

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES**  
**COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,**  
**GALTRES CENTRE ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Present:** Councillors C. Bilson (Chairman), K. Butcher, N. Madden, P. Nottage, S. Shepherd, A. Gledhill  
 Co-opted member K. Osborne

**In attendance:** Councillor C. Barnes, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother

**Clerk:** Mrs J Bentley

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b>          Apologies were received and reasons noted from Councillor C. Metcalfe and Chris Jackson.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><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.</b>          2 members of the public were present. One member of the public asked a question unrelated to the agenda therefore it could not be considered. A member of the public requested that tree related agenda items be considered carefully.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Clerk's Progress Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk has contacted Marc Pearson of Hambleton District Council several times to confirm the replacement trees at Lime Tree Avenue and no response has been received</li> <li>• The opening ceremony for the Bike skills and fitness equipment took place 18<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• The swings were ordered for the Memorial Park on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2023</li> <li>• The outdoor fitness equipment has been installed</li> <li>• An email was sent to HAGS on 29<sup>th</sup> November to request the use of up-to-date photos in the reports</li> <li>• The tree survey of Claypenny has been carried out by Elliott Consultancy</li> <li>• Tree &amp; Conifer removal has removed the dead tree from Chase Garth</li> <li>• The groundwork for the new garden has been carried out in the Memorial Park and the trees have been purchased</li> <li>• The skip has been discussed with the Miscellaneous Works Contractor at the allotment and will be organised at a mutually convenient time</li> <li>• The Miscellaneous Works Contractor has removed the ivy from the wall in the Memorial Park</li> <li>• The previous Uppleby tree survey was sent to committee members on 21/11/2022</li> </ul> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to complete the skip work this financial year.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Tree &amp; Bench donations</b>          The details of the project including the maintenance of a register of donors was considered and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to put the item on the next Recreation &amp; Open Spaces agenda to include the revised policy for tree &amp; bench donation updated by the Clerk's Office. The commemorative book was <b>APPROVED</b> in principle.</p>

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5.	<p><b>Trees</b></p> <p>5.1 The draft Tree Policy was reviewed, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it.</p> <p>5.2 The Claypenny tree survey (circulated previously) was reviewed, and it was <b>AGREED</b> to delegate the urgent work for 4 trees to Councillor Bilson and the Clerk to move forward. It was <b>AGREED</b> to get 3 quotes for the rest of the work and for Councillor Bilson to provide an update following a meeting with Elliott Consultancy on 21<sup>st</sup> February.</p> <p>5.3 A letter was received from a member of the public regarding a tree in Chase Garth and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should respond to confirm that there is no evidence that the tree requires any work and include the recently approved tree policy.</p> <p>5.4 A confidential letter was received from a member of the public regarding trees in Larch Rise and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should respond to the resident to confirm that a copy of the letter and the report enclosed will be provided to Easingwold Town Council's insurers but that there is insufficient evidence in the report to warrant work to any trees beyond that identified by the Elliott Consultancy survey.</p> <p>5.5 This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting. A letter was received from a member of the public regarding trees in Tower Croft and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that whilst Easingwold Town Council is sympathetic to concerns over damage to the property but since it is not proven that the trees are causing the problems, Easingwold Town Council will not be taking any action but given that the trees are covered by a TPO the resident may wish to apply to Hambleton District Council for permission to carry out work on them. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Easingwold Town Council should inform their insurers of the letter and the reports enclosed and the resident may wish to contact their own insurers.</p> <p>5.6 It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to obtain quotes for a tree survey for Uppleby.</p> <p>5.7 An email was received from Property Risk Inspection Ltd regarding the type and location for the planting of two new trees near Lime Tree Avenue, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to delegate responsibility to Councillors Butcher and Bilson and the Clerk.</p>
6.	<p><b>Millfields</b></p> <p>6.1 The management plan was reviewed, and it was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Butcher and the Clerk's office should be responsible for updating the plan and that it should be a regular agenda item for Recreation &amp; Open Spaces. It was <b>AGREED</b> that two further quotes should be sought urgently for the blackthorn hedge work.</p> <p>6.2 A request was received from a member of the public regarding snowdrops, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the request.</p> <p>6.3 A request was received from a member of the public regarding blossom trees in Millfields and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to refuse the request; although the idea was considered to be a good one, Millfields is widely used for many activities and the area was not considered appropriate</p> <p>6.4 A proposal was received from Councillor Gledhill and Easingwold Youth Council regarding a covered seating area in Millfields and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the proposal in principle.</p> <p>6.5 An email was received from Councillor Cranfield, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should contact the Dog Warden and the District Councillor to request a visit to Easingwold. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Cranfield should draft a message for the Advertiser and facebook and that the Clerk should investigate signage regarding fixed penalties.</p> <p>6.6 An email was received from Councillor Bilson regarding the exercise equipment</p>

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	and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact Kompan to request that they investigate the height of the equipment and the proximity to the path and address any issues.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b> An update was received from the Memorial Park Working Group. Councillor Madden resigned as Chairman of the Working Group and Councillor Bilson gave thanks to him for his work and it was confirmed that Councillor Varney would take over as Chairman. The report produced was noted and delegated back to the Working Group to develop an action plan.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Chase Garth</b> An email was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks regarding moles in Chase Garth and it was resolved to contact the mole contractor to carry out work in Chase Garth and the Memorial Garden.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Budget</b> The financial position as of 31st January was noted and no virements were considered necessary.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Date of the Next Meeting</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 20.52