

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION & OPEN SPACES  
COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE GALTRES  
CENTRE – 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**Present:** Councillors K. Osborne (Chair), P. Nottage, N. Madden, K. Butcher, R. Varney, A. Gledhill

**Co-opted:** C. Jackson

**Clerk:** J. Bentley

<b>1.</b>	<b>Election of Chairman</b> Councillor Osborne was nominated by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Butcher and duly elected Chairman.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Fletcher & Johnston-Banks
<b>3.</b>	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes. There was 1 member of the public present, and no questions were asked.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Action Plan</b> The Recreation & Open Spaces action plan was received, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should update it to include live actions in order of priority, ranked from 1-5 with 1 being highest priority.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Millfields Open Space</b> 5.1 An update was received from Councillor Butcher on the Friendship Garden, incorporating an ongoing maintenance/development proposal for the garden designer to spend 6 hours in the autumn to brief the volunteers on planting and to buy spring bulbs. A total spend of £350.00 was <b>AGREED</b> for the proposal. 5.2 An email was received from a member of the public regarding the level of the water in the wetland and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to monitor and record the levels over a period of time during different seasons and to invite the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to visit and view the wetland.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b> An update was received from Councillor Madden on the Memorial Park Working Group; no meeting had taken place since the last update. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk will investigate ownership of the snicket. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept Fraser Lane's quote for £200 to investigate the condition of the bandstand roof.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Trees</b> 7.1 A request was received from a member of the public regarding oak trees at the boundary of Mallison Hill woods and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to inform the resident that there will be 2-3 metre edging programmed in to include the removal of the oak trees. Easingwold Town Council is awaiting contractor availability to begin the work. 7.2 A recommendation was received from a contractor regarding the dead tree on the market green. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to remove the tree and stump and approve Liam Cochrane's quote for £350.00. It was <b>AGREED</b> to replace the tree with a substantial blossom tree and to obtain quotes. 7.3 A letter was received from a member of the public regarding the Blue Cedar near Larch Rise, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to ask Liam Cochrane for advice on the tree. 7.4 An update was received from Councillors Butcher and Osborne on Mallison Hill Woods. It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept Liam Cochrane's quote for £700 unless an alternative cheaper quote was received by the 17 <sup>th</sup> August. 7.5 An update was received from the Clerk on the epicormic growth on the Lime Trees on Uppleby.

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	<p>7.6 A letter was received from a member of the public regarding an avenue of sycamores, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> not to plant the avenue of trees through Millfield Park.</p> <p>7.7 A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher to plant trees along Jacko's Way and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the proposal to plant a few clusters of trees.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Bird Feeder</b></p> <p>A letter was received from a member of the public and it was <b>AGREED</b> to contribute £100.00 to the bird feeder project and to confirm that the sign should be no bigger than A3. Placement of the project was delegated to Councillors Butcher and Osborne.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>An update was received from Councillor Osborne following the recent allotment inspection and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk's office should discuss the skip with Andrew Nelson, provide an update on plots 14 and 16. The free allotment should be offered to all those on the waiting list in turn.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Butterflies from the library display</b></p> <p>An update was received from Councillor Butcher, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should contact Nick Wadsworth to confirm that the council gives permission to create a display of butterflies around Claypenny Park to face outwards and inwards on the fence.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Playground Inspections</b></p> <p>The playground inspections (emailed in advance to committee members on 27<sup>th</sup> July by the Assistant Clerk) were received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to obtain a quote to remove the rotten wood as soon as possible, to contact Playscheme to investigate repairing the edging on the tunnel and then obtain three quotes as soon as possible. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to fix the dangerous issues on the reports as a priority, develop a plan with approximate costings for a replacement playground and explore grant options.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>The financial position as of 31<sup>st</sup> July was noted and no virements were considered necessary.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 20.27 pm