

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
GALTRES CENTRE ON 15TH MAY 2023

Present: Councillors C. Bilson (Chairman), K. Butcher, P. Nottage, S. Shepherd

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

Clerk: Mrs J Bentley

1.	<p>Apologies Apologies were received and reasons noted from Councillors A. Gledhill, N. Madden Chris Jackson and Kelly Osborne</p>
2.	<p>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 therefore no questions were asked.</p>
3.	<p>Clerk's Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The swings have been installed in the Memorial Park and the damaged swings removed. Councillor Bilson thanked Councillors Butcher and Barnes for their help and Councillor Butcher wished to note that Groundplay's installation work was excellent • Following instructions from NYC planning a drawing was sent by the Clerk's office on 2nd May 2023 to Property Risk Inspection to determine the final position of the trees in Lime Tree Avenue. It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact Sjaak to complete the planting. • The Miscellaneous Works Contractor has completed the skip work at the allotment • An email was sent to the member of the public regarding a tree in Chase Garth on 23rd February confirming that no work would be carried out • An email was sent to a member of the public in Larch Rise on 23rd February to confirm that no work would be carried out on the trees, the insurers were informed. • An email was sent to the member of the public regarding snowdrops, approving the request on 23rd February • An email was sent to the member of the public refusing the request for blossom trees in Millfields on 23rd February • The Clerk contacted Kompan regarding the fitness equipment • The contractor attended to the moles in Chase Garth and the Memorial Park • The dog warden attended Easingwold for a full week in March. It was AGREED that the Clerk would request feedback from the dog warden. • The new garden in the Memorial Park has been completed and 6 benches have been installed and will be cemented in w/c 2nd May. • The blackthorn hedge was cut back as far as was possible with the equipment available and the timing
4.	<p>Action Plan The action plan was received and it was AGREED that Councillor Bilson would contact HACS regarding the soil for Millfields.</p>
5.	<p>Trees 5.1 Quotes for a tree survey for Uppleby were received and it was RESOLVED to</p>

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	<p>accept Elliott Consultancy's quote for £510.00.</p> <p>5.2 Quotes were received for the work resulting from the Claypenny tree survey and it was AGREED that Greg Milburn should proceed with the crown lifting of the birch tree. It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should contact the residents of the 3 other trees noted a high priority to inform them of the results of the survey. It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Charles Prowse to ask him to put in an application for pollarding and put the other quotes on hold. The trees at Claypenny Cottages were found to be healthy in the survey and it was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the resident to inform him that, in line with Easingwold Town Council's tree policy, no work would be carried out unless there was clear evidence of damage to property caused by the trees.</p> <p>5.3 The 2 sycamore trees in the Memorial Park were considered and it was RESOLVED to contact Greg Milburn and ask him to put a planning application in for the 2 sycamores and the 2 trees by the swings requiring a crown lift. It was AGREED to request a quote for the work.</p>
6.	<p>Millfields</p> <p>6.1 The management plan was received and it was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to ask him to spray weeds on the bike track bank. It was AGREED that this item should be added to the management plan. It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to ask him to cut the inner side of the blackthorn hedge. It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Joe Tate and Greg Milburn to request quotes for cutting the hedge at the top of Claypenny on Larch Rise. It was AGREED that the item related to the control of blanket weeds should be altered to 'assess the requirement and monitor nitrate levels'. Joe Tate's maintenance quote was APPROVED.</p> <p>6.2 A letter was received from a member of the public and it was RESOLVED to approve the bench request and to arrange for Councillors Butcher and Bilson to meet the resident to confirm the bench siting.</p> <p>6.3 A letter was received from a member of the public regarding the wetlands and it was RESOLVED to add the wetlands to the risk assessment.</p> <p>6.4 A quote was received for repairing the fence in Millfields car park and it was RESOLVED to approve it.</p>
7.	<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>An update was received from the Memorial Park Working Group.</p>
8.	<p>Playground Inspections</p> <p>The Playground Inspections were received and it was RESOLVED to prioritise the replacement/repair of four items in the Memorial Park: 1. The Toddler multi play, 2. Giant Rope Swing, 3. The Cable Runway and 4. The Free Standing slide. It was AGREED that Councillor Butcher and the Clerk's office should review the list of items detailed as needing attention in the Play Inspection with the Handyman at the earliest opportunity for him to repair as much as possible. It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should undertake a risk assessment of the Bike Track and the Exercise equipment. It was AGREED that in Claypenny Park the Spring Ark and Toddler multi play were a high priority for repair by the Handyman. Councillor Butcher confirmed that the Climbing Wall also required repair. It was AGREED to ask the Handyman to repair the trip hazards at the Exercise Equipment and the Skate Park.</p>
9.	<p>Allotments</p> <p>An allotment inspection was considered and it was AGREED that Councillors Butcher, Bilson and the Assistant Clerk would carry out an inspection.</p>

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10.0	Budget The financial position as of 31 st March was noted and no virements were considered necessary.
11.0	Date of the Next Meeting 21 st August 2023 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 20.34