

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
GALTRES CENTRE ON 21ST AUGUST 2023

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

In attendance: Councillors F. Johnston-Banks, N. Madden

Co-opted members: Chris Jackson

Clerk: Mrs J Bentley

1.	Apologies Apologies were received and reasons noted from Councillor A. Gledhill,
2.	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
3.	Clerk's Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC were contacted on 18th July, 1st August and the 14th August regarding the soil but so far no response has been received • Elliot Consultancy carried out the tree survey on Uppleby on the 19th June 2023 • Greg Milburn was instructed to carry out the crown lifting on the birch tree identified on the tree survey on the Claypenny estate on 18th May • Planning permission has been granted for crown lifting the sycamore trees in the Memorial Park and Greg Milburn has been asked to carry out the work as soon as possible • The Miscellaneous Works Contractor has been spraying the weeds on the bike track • Greg Milburn and Joe Tate were asked for quotes on the cutting of the hedge at the top of Claypenny on Larch Rise on the 23rd May • 2 benches have been installed on Millfields, sponsored by members of the public • The fence has been repaired in Millfields car park • The handyman has been asked to repair the trip hazards at the Exercise Equipment and the Skate park • An allotment inspection was carried out by Councillors Butcher and Bilson and the Assistant Clerk
4.	Action Plan The action plan was received and updated.
5.	Trees <p>5.1 The Uppleby tree survey was received and it was AGREED to obtain 3 quotes for the September council meeting to undertake the work identified in the survey.</p> <p>5.2 An email was received from Councillor Butcher regarding the donation of two trees and it was RESOLVED to ask the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to inspect the trees before moving them but to confirm that Easingwold Town Council is happy to provide a new home for the trees elsewhere.</p> <p>5.3 A letter was received from a resident in Tiplady Close and it was RESOLVED to confirm that, consistent with our tree policy, we will not be taking any action as no evidence has been provided to show that the tree is causing any damage.</p>

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6.	<p>Millfields</p> <p>6.1 The management plan was received, progress was reviewed and required actions included: Cutting the wild flower border very short and raking the arisings away with the help of volunteers this year to allow it to run for a third year. It was AGREED to include the wild flower border in the expert advice being sought for the management of the meadows. It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should create a list of volunteers and jobs required.</p> <p>6.2 The management of the North and South Meadows was reviewed and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Bilson would revert to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to seek further information and advice, if the advice was not received then it was AGREED to seek further expert advice at a maximum cost of £500. It was AGREED that Councillor Johnston-Banks would give the contact details of the Forest of Flowers to Councillor Bilson. It was RESOLVED to organise the meadow cut as soon as possible, leaving 20% uncut. It was AGREED that Councillor Butcher would contact Joe Tate to discuss the cut as well as the need to remove arisings. It was AGREED that Councillor Johnston-Banks would contact NYC to discuss burning the arisings at an incinerator</p> <p>6.3 The installation of a water tap in Millfields car park was considered and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's office should obtain quotes for a locked stand pipe in Millfields car park.</p> <p>6.4 The donation of a strimmer to a volunteer was considered and it was AGREED to keep the strimmer but allow the volunteer to borrow it for his own personal use.</p> <p>6.5 An email was received from Councillor Butcher regarding dogs on leads in Millfields and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should order a sign stating 'Please keep your dogs on leads in the car park' and to create a notice for facebook and the Advertiser to remind the public of the need to do so.</p> <p>6.6 A quote was received from Joe Tate to flail the ditch side next to the bridle path and it was AGREED that the work was unnecessary at this time.</p> <p>6.7 A quote was received from Joe Tate regarding the Blackthorn hedge and it was RESOLVED to approve it and to contact those members of the public with a previous interest to advise them of action to be taken.</p>
7.	<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>7.1 Councillor Varney provided an update on the tenders for the new Playground, on which the Working Group will make recommendations following their meeting scheduled for 4 September.</p> <p>7.2 The Memorial Park Action Plan was received and noted.</p>
8.	<p>Playground Inspections</p> <p>The Playground Inspections were received and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's office should take action on fixing the moderate risks.</p>
9.	<p>Allotments</p> <p>An update on the allotment inspection was received and it was AGREED to leave the rents at £30.00 and to make the NAA recommended changes to the tenancy agreement.</p>
10.0	<p>Benches in Chase Garth</p> <p>An email was received from a member of the public and it was RESOLVED to ask the handyman to put paving slabs under the benches in Chase Garth.</p>
11.0	<p>Daffodil bank</p> <p>The situation re: the daffodil bank on Long Street was reviewed and it was RESOLVED to ask Tree & Conifer Removal for their opinion on the safest way to tidy it up.</p>

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12.0	Budget The financial position as of 31st July was noted and no virements were considered.
13.0	Date of the Next Meeting 20th November 2023 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 21.25