

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE GALTRES CENTRE ON
15TH AUGUST 2022

Present: Councillors C. Bilson, K. Butcher, N. Madden, A. Gledhill, S. Shepherd, C. Metcalfe

Co-opted member K. Osborne

In attendance: Councillors C. Barnes, F. Johnston-Banks, C. Cranfield

Clerk: Mrs J Bentley

1.	Election of Chairman Councillor Butcher nominated Councillor Bilson, seconded by Councillor Madden and Councillor Bilson was duly elected Chairman.
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Nottage who was on holiday and Chris Jackson who was unwell.
3.	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 no questions were asked.
4.	Clerk's Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wildflower border has flowered • The vandalised bench in the Memorial Park has been repaired by Chris Jackson • The Youth Council bench and the Park Run bench have been delivered to Millfields • An email was sent on 30th May to a member of the public to refuse the request for tree works in Tower Croft • An email was sent on 30th May to confirm to a member of the public that if there was a TPO on a tree overhanging the property in Mallison Hill Woods then the resident should apply to Hambleton District Council for permission to cut the branches and if there is no TPO then to cut the branches overhanging himself • An email was sent to Councillor Butcher on 30th May to confirm that the request regarding the U3A to plant fruit trees was agreed
5.	Risk Assessment The risk assessment was received, and it was AGREED that Councillors Bilson, Butcher and the Clerk would review the format and contents and make a recommendation for approval.
6.	Allotments It was AGREED that the annual inspection of the allotments should be undertaken by Councillors Gledhill, Butcher and the Assistant Clerk.
7.	Playground Inspections 7.1 The playground inspections were received, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's office would produce a schedule to confirm actions taken regarding high and moderate risk items identified. 7.2 Quotes for playground inspections were received and it was RESOLVED to re-appoint HAGS and accept the quote of 12 inspections at £720 total excluding VAT per year plus an annual inspection of £580 total excluding VAT.
8.	Memorial Park 8.1 An update was received from the Memorial Park Working Group, and it was AGREED that the Miscellaneous Works Contractor should clear the ivy on the wall.

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	<p>It was AGREED that the Clerk should investigate the ownership of hedge by the snicket. It was AGREED that the Clerk should check the Miscellaneous Works Contractor's schedule of works since a plan for maintenance of the hedge is required. The committee supported the proposals and will await the proposal for the hedge. A proposal for a Memorial Garden, offering people the chance to sponsor elements of the garden will be created. The bandstand roof has been inspected and is safe with three options to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to repair the roof(ii) remove the roof and take it down to a lower level(iii) to remove it totally. <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Dominic Rawcliffe for the specification so that a decision may be made.</p> <p>8.2 Quotes for tree works were received and it was RESOLVED to accept James Ulliott's quote for £200 for the trees behind the swings and £720 for the trees at the bowling club.</p> <p>8.3 To receive quotes for the two main gates at the Memorial Park and resolve the way forward: the quotes had not been received therefore this item was not progressed.</p>
9.	<p>Trees</p> <p>9.1 An email was received from a member of the public regarding the trees in Chase Garth and it was RESOLVED to obtain quotes to remove the tree nearest the house and replace it with 2 further trees (not field maples). It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to add the overgrown hedge in Chase Garth to his schedule of works.</p> <p>9.2 An email was received from a member of the public regarding trees behind Claypenny Cottages and it was AGREED that the Clerk should request clarification of which trees are being referred to in the email.</p> <p>9.3 An email was received from a member of the public regarding trees at Tiplady Close and it was AGREED to refuse the request but indicate that she is entitled to cut any branches overlapping her land.</p> <p>9.4 An email was received from Councillor Butcher regarding tree planting around the edge of Millfields and replacing the tree taken down by the car park and the proposals were APPROVED.</p> <p>9.5 An email was received from Property Risk Inspection, and it was AGREED to approve the emergency removal of the trees.</p>
10.	<p>Millfields</p> <p>10.1 An email was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks, and it was RESOLVED that the council wishes to see the cuttings removed from the meadows in order to reduce nutrient levels as a long-term goal and it was AGREED that Councillor Johnston-Banks and the Millfields working group should create a proposal of how this should be achieved. It was AGREED that the ragwort and Giant Hogweed issue should revert to the Millfields Working Group for a solution.</p> <p>10.2 A quote was received for a further container in Millfields, and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should determine the ancillary costs but that the quote for £3350 excluding VAT be approved.</p> <p>10.3 To receive a quote for a water container in Millfields and consider the way forward. This item was no longer relevant.</p>
11.0	<p>Donations</p> <p>A proposed information sheet on donations was received and it was APPROVED, It was AGREED to advertise this on the noticeboards, Facebook and the Easingwold Advertiser.</p>

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12.0	Recommendations from the Millfields Working Group Recommendations were received from the Millfields Working Group, and it was RESOLVED to approve the recommendations to include the Millfields management plan, Kompan Option 1 fitness trail proposal, the first stage of the bike project and the 2 additional picnic tables.
13.0	Budget The financial position as of 31st July was noted and no virements were considered necessary.
14.0	Date of the Next Meeting 14 th November 2022 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 21.14