

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, the Galtres Centre
18th March 2025 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: P. Nottage (Chairman), C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman), C. Bilson, N. Madden, F. Johnston-Banks, E. Whiteside, R. Varney, K. Butcher, I. Buckle.
Assistant Clark J. Fairbrother, County Councillor N. Knapton

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

24/186	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Councillor Shepherd and reasons for absence were approved.
24/187	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. One member of the public was present at this point and no questions were raised.
24/188	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE No update was received from North Yorkshire Police and no member of North Yorkshire Police was present.
24/189	MINUTES The minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council of 18 th February 2025 were received and approved.
24/190	CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk has contacted the police to thank them for their previous report and to confirm that the Town Centre be included in the patrols. The police have responded to confirm that it is included currently The Clerk has contacted Karl Battersby and Councillor Nigel Knapton to request information concerning parking and an update has been received and circulated to councillors An email was sent to the Classic Car Club to approve their request to hold a Classic Car Run in the Market Place An email was sent to EDCCA to approve their request for a donation and the payment of £1000 has been made The Scouts, the Air Cadets, the primary school, the Guides, and the football club have been contacted regarding the Great British Spring Clean on the 23rd of March to determine interest in participating An email was sent to the Royal British Legion to approve their request for a donation and the VE Day 80th Anniversary event An email was sent to the Easingwold Tractor Run to approve their request to run an event in the town centre The faulty light on the Belisha Beacon at the primary school has been reported to NYC A request for Councillor Whiteside to inspect the Town Clock lighting has been approved by G H Smith. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact a member of staff to gain access.
24/191	ACTION PLAN The Action Plan was received and noted.
24/192	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL An update was received from Councillor Nigel Knapton
24/193	COMMITTEE REPORTS & MATTERS <p>193.1 The minutes of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee meeting on the 17th of February 2025 were received and approved and the draft minutes of the Social & Events Committee meeting on the 17th of March 2025 were received.</p> <p>193.2 The Terms of Reference for the Committees were received. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would liaise with the Chairman of each committee to allocate responsibilities correctly and approve them by email.</p> <p>193.3 Updates were received from the working groups: Councillor Bilson explained the slight changes to the Meadows Management Plan which were agreed and Councillor Varney provided an update on the Memorial Park Working Group and the Town Centre Working Group.</p>
24/194	REFURBISHMENT OF THE GENT'S PUBLIC TOILETS

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	A recommendation was received from Councillor Varney it was AGREED to approve a £2,500 quote from Paul Webb.		
24/195	CORRESPONDENCE		
	a) Correspondence for decision		
	Correspondence for Decision March 2025		
	No.	Date Received	Request From
			Request
	1.	17/02/2025	Easingwold Library
2.	25/02/2025	Member of the public	Flag Flying Complaint; the request was considered, and it was unanimously agreed that no changes would be made to the policy.
3.	03/03/2025	Member of the public	Breadlands Allotments funding for gates; Councillors Madden, Johnston-Banks and Butcher declared an interest. It was agreed that this was not an item that Easingwold Town Council could support financially.
To note – was circulated prior to the meeting			
24/196	FINANCE MATTERS		
196.1 The income from previous month and the Income & Expenditure Report for 28 th February 2025 were noted			
EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL - LIST OF PAYMENTS MARCH 2025			
Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
J Hudson	BP250301	1750.00	Stalls contract
Sunnydale Garden Services	BP250302	360.00	Beech Hedge Chase Garth
Councillor Whiteside	BP250303	87.54	Banner & letters Xmas Mkt
HM Revenue & Customs	BP250304	692.14	Tax & NI
NY Pension Fund X3300	BP250305	991.61	Superannuation
Salary 1	BP250306	2065.14	Salary 1 plus expenses
Salary 2	BP250307	660.74	Salary 2 plus mileage
Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd	BP250308	33.00	Advert
ME Willis Ltd	BP250309	170.38	Lawnmower service
Fox's trophies and engraving	BP250310	9.00	EIL trophy engraving
The George Hotel	BP250311	200.00	Friendliness tea
Welcoms	BP250312	82.39	Wi-Fi expenditure
Easingwold Town Hall Co Ltd	BP250313	181.50	Adverts
HCI Data Ltd	BP250314	114.00	Renewal of domain name 2 yrs
A Nelson	BP250315	450.00	Misc. Works Contract
Business Stream	BP250316	653.67	Waste services toilets

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	G. Bentley	BP250317	277.50	Coverage for Miscellaneous Works
	G H Brooks	BP250318	13.44	Grit bag
	Welcoms	BP250319	82.39	January Wi-Fi expenditure
	Leaf Groundcare Ltd	BP250320	579.60	Surgery snicket/permissive path work
	A & M Cleaning	BP2500321	1247.36	Cleaning toilets
			10701.40	
	196.2 The accounts for payment were approved.			
24/197	CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR The next steps were reviewed, and it was AGREED to follow the previous co-option process.			
24/198	SIGNAGE – MILLFIELDS Quotes were received for proposed signage in Millfields, and it was RESOLVED to approve 2 Jacko’s Way signs with the Sign Maker and not to proceed with the finger posts.			
24/199	TARMAC QUOTES Quotes were received regarding the tarmacking in front of Harrowells and it was AGREED to defer this item until a specification is received from NYC to enable like for like quotes.			
24/200	EMERGENCY PLANNING The York and North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum Village Emergency Plan draft short version for Easingwold was received and approved, and it was AGREED that Councillor Bilson would take the lead on both finalising this version and also developing a more detailed Easingwold plan.			
24/201	TOWN REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE Requirements and actions to be taken include ordering six bike racks as soon as possible to both replace the damaged racks and increase the offering. It was also agreed to accept the quote from Forth Plant to repair the sinkhole subject to confirmation that it included repairing the pipe that was the cause of the problem. We would then, if appropriate, seek recovery of the costs from the body responsible for the pipe.			
24/202	EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE There was no emergency expenditure actioned by the Clerk since the last meeting.			
24/203	PLANNING MATTERS <i><u>This item was taken at 8.00pm</u></i> 203.1 The Town Council’s response to planning applications was received and approved.			
		Ref No	Application details	Address
	b	ZB25/00163/FUL	Application for like for like roof repairs to rear side of pantile roof of no 44 and no 42 (now incorporated into no 44 as one dwelling) Wish to see APPROVED	Leyland House 44 Uppleby Easingwold
	c	ZB25/0165/TPO	Application for works to fell two trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order 1992/10 - T14 and 1992/10 - T13 Ash trees Wish to see APPROVED	19 Whiteoak Avenue Easingwold
	d	ZB25/00223/CAT	Application for works to remove a tree in a Conservation Area marked A - Fir Tree NO OBJECTIONS	Crawford House Long Street
	e	ZB25/00021/FUL	Application to create a new pathway with public access/right of way, from Copperclay Mews to Millfields Park with a new access gateway along the existing fence line. Wish to see REFUSED	The Hesley Group Copperclay Mews Care Home Copperclay Walk

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	f	ZB25/00196/FUL	Alterations to all windows and two doors to the front and rear of the property NO OBJECTIONS	29 Wilkinsons Court Easingwold
	203.2 Decisions on planning applications considered by North Yorkshire Council and total of applications for new dwellings approved were noted.			
24/204	DAWNEY ALLOTMENTS A quote was received for work to hedges and trees at the Dawney Allotments and it was RESOLVED to approve the quote for £825 for Tree and Conifer Removal to proceed with the work as soon as possible.			
24/205	MEMORIAL PARK PLAY AREA A quote was received from HGS to install additional stepping stones, and it was AGREED to accept the quote for three stones at a total of £1170 with a view to subtracting the total from the £2000 allocated from the installation of the playground.			

The meeting closed at 20.16