

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION & OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX ON
15TH FEBRUARY 2021

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

Co-opted: C. Jackson

Clerk: J. Bentley

In attendance: Councillor C. Barnes

1.	<p>Apologies All members were present.</p>
2.	<p>It was RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes. There was one member of the public present who asked that the council take more advice and reconsider the issue of maintenance and development of the wildflower border.</p>
3.	<p>Clerks Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MWC has removed some rotten logs from the Memorial Park which were highlighted as medium risk in the inspection reports. • The mole eradication programme has been cancelled and the mole situation will continue to be monitored. • The tree at the entrance to the Memorial Park has had a dead branch and ivy removed. • A dangerous ash tree was removed at the Millfield Car Park. • A dead branch was removed from the willow tree at Rowan Avenue. • Crown lifts have been carried out on two oak trees in Millfields Park. • The Miscellaneous Works Contractor will cut back the dog wood that needs to be removed on the Millfields car park boundary. • Chris Jackson will move the earth to the friendship garden to level it as soon as the weather permits. • There have been several potential volunteers who have contacted Easingwold Town Council to express interest in the friendship garden.
4.	<p>Millfields Open Space</p> <p>4.1 An update was received from the Clerk's office/Councillor Osborne regarding Mallison Woods and, since the previously appointed contractor is unable to complete the work, it was RESOLVED to separate the project into three parts and obtain 3 quotes for each:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i) the ivy removal ii) the sycamore removal iii) the tree felling</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should contact Hambleton District Council to confirm that no further paperwork is required for the tree felling.</p> <p>4.2 A quote for a proposed bench for Mallison Woods was received and it was AGREED to look at the optimum bench placement in tandem with the tree felling.</p>

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	<p>It was AGREED to approve the Clifton picnic table in brown at a cost of £518.00 and a bench at £383.00 pounds in brown.</p> <p>4.3 A proposal regarding log seating in Mallison Woods, using the logs from the tree cut down last year was considered and it was AGREED that Chris Jackson would manage the project without concreting in the wood and proceed with the help of volunteers once lockdown is finished.</p> <p>4.4 The design of the map of the park for the new noticeboard was considered and it was AGREED to request a site visit with the Hambleton District Council designer to finesse the final version.</p> <p>4.5 The wildflower border was considered, and a quote received from Yorkshire Paddock Care for £500.00 to flail mow, harrow, spray, harrow and sow the wildflower border by May 2021. This was approved in addition to a spend of £500.00 for seeds. Councillor Johnston-Banks agreed to check the ph of the soil to determine the parameters for the best seed mix.</p>
5.	<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>An update from the Memorial Park Working Group was received and it was RESOLVED to secure the top of the wall and the rest of the front wall, which is currently unstable for a sum of approximately £10,000. It was AGREED to budget for the remaining £15,000 to finish the fences and hedges and walls in good order.</p>
6.	<p>Trees</p> <p>6.1 An update was received on the epicormic growth currently being undertaken. It was AGREED to request that residents should not cut the epicormic growth as it is being managed professionally by Easingwold Town Council.</p> <p>6.2 A request was received from a member of the public regarding maintenance of trees in Chase Garth and it was AGREED to respond stating that if branches are overhanging a property the residents may cut them off and to confirm that Easingwold Town Council will be assessing work required on the trees in Chase Garth for autumn 2021 for a programme of works.</p> <p>6.3 A request was received from a member of the public regarding approval for planting an oak sapling on Millfield it was AGREED to approve the request.</p> <p>6.4 A request was received from a member of the public offering the donation of a tree in memory of her late husband to be planted in or near Millfields and it was RESOLVED to approve the request. It was AGREED that the Clerk should send Councillor Butcher's details to the resident.</p>
7.	<p>Grass cutting</p> <p>Quotes were received for the Grass Cutting contract and it was AGREED to accept Walkers. Councillor Osborne requested that they resume cutting a path through Chase Garth as they had done previously.</p>
8.	<p>Allotment rent</p> <p>The existing rent was reviewed, and it was RESOLVED to maintain it at the same level for 2021/22.</p>
9.	<p>Playground Inspections</p> <p>The quarterly inspections were received, and it was confirmed that the urgent work had already been carried out.</p>
10.	<p>Budget</p> <p>The financial position as of 31st January was noted and no virements were considered necessary.</p>
11.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>17th May 2021 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

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The meeting closed at 20.55pm

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