

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Recreation & Opens Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre 20th November 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee

Present: Councillors: C. Bilson (Chairman), K. Butcher, P. Nottage, C. Barnes, C. Cranfield, R. Varney, I. Buckle
Co-opted member: C. Jackson

Apologies: Cllr S. Shepherd

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

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

1.	Apologies Apologies and reasons for absence were received and approved from Councillor Shepherd.
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 • Quotes have been received for the Uppleby tree work • Quotes have been requested from 4 contractors for the Claypenny tree work • A response was sent to the resident on Tiplady Close on 23rd August to confirm that, consistent with our tree policy we will not be taking any action regarding the tree • The sign regarding dogs on leads has been installed in Millfield car park • The blackthorn hedge has been cut and all members of the public who had previously been in touch were contacted to inform them of the actions agreed • Tree and Conifer has inspected the daffodil bank and provided a quote • The Memorial Park tender has been awarded and a public consultation took place online and on the 15th November in the Galtres Centre • The Handyman has been asked to put paving slabs under the benches in Chase Garth and will carry out the work when the weather is more clement It was AGREED that the Clerk should check with the Handyman to see if the sign for dogs on leads could be moved to the fence in the car park. It was AGREED that the Clerk should request quotes for painting the bandstand and the railings in the Memorial Park.
4.	Action Plan The action plan was received. It was AGREED that it is essential that the work to the sycamores is completed before the installation of the new playground and also that the ivy and the hedge in front of the sycamores should be inspected and reviewed. It was AGREED to add the fence round the Claypenny play park and also the Millfields lighting (2 kiosks will be installed at the end of November) to the Action Plan.
5.	Trees 5.1 Three quotes were received for the Uppleby tree work and it was RESOLVED to approve Top Cut Tree Services' quote for £1,000. 5.2 No quotes had been received for the Claypenny tree work quotes and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should chase these up, splitting the work in two if necessary. 5.3 A letter was received from a resident in Mallison Hill Drive and it was RESOLVED to obtain 3 quotes to clear a 3 metre boundary and to put the management of Mallison Hill Woods on the next agenda. It was AGREED that the Clerk should reply to the resident to inform them of the action that will be taken. 5.4 A letter was received from a resident regarding trees by the containers in Millfield car park and it was AGREED that the Clerk should write to thank her and inform her that Councillor Butcher will be collecting the trees.
6.	Millfields 6.1 The management plan was received and progress and required actions reviewed and

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	amendments noted. It was AGREED that the Clerk should ask the Handyman to paint the goal posts (item 15) and to look at the play area repairs (18), if repairs are not possible then the Clerk should request that HAGS repair the items. Councillor Cranfield AGREED to give the Clerk contact details of Alex Smith (Trev). It was AGREED that the Clerk should investigate finding a contractor to undertake blowing the leaves off the path and cutting the brash on the edges of the boardwalk and the permissive route (item 12). It was AGREED that Chris Jackson would clear the drain flooding the path with a budget of £100 to hire a digger. It was AGREED to trim the brambles by the top entrance of Millfields and to keep both sides of the North gate clear. It was AGREED to ask Joe Tate to clear the permissive route (item 28). It was AGREED that top dressing the car park should take place in August annually, along with the friendship garden. It was AGREED that the management of the gardens should be put on the full council agenda in December. 6.2 The recommendations received from Professor Fitter for managing the Millfield meadows were considered and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Bilson would produce a proposal for the February Recreation and Open Spaces Committee meeting. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Panda Sanderson regarding the arisings and that Councillors Bilson and Butcher would carry out a site visit with him. 6.3 The installation of a water tap in Millfields car park was considered and it was AGREED that Councillor Bilson and the Clerk should investigate further. 6.4 An email was received from a member of the public regarding the Blackthorn hedge and it was AGREED that it will be maintained every two years and that Councillor Bilson will draft a response. 6.5 A quote for £5037 was received for the Youth Shelter and APPROVED. 6.6 An update for a replacement fence for the Claypenny play area was received from the Handyman. It was RESOLVED to get like for like quotes for the fence and bring it to the December council meeting. 6.7 An email was received from a member of the public regarding the development of a petanque area and it was RESOLVED that in principle the council supports the idea but that it will be delegated to the Memorial Park working group.
7.	Memorial Park 7.1 An update on the Memorial Park refurbishment was received from Councillor Varney and the project proposal will be considered at full council on 21st November. 7.2 Councillor Varney provided an update on the Memorial Park Action Plan.
8.	Playground Inspections A letter was received from HAGS regarding the Playground Inspections and it was RESOLVED to retain their services on a month by month basis and to put the item on the February agenda.
9.	Risk Assessment The Risk Assessment was received and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Buckle should review it and bring it forward to the next agenda.
10.	Allotments An update was received on the allotment inspection, and it was AGREED to obtain another skip for the Miscellaneous Works Contractor.
11.	Daffodil bank A quote was received re: cutting back trees and brambles on the daffodil bank on Long Street and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain quotes from Joe Tate and Panda Sanderson for options for maintaining the grass bank for the December full council meeting.
12.	Budget 12.1 The financial position as of 31st October was noted. 12.2 The budget proposals for 2024/5 were reviewed.
13.	Chase Garth & the Memorial Park A quote for treating moles was received and it was AGREED to treat Millfields, the Memorial Park and Chase Garth.
14.	Date of the Next Meeting 19th February 2024 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

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