

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION & OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, THE GALTRES CENTRE AT 7.00PM, 17th MAY 2021**

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

Co-opted: C. Jackson

Clerk: J. Bentley

1.	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Gledhill
2.	There were no members of the public present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
3.	Clerks Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The log fairy circle in Mallison Woods has been installed • The dog wood has been cleared from the Millfields car park hedging and a new fence has been installed • The Assistant Clerk has contacted Hambleton District Council who confirmed that no further paperwork is required for the tree felling in Mallison Woods • Requests for quotes have been sent out to 3 contractors to secure the wall in the Memorial Park • An A2 map of the park has been printed and placed in the noticeboard • The stencils and spray paint for the bike lane have been delivered and are ready for use • The seeds for the wildflower border have been ordered and will be planted as soon as the weather permits • The area behind the wildflower border and Jacko's way has been cut
4.	Millfields Open Space 4.1 The hedge along the wetland was reviewed and it was AGREED to include the work required in the management plan for Millfields and to get 3 quotes for flailing the following hedges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millfield Lane adjacent to the wetland • Millfield Lane adjacent to the north meadow • Mallinson Hill Wood verge and hedge parallel with Oulston Road 4.2 A management plan for Millfields was considered and it was RESOLVED to adopt it as a working document.
5.	Memorial Park 5.1 An update was received from Councillor Madden on the Memorial Park Working Group. 5.2 An email was received from Councillor Butcher regarding the guttering on the bandstand and it was RESOLVED to obtain 3 quotes from roofers.
6.	Trees 6.1 A request was received from a member of the public regarding saplings at the boundary of Mallison Hill woods and it was confirmed that Councillor Butcher has the work in hand. 6.2 Quotes were received regarding the self-seeded sycamore tree on Stonefield Garth and it was RESOLVED that the tree was an important part of the amenity, was not causing damage to any neighbouring houses and should not be removed.

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	<p>6.3 Councillor Osborne provided an update on Mallison Hill Woods. Quotes were received to undertake work. It was AGREED that the trees requiring removal should be painted numerically and that a revised specification should be given to the contractors for this work. It was AGREED to approve Jamie Ulliott's quote for clearing back 3 metres from the boundary for a cost of £1,380.00 and that the Clerk should check Jamie Ulliott's VAT status.</p>
7.	<p>Risk Assessment The 2021/22 risk assessment was received, and it was RESOLVED to approve it, subject to the addition of the paths in the parks being gritted in icy weather.</p>
8.	<p>Allotments 8.1 The allotment rent for the Miscellaneous Works Contractor was considered and it was AGREED that the rent should be waived and that the allotment be considered as council storage, rather than an allotment. 8.2 An allotment inspection was considered, and it was RESOLVED that Councillors Butcher, Fletcher, Osborne and the Assistant Clerk should arrange an inspection. 8.3 The vacant allotment plot 10 was considered and it was RESOLVED to include the item in the inspection, depending on the decision of the person viewing it on 17th May.</p>
9.	<p>Budget It was noted that the budget information will not be available until year end work on 2020/2021 is completed.</p>
10.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting 16th August 2021 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 20.03