

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE**

Present: Councillors R. Varney (Chairman), N. Madden, K. Butcher, C. Bilson, F. Johnston-Banks, C. Barnes
Co-opted member C. Jackson

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	<p>Apologies No apologies were received</p>
2.	<p>Public Questions or Comments 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. One member of the public was present and explained the work being carried out on the gullies by the volunteers. Councillor Varney thanked the member of public and agreed that the item would be addressed on Working Group Updates on the Full Council agenda on the 16th April.</p>
3.	<p>Clerk's Progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bollards have been installed by the Fika Rooms, the York and outside Costa Coffee • The Assistant Clerk sent the Buckbys a thank you card for their business • The signs in the market place have been installed • The new cupboard has been installed in the ladies toilets • Healthmatic have visited the toilets to service the doors and a new part has been ordered for the disabled toilets • R. E. Thompson have altered the lighting in the gents • The trauma bag has been delivered to the office, the sign for the George has been delivered to the office and both are awaiting transfer to the George • The code of conduct has been handed out to all market traders <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk should liaise with The George, Councillor Barnes and the Handyman to install the sign and the trauma bag.</p>
4.	<p>Action List The action list was received and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Barnes would help the Clerk draft the specification for the Memorial Park Wall.</p>
5.	<p>Market 5.1 An update was received on the general running of the market and it was RESOLVED to offer CosytoHome a permanent stall. It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should contact Amy Walker to determine her availability with a view to replacing Buckbys. 5.2 The current waiting list was noted as well as recent market stall applications received and requests for permanent stalls 5.3 A request was received from the market stalls contractors for a pay increase and it was AGREED to approve it. It was AGREED that the Clerk should request that the Artisan Market put the cones away following the end of the market. 5.4 A request was received from a piano busker regarding the Friday market and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's office would arrange a trial period of 3 weeks and that the Clerk should forward the original link to the Operations Committee.</p>
6.	<p>Planters/Bike Racks The installation of bike racks in the market place was considered and it was AGREED that a site visit would be held following the meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Toilets 7.1 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was noted. 7.2 Other matters considered included identifying the vandalism costs this financial year, investigating a quote to change the door from opening inwards to outwards on the gents</p>

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	and creating an announcement to advise the public that the council is considering closing the toilets due to the increasing vandalism and costs.
8.	CCTV The installation of CCTV in the Memorial Park was considered and the quote from AMCO for £270.00 to investigate possibilities was APPROVED . It was AGREED to approach the Hambleton Safety Advisory group for advice.
9.	Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 31/03/2024 was noted and no action was considered necessary.
10.	Next Meeting It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 15 th July 2024, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 19.52 pm
Signed