

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION & OPEN SPACES  
COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE GALTRES  
CENTRE – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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

**Co-opted:** C. Jackson

**In attendance:** C. Barnes

**Clerk:** J. Bentley

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors A. Gledhill and C. Fletcher and reasons given approved.
<b>2.</b>	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. No members of the public were present and therefore there were no questions asked.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Action Plan</b> The Recreation & Open Spaces action plan was received and reviewed.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Millfields Open Space</b> 4.1 An update was received from Councillor Butcher on the Friendship Garden. 4.2 The issue of loose dogs in the Friendship Garden was considered and it was <b>AGREED</b> that a black plastic fence should be installed behind the hedge whilst it grows to prevent dogs going through to the garden from the car park. It was <b>AGREED</b> that that the signs to keep dogs on a lead in the Friendship garden be put up. It was agreed to put the issue of dogs in Millfields Park on the Full Council agenda in December 2021. 4.3 The Millfields wildflower border for 2022 was considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to spray the border with glyphosate, harrow the earth and plant with a mix of annuals and perennial wildflower seeds in a two-year cycle. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should check the supplier's invoice for the seed mix from the first planting.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b> Councillor Barnes provided an update on the Memorial Park wall work. Councillor Madden confirmed that the Memorial Park Working Group will arrange a meeting within the next two weeks.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Trees</b> 6.1 A request was received from a member of the public regarding trees in Lime Tree Avenue. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should ask a contractor to determine if work is required and to investigate where the tree is on the map and what the previous recommendation was. 6.2 A request was received from a member of the public regarding a tree in Copperclay Walk it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should check the report and ask a contractor if work is required. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the JCP Arboriculture report should be reviewed at the next Recreation & Open Spaces meeting. 6.3 A recommendation from a contractor regarding the replacement tree on the market green was received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to plant a white blossoming Prunus Avium Plena. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should obtain a map of utilities to avoid cutting through cables when the tree is replanted.

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	<p>6.3 Two emails were received from members of the public regarding planting trees at Hambleton Close and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should advise them to contact Councillor Peter Sowray as the land is owned by NYCC.</p> <p>6.4 A letter was received from the Easingwold and District u3a regarding Plant a Tree for the Jubilee, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should advise the u3a that there is an opportunity to plant some apple trees in the community orchard next Autumn.</p> <p>6.5 Councillor Butcher's request to plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee in each Park was considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to plant the trees and ensure that the plaques are organised in time for the Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>6.6 A request was received from 1<sup>st</sup> Easingwold Scout Group regarding a Dawney Tree survey, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to obtain a map and a copy of the report from the Scouts, and it was <b>AGREED</b>, in principle, that if Easingwold Town Council owns the trees, then the council will pay for the work.</p> <p>6.7 The quote for £60.00 from Tree &amp; Conifer Removal for the removal of the stump in the Memorial Park was received and <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Hedges</b></p> <p>7.1 An update was received on the hedges at Chase Garth from Councillors Butcher &amp; Madden, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to determine ownership of the hedge and to check with the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to ascertain if any previous work had been undertaken. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Green Spaces Group could remove the barbed wire and broken fencing and clear the ivy from around the trees. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Green Spaces Group could fill the gaps in the hedges with hawthorn and field maple.</p> <p>7.2 The hedges on the allotments were considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to send a letter to the allotment holders to request that they keep the hedges trimmed.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Playgrounds</b></p> <p>8.1 The playground inspections (emailed in advance to committee members on 8<sup>th</sup> November by the Assistant Clerk) were received and considered. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the inspections were out of date, using old photos and confusing in their presentation and not fit for purpose. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk would contact HAGS to review the inspections and withhold payment until a satisfactory result was achieved.</p> <p>8.2 A proposal was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks regarding playground equipment in the south and west of Easingwold and the project was <b>APPROVED</b> in principle and it was <b>AGREED</b> to add it to the list of projects in the forthcoming budget.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Rotavator</b></p> <p>The status of the rotavator was reviewed and it was <b>AGREED</b> that it should be used for community projects in conjunction with Easingwold Town Council. It was <b>AGREED</b> to review the original email from the previous owner and to determine the status of a gift for the asset register.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>10.1 The financial position as of 31<sup>st</sup> October was noted and no virements were considered necessary.</p> <p>10.2 Requirements for the annual budget for 2022/3 were considered and it was <b>AGREED</b> that a list of projects should be emailed to Councillors Varney, Osborne and the Clerk by the end of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee</p>

The meeting closed at 21.15