

**RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING – 7.30PM OR ON THE
RISING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
17TH FEBRUARY 2025, THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GALTRES CENTRE**

Present: Councillors C. Bilson (Chairman), P. Nottage, F. Johnston-Banks,
K. Butcher, R. Varney, I. Buckle, S. Shepherd,

Co-opted member: Helen O'Kelly

In attendance: Councillors E. Whiteside, N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, Assistant Clerk Mrs
J. Fairbrother

Clerk: Mrs J Bentley

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| 1. | Apologies An apology was received from Councillor Barnes and the reason for absence approved. |
| 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. 1 member of the public was present and asked a question about the position of a commemorative bench in Millfields. The position will be reviewed by Millfields Working Group. |
| 3. | Clerk's Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playworks have completed the refurbishment work on Claypenny Park • Top Cut Tree Services have applied for planning permission from NYC for the recommended work required for the tree surveys in the Memorial Park and the Market Place and will do so for Chase Garth • The signage has been installed in the 3 parks • The Blue Cedar report has been sent to the residents and a note made on the action plan to reinspect it every 18 months • The Clerk has requested that NYC carry out an assessment of the Ash Tree in Millfield • The Clerk has contacted the member of the public and the dog warden regarding dogs on leads • The Clerk has contacted the primary school to confirm that Councillor Butcher and the Clerk's office would liaise with them regarding Environmental Ambassadors |
| 4. | Millfields 4.1 An update and proposal on lighting in Millfield was received from Colin Fletcher; the project has obtained full funding and is awaiting a final formal offer from FCC. Subject to confirmation of the FCC funding, the proposal was APPROVED and the contractors selected were APPROVED 4.2 The management plan was received, progress reviewed and required actions noted. 4.3 Quotes were received for contractor work in Millfield for 2025 and it was RESOLVED to appoint Leaf Seeds. It was AGREED that Councillors Nottage, Bilson and the Clerk review Joe Tate's quote and delegated authority was given to approve any actions by email 4.4 The Millfields Meadow Management Plan was reviewed, and it was AGREED that Councillor Bilson would make amendments and bring a revised plan to the May RECOS meeting. |
| 5. | Action Plan The action plan was received, and it was AGREED to add the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Butcher to liaise with the primary school re: Environmental Ambassadors • Millfields Information Board project led by Councillor Butcher • Councillor Bilson to update the Millfields Meadow Management Plan. |
| 6. | Trees 6.1 An email was received from a member of the public regarding epicormic growth on the Uppleby trees and it was AGREED to respond to confirm that if the epicormic growth is an issue before the 3-year review then it will be dealt with. |

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| | 6.2 An email was received from a member of the public regarding trees at Barns Wray and it was AGREED that Easingwold Town Council would, consistent with its Tree Policy, take no further action. The member of the public may apply for planning to reduce the tree if he wishes. 6.3 A quote was received for tree work at Lime Tree Avenue & Larch Rise from Top Cut Tree Services and APPROVED . |
| 7. | Signage Quotes were received for the finger posts and the street signs for Jacko's Way, and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Bilson, and the Clerk would review them and make a proposal for the March Full Council meeting. |
| 8. | Memorial Park 8.1 A quote for re-profiling the Memorial Park, following the meeting between Forth Plant and Councillor Butcher was received and it was RESOLVED to approve it. 8.2 An email was received from a member of the public and it was AGREED to inspect the roundabout and clarify that there is a baby changing facility in the Market Place or in the Galtres Centre. |
| 9. | Grass Cutting Quotes were received for the grass cutting seasons 2025-2027 and it was RESOLVED to appoint Walkers. |
| 10. | Chase Garth A quote was received from Forth Plant for resurfacing the Tiplady Close entrance to Chase Garth and it was RESOLVED to approve it. |
| 11. | Open Spaces Management The Miscellaneous Open Space Management Plan was received, and it was AGREED to accept it and move forward with it. |
| 12. | Playgrounds The quarterly Playground Inspections were received, and it was noted that there were no medium or high risk items in the reports. |
| 13. | Risk Assessment This item was brought forward to the start of the meeting. Progress on the Risk Assessment was reviewed and actions required agreed. |
| 14. | Town Gardens & Planters on Long Street A quote was received from Studio Gardens for maintenance of the town gardens for 2025/6 and it was RESOLVED to approve it. |
| 15. | Brushcutter quotes Quotes were received for a new brush cutter, and it was RESOLVED to approve a spend of up to £560 and for the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to select an option. |
| 16. | Finance The financial position as of 31 st January 2025 was noted. |
| 17. | Date of the Next Meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 19 th May 2025 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee. |

The meeting closed at 20.47