap-around extension  Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>	17 Galtres Drive, Easingwold YO61 3DL
<p><b>Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address</b>  Site location: Land adjacent Rose Bower Garage, Thirsk Road, Easingwold  Postal Address: Conrods, Thirsk Road, Easingwold, YO61 3HN</p> <p>158.2.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by Hambleton District Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.</p>			
<b>20/159</b>	<p><b>FRIENDSHIP GARDEN</b>  A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it. It was noted that the quote for labour will be reduced since volunteers have come forward.</p>		

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<b>20/160</b>	<b>MILLFIELD CAR PARK BOUNDARY</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it.
<b>20/161</b>	<b>TREE REPLACEMENT</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it. It was <b>AGREED</b> that a tree policy would not be implemented.
<b>20/162</b>	<b>DROVERS COURT WOODS – VILLAGE GREEN STATUS</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to move support this proposal as the most appropriate mechanism for securing continued public access to the woods. Councillors Butcher, Johnston-Banks and District Councillor Knapton will lead the project, with an application coming from the Town Council to maintain public access. There will be an update on this Project at the January meeting – if progress is made before then the completed application form will be circulated to Councillors for approval.
<b>20/163</b>	<b>CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC</b> The way forward was reviewed, and procedures will follow government legislation.

The meeting finished at 20.48pm

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<b>Correspondence to Note December 2020</b>			
<b>Note</b>			
N1	20/11/2020	Ryedale Council	Local government reform
N2	23/11/2020	Healthmatic	Disabled toilets and Radar keys
N3	24/11/2020	NYCC Assistant Director Highways	Response to our letter ref 20/00217/OUT
N4	24/11/2020	NYCC Area 2	A19 Easingwold Bypass
N5	27/11/2020	NYCC	Grant offer letter
N6	01/12/2020	Member of public	Pandemic Road Safety Risk Mitigation
N7	01/12/2020	YLCA	Training bulletin
N8	04/12/2020	YLCA	Finance related training courses
N9	07/12/2020	NYCC	Thirsk & Malton Area Constituency Committee
N10	11/12/2020	Local Transport Projects	Town Centre Footpaths
N11	11/12/2020	Yorkshire Water	Highland Court & Back Lane investigations