

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors R. Varney (Chairman), S. Shepherd, N. Madden, K. Butcher, C. Bilson, F. Johnston-Banks, C. Barnes, E. Whiteside

**Clerk:** Mrs J. Bentley

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> All members were present therefore there were no apologies. Councillor Varney gave thanks to Chris Jackson for all of his work and achievements for the Operations Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Public Questions or Comments</b> No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Clerk's Progress report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cycle racks installation has been completed</li> <li>• 3 quotes have been requested to tarmac the area outside of Harrowells</li> <li>• A site visit has been requested with Healthmatic to look at the gent's toilets, Healthmatic has declined</li> <li>• The Clerk has chased up the bin order for the marketplace</li> <li>• A meeting has taken place regarding the locks for the toilet doors between the handyman and Councillor Whiteside</li> <li>• An allotment inspection has taken place</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Action List</b> The action list was received and updated throughout the meeting.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Toilets</b> 4.1 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was received and noted. 4.2 It was <b>AGREED</b> that further companies should be sought to quote for the refurbishment of the gents' toilets, and that the Clerk should request that the YLCA contact other councils for recommendations. It was <b>AGREED</b> that Councillor Whiteside would fit and test the key for one of the toilets and, if successful, all doors will be fitted with a key.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>CCTV</b> The recommendations made following the site visit from the CCTV North Yorkshire Council supplier were not fully completed since all information had not been received. It was <b>AGREED</b> to raise the issue with Councillor Knapton.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Allotments</b> 6.1 It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should send the committee a copy of the latest allotment inspection. 6.2 The waiting list was received, and It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should discuss the list with the Assistant Clerk and Councillor Johnston-Banks, considering vacancies at Breadlands allotments.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Christmas Lighting</b> A quote was received from Acorn Lighting Services regarding Christmas Lights, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk should clarify if the quote includes the storage, if so it was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Acorn Lighting Services. It was <b>AGREED</b> to cap the number of Christmas trees on the Market Green at 6 this year and investigate a longer-term solution for next year to ensure improved, longer-lasting lighting.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Finance &amp; Budget Monitoring</b> The financial position at 30/09/2024 was noted and it was <b>AGREED</b> to check the coding for 4100, Market Place Maintenance and 4095 Miscellaneous Expenditure. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the members of the committee should review the budget for 2025/26 and put forward any considerations and projects for the November meeting.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Wifi</b> The Wi-fi was considered and the project is moving forward and waiting for the electricity readings from G H Smith.</p>

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Drainage</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> that Easingwold Town Council should work with Councillor Knapton to try and improve the frequency and targeting of blocked drains. NYC has agreed to use a high pressure jetter for Millfields Lane in October, it was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact Paul Crosby to agree dates. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Clerk should contact Yorkshire Water about the sink hole as it has not been repaired.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Next meeting</b> To note the next meeting is scheduled for 20th January 2025, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 20.10