

**RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING – 7.30PM OR ON THE
RISING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
19TH MAY 2025, THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE GALTRES CENTRE**

Present: Councillors C. Bilson (Chairman), I. Buckle, K. Butcher, S. Shepherd

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

Clerk: Mrs J Bentley

1.	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors R. Varney and P. Nottage and reasons given approved.</p>
2.	There were no members of the public present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
3.	<p>Clerk's Progress Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has begun on the lighting project in Millfields • Leaf Seeds has been appointed as a contractor for various items in Millfields and throughout the rest of Easingwold • An email was sent to the resident in Uppleby confirming that the epicormic growth will be carried out every three years unless there is an issue • An email was sent to the resident at Barns Wray confirming that no further action will be taken in accordance with the tree policy • The street signs have been installed on Jacko's Way • Walkers have been appointed for the grass cutting seasons 2025-2027 • The work moving the seats in the Memorial Park will take place on 27th and 28th May. Councillor Butcher agreed to meet at the site to advise on the new location, which will not be under trees • New padlocks have been installed on the gates in Millfield • The memorial bench has arrived for Millfield and will be installed once the lighting around the horseshoe path has been sited <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to determine summer watering requirements.</p>
4..	<p>Action Plan It was AGREED that the Action Plan should be moved to the first item on the agenda following the Clerk's progress report for future agendas. The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.</p>
5.	<p>Millfield 5.1 An email was received from a member of the public regarding the Wetland. It was AGREED that the Clerk should locate the brush cutters, Councillor Bilson will organise volunteers to cut the grass and fenland areas in the Wetland in this Summer, initially to minimise the spread of Willowherb, and the Millfields Working Group will consider the long term plan based on the YWT feasibility study of 2017. 5.2 The management plan was reviewed, and all actions were covered in the Action Plan. 5.3 The Millfield Meadow Management Plan was reviewed and APPROVED.</p>
6.	<p>Chase Garth An update was received from the Working Group and it was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Forth Plant to determine timings on work to the entrance of Chase Garth. Councillor Whiteside provided an update on the Basketball court project. It was AGREED that the working group should produce a plan and that the Clerk should identify potential sources of funding.</p>
7.	Playgrounds

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	<p>7.1 The annual Playground Inspection of the Memorial Park was received, and it was RESOLVED to share the report with HAGS for their comments. It was AGREED that the Clerk should confirm the warranty length of the new equipment. It was AGREED that the Clerk's office should review the report and allocate work to various contractors accordingly.</p> <p>7.2 A quote for 1 annual inspection and 3 quarterly inspections of the playgrounds was received and it was AGREED that the Clerk should obtain an alternative quote from the Annual inspectors to review at the next full council meeting once the quote is received.</p>
8.	<p>Trees Quotes for tree surveys for Stonefield Garth, Drovers Court, the rest of Millfields, the allotments and Mallison Hill Woods were received, and it was RESOLVED to accept Elliott Consultancy's quote unless Bartlett's quote is cheaper, if so then the decision will be made by email.</p>
9.	<p>Risk Assessment Progress was reviewed on the Risk Assessment and updates agreed.</p>
10.	<p>Finance The financial position as of 30th April 2025 was noted.</p>
11.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting 18th August 2025 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.</p>

The meeting closed at 20.30

NOTES FOR MEMBERS; Declarations of Interests

Members are reminded that they will need to consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial interest to declare on any items on this agenda. **Declarations of interest should be made at the start of the relevant agenda item**, but members may also declare an interest as soon as it becomes apparent during discussion. Members need to specify whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of the interest when making a declaration. If you have any doubts, please contact the Clerk or NYC Monitoring Officer, in sufficient time to allow any issues which arise to be researched adequately.