

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the Recreation & Opens Spaces Committee held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre 19th February 2024 on the rising of the Planning Committee

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

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

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

1.	Apologies Apologies and reasons for absence were received and approved from Councillors R. Varney, C. Cranfield and S. 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uppleby tree work has been completed by Top Cut Tree Services• Top Cut Tree Services have begun the Claypenny tree work• The sign regarding dogs on leads has been moved to the fence in the car park.• Quotes have been requested for painting the bandstand and the railings in the Memorial Park• The Clerk informed the resident by email on the 29th November 2023 of the proposed action to clear a 3 metre strip in Mallison Hill Woods boundary• A letter was sent on 29th November 2023 to the resident regarding the trees by the containers in Millfield Car Park thanking her for her help• The Clerk contacted Panda Sanderson regarding the arisings in Millfield meadows, but he does not have the equipment to carry out the work required• The Clerk contacted Alex Smith regarding blowing the leaves off the path and cutting the brush on the edge of the boardwalk and the permissive route in Millfields, he is potentially interested but currently out of action• The Clerk contacted the resident regarding the blackthorn hedge, confirming that it would be cut every two years going forward• The Youth Shelter has been ordered and is awaiting delivery• Quotes were requested to replace the fence in the Claypenny play area• Work has begun on the refurbishment of the play area in the Memorial Park• Work to the sycamores in the Memorial Park has been completed by Top Cut Tree Services
4.	Action Plan The action plan was received, and it was AGREED that the Clerk should arrange a site visit with HAGS to look at Claypenny Park (item 15), request that the Handyman repaints the white lines at the entrance to Millfields car park (item 18), request a quote from the Handyman for new fence posts at the end of the Memorial Park (item 19) and add the surgery sign to the Action Plan. Councillor Buckle undertook to investigate replacing the surgery sign at the entrance to Millfields and it was AGREED that the Clerk would send him details of what had been discussed previously.
5.	Trees 5.1 Quotes were received for the Mallison Hill Woods boundary work it was RESOLVED to approve Top Cut Tree Services quote for £1,200. It was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with Greg Milburn to clarify requirements for planning since there was uncertainty regarding the existence of a TPO. 5.2 An email was received from a member of the public regarding trees in Drover's Court and Station Court and it was RESOLVED to respond to confirm that Easingwold Town Council does not own the land or the trees and therefore the council does not have any responsibility or ability to intervene.
6.	Millfields

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	<p>6.1 The management plan was received, and progress reviewed. It was AGREED that Councillors Bilson, Butcher, Barnes and Chris Jackson should meet to review the plan in detail.</p> <p>6.2 (i) An email was received from Councillor Bilson regarding planning issues and the dog exercise area planned for Millfields. Councillor Bilson proposed that the dog exercise area development be abandoned due to difficulties arising from planning and the proposal was approved unanimously. Councillor Bilson also proposed that the plan to level the site with topsoil be abandoned but that an attempt to level the site with existing on-site material where possible should be carried out. This proposal was approved unanimously.</p> <p>6.2 (ii) 3 quotes for noise assessment studies were received and it was RESOLVED that no study would be undertaken following decisions made in item 6.2 (i).</p> <p>6.3 A draft plan for the management of Millfields meadows was received and it was RESOLVED to approve the plan subject to some minor amendments. It was AGREED that Joe Tate should be briefed on the work required this year.</p> <p>6.4 The dog bag dispenser was reviewed, and it was AGREED that the Clerk should request its removal, following monitoring of the situation.</p> <p>6.5 Quotes were received for a replacement fence for Claypenny play area and it was RESOLVED to approve Mark Sowerby Fencing's quote for £5958.00 excl. VAT and including the post saver sleeves.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Councillor Barnes and Chris Jackson would put forward a proposal regarding water management of the wetlands at the next full council meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>7.1 An update was received on the Memorial Park refurbishment. Committee members were encouraged to consider plans for the official opening.</p> <p>7.2 The Memorial Park Action Plan was received.</p> <p>7.3 A quote to paint the railings and stain the timber in the bandstand was received from the Handyman for £490.00 APPROVED.</p> <p>7.4 An email was received from Councillor Bilson regarding Land Registry and the Bowls Club Wall. Councillor Madden confirmed that the Bowls Club believe that the wall is owned by Easingwold Town Council. It was AGREED that Easingwold Town Council would remove the ivy and ask the Bowls Club to remove the ivy on their side.</p> <p>7.5 A proposal was received from Councillor Butcher regarding seats, benches and bins for the Memorial Play Park, and supplementary information received from the Assistant Clerk. It was AGREED to approve the proposal and include 3 bins from North Yorkshire Council, confirming designs available.</p>
8.	<p>Playground Inspections</p> <p>An email was received from the Assistant Clerk regarding the Playground Inspections and it was RESOLVED to appoint GB Sport and Leisure to inspect the Memorial Park equipment when HAGS have finished installing it.</p>
9.	<p>Risk Assessment</p> <p>The Risk Assessment was received, approved and it was AGREED that Councillor Buckle would email an explanation of the change in format to the council.</p>
10.	<p>Daffodil bank</p> <p>10.1 A quote for £1,100 was received from Liam Cochrane re: clearing the daffodil bank on Long Street and it was RESOLVED to approve it and request that the work takes place as soon as possible.</p> <p>10.2 A quote was received for £700.00 from Joe Tate for maintenance following the clearing of the daffodil bank and it was AGREED that the Clerk should request further details of the work quoted for and the equipment that will be used.</p>
11.	<p>Garden Maintenance</p> <p>A quote was received for £2,450 from Garden Studios for maintenance of the town gardens and APPROVED. It was AGREED that the Clerk would investigate payment options with Garden Studios.</p> <p>It was AGREED to put dusting the Friendship Garden and paths in Millfields on the next full council agenda meeting.</p>

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12.	Urban Grass Cutting An email was received from NYC regarding grass cutting and it was RESOLVED to confirm acceptance.
13.	Budget The financial position as of 31st January was noted.
14.	Date of the Next Meeting 20 th May 2024 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 21.20