

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman) K. Butcher, F. Johnston-Banks, S. Shepherd, C. Bilson, N. Madden, B. Sparrow, I. Buckle, R. Varney, County Councillor N. Knapton

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

**In attendance:** Mrs J Fairbrother

23/165	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Councillor Cranfield sent apologies and approval of reasons was given.
23/166	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments and representations through the Chairman in respect of the business on the agenda. 1 member of the public was present and no questions were asked.
23/167	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE</b> An electronic update was received from North Yorkshire Police. Councillor Johnston-Banks requested that in the light of recent accidents could the police inform Easingwold Town Council of their plans to reduce speeding on the A19. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should inform North Yorkshire Police about the increase in anti-social behaviour in the play parks and also report it to the Anti-Social Behaviour Group.
23/168	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council of 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 were received and approved.
23/169	<b>CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email was sent to Area2 on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 regarding the nuisance parking on Long Street and a site meeting has been arranged with a representative from Area2 and Councillors Knapton, Nottage and Barnes for 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024</li> <li>• An email was sent to the Scouts on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to approve their request regarding the bonfire in principle and to request a detailed proposal for the January council meeting</li> <li>• An email was sent to St Leonard's Hospice on 20<sup>th</sup> December to confirm the dates for Light Up a Life 2024</li> <li>• An email was sent to the Member of the Public refusing the Council Tax claim on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</li> <li>• An email was sent to NYC regarding the A19 sign design on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023</li> <li>• The precept request for £186,762 was sent to NYC on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</li> <li>• An email was sent on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to the treasurer of E&amp;RPCC to approve a donation of £3000 and the payment has been made</li> </ul>
23/170	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – TRAINING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY VOLUNTEERS</b> Councillor Bilson put forward a proposal to train volunteers for Remembrance Day traffic control as an alternative to paying for an external provider. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact John Walker to obtain costings and move the proposal forward.
23/171	<b>HEDGE TRIMMER</b> A quote was received for a new hedge trimmer and it was <b>AGREED</b> to approve the Stihl HL926KC-E for £610.
23/172	<b>ACTION PLAN</b> The Action Plan was received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to delegate authority to Councillor Bilson and the Clerk. for commissioning the Claypenny tree work.
23/173	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS &amp; MATTERS</b> 173.1 The minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting on the 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 were received and approved and the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting on the 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 were received. 173.2 Councillor Varney provided an update on the Memorial Park Working Group, confirming that the Memorial Play Park refurbishment would take place from the 29 <sup>th</sup> January and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the park closure would be advertised on facebook, the website and in the Advertiser.
23/174	<b>NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL</b> Councillor Knapton provided an update on North Yorkshire Council, including the site meeting with Paul Crosby; the Council agreed unanimously to propose to NYC that 3 pieces of dropped kerb be installed to ease crossing Crabmill Lane on exiting the Memorial Park and a short length of double yellow lines be placed on the

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	<p>Galtres Centre side of Crabmill Lane to try to break up the hazard caused by continuous parking between the two 45 degree corners. Councillor Bilson referred to a bus service consultation in the City of York and asked whether Easingwold residents could submit comments. Councillor Bilson <b>AGREED</b> to put the link on facebook. The consultation closes on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 but may be restricted to villages local to York. There is no further update on progress with either EV project and no further progress regarding the link path between the Linden and Redrow estates.</p>																																																																															
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<b>23/176</b>	<p><b>EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE</b> There was no emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting.</p>																																																																															
<b>23/177</b>	<p><b>FINANCE MATTERS</b> 177.1 The income from previous month and the Income &amp; Expenditure Report for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were noted 177.2 The accounts for payment (list circulated prior to the meeting) were approved.</p> <p><b>EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS JANUARY 2024</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Payee Name</b></th> <th><b>Reference</b></th> <th><b>Amount Paid</b></th> <th><b>Transaction Detail</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>St John Ambulance</td> <td>BP240101</td> <td>126.72</td> <td>Light Up A Life</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welcoms</td> <td>BP240102</td> <td>82.46</td> <td>Wifi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A &amp; M Cleaning Services</td> <td>BP240103</td> <td>1209.93</td> <td>Cleaning toilets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Hudson</td> <td>BP240104</td> <td>1500.00</td> <td>Market stall contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Jackson</td> <td>BP240105</td> <td>173.33</td> <td>Stalls storage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YLCA</td> <td>BP240106</td> <td>50.00</td> <td>Training C Bilson, I. Buckle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NY Pension Fund X3300</td> <td>BP240107</td> <td>784.48</td> <td>Superannuation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>BP240108</td> <td>687.88</td> <td>Tax &amp; NI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary 2</td> <td>BP240109</td> <td>609.79</td> <td>Salary 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary 1</td> <td>BP240110</td> <td>1964.70</td> <td>Salary 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BATA</td> <td>BP240111</td> <td>535.29</td> <td>Various</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHS Group plc</td> <td>BP240112</td> <td>1006.13</td> <td>Annual charges</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd</td> <td>BP240113</td> <td>165.00</td> <td>Adverts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dynorod</td> <td>BP240114</td> <td>347.00</td> <td>Unblock drains at toilets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andrew Nelson</td> <td>BP240115</td> <td>1628.00</td> <td>Miscellaneous Works Contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Handyman</td> <td>BP240116</td> <td>868.34</td> <td>Various</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>DDR</td> <td>382.07</td> <td>Water toilets</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>12121.12</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>177.3 The investment strategy was reviewed and <b>APPROVED</b> and Councillor Buckle will review it for any further updates.</p>				<b>Payee Name</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Transaction Detail</b>	St John Ambulance	BP240101	126.72	Light Up A Life	Welcoms	BP240102	82.46	Wifi	A & M Cleaning Services	BP240103	1209.93	Cleaning toilets	J Hudson	BP240104	1500.00	Market stall contract	Chris Jackson	BP240105	173.33	Stalls storage	YLCA	BP240106	50.00	Training C Bilson, I. Buckle	NY Pension Fund X3300	BP240107	784.48	Superannuation	HM Revenue & Customs	BP240108	687.88	Tax & NI	Salary 2	BP240109	609.79	Salary 2	Salary 1	BP240110	1964.70	Salary 1	BATA	BP240111	535.29	Various	PHS Group plc	BP240112	1006.13	Annual charges	Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd	BP240113	165.00	Adverts	Dynorod	BP240114	347.00	Unblock drains at toilets	Andrew Nelson	BP240115	1628.00	Miscellaneous Works Contract	Handyman	BP240116	868.34	Various	Business Stream	DDR	382.07	Water toilets	<b>Total</b>		<b>12121.12</b>	
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	177.4 The asset register was reviewed and <b>APPROVED</b> . 177.5 Quotes were received for the internal audit 2023/4 and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Carrie Pillow. 177.6 The Financial Regulations were received and <b>APPROVED</b> .															
<b>23/178</b>	<b>TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b> Requirements and actions to be taken included the installation of bollards outside the former Costa building to prevent vehicles blocking the pedestrian path. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Barnes would photograph the location and make a proposal on siting bollards which he would then discuss with Paul Crosby for siting agreement, before seeking Council approval for installation. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the broken fence on the market place should be repaired as soon as possible and that the insurers should be informed about the damage with a view to a possible claim subject to cost/claim threshold. The sign on the footpath on Back Lane is damaged and Councillor Sparrow <b>AGREED</b> to send a photograph for the Clerk to submit to NYC. It was <b>AGREED</b> to ask the Handyman to smooth the area around the manhole on the bus stop and to inform Reliance.															
<b>23/179</b>	<b>PARK RUN</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Varney regarding the Park Run and it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact the Park Run organisers to volunteer councillors to help run the Park Run one Saturday in late Spring/early Summer.															
<b>23/180</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</b> A proposal was received from Councillor Nottage to leave the lights in place due to the high costs of employing contractors to remove now and subsequently install next Christmas. It was put to the vote; 1 against, 2 abstained and 7 voted for, therefore the lights will remain in place.															
<b>23/181</b>	<b>QUOTE FOR SYCAMORE TREES</b> A quote was received for the sycamore trees and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it.															
<b>23/182</b>	<b>VISION PRESENTATION</b> A presentation on the process for agreeing the Vision was received from Councillor Barnes and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve it.															
<b>23/183</b>	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b> <i><b>This item was taken at 8.00pm</b></i> 183.1 To consider Town Council response to planning applications received (see list attached).															
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	ZB23/02568/FUL	Construction of a block of three work units and parking Wish to see <b>APPROVED</b>	Shires Bridge Business Park Easingwold YO61 3EQ
183.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by Hambleton District Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted			

The meeting finished at 20.46

Signed .....

**Correspondence to Note January 2023**

<b>Note</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Subject</b>
N1	15/12/2023	NYC	Bus service in Easingwold and villages
N2	19/12/2023	Member of the public	Bus services
N3	22/12/2023	Grays Solicitors	Land transfer
N4	22/12/2023	NYC	Parking obstructions
N5	29/12/2023	NYC	Local Plan launch event
N6	29/12/2023	NYC	Response about Bus Services from Richard Flinton
N7	02/01/2024	Department for Transport	Bus services
N8	05/01/2024	Internal Auditor	Availability
N9	09/01/2024	NYC	Gully map
N10	09/01/2024	NYC	Scoria bricks missing on Spring Street