

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 14th JULY 2025, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE**

Present: Councillors R. Varney, N. Madden, K. Butcher, E. Whiteside, C. Bilson,

In attendance: Councillors F. Johnston-Banks, D. Bream

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	To elect a Chairman Councillor Bilson nominated Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Butcher and was unanimously elected Chairman
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Barnes
3.	Public Questions or Comments 1 member of the public was present, and no questions were asked, therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
4.	Clerk's Progress report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stamford bench has been put in place • The bike racks have been installed down the side of Harrowells/The Fika Rooms • The contractor has finished refurbishing the gents' toilets • The sink hole has been repaired (put on August's agenda full council) • All allotment rent has been paid and a survey of the trees in the allotments has been carried out • The ivy has been removed from the toilet block and paving installed • The toilet drains have been unblocked as an emergency measure <p>It was AGREED that a survey of drains and the sink hole should be put on the agenda at the full council meeting in August It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact Paul Crosby regarding the tarmac outside the Fika Rooms to request they assess it whilst they are carrying out the work in the market place, as well as investigating the tarmac in front of G H Smith since it is disabled unfriendly.</p>
5.	Action List The action list was received and it was RESOLVED to update the Wifi item as Councillor Johnston-Banks is now dealing with NYC rather than G H Smith, add the issues with the toilet doors, remove the culvert but leave it on the RECOS action list, add the sink hole item and remove any items that are more than 3 months old.
6.	Toilets 6.1 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was noted 6.2 A quote was received for repair to the drains at the toilets and it was RESOLVED to approve the quote for £1422 incl VAT.
7.	Allotments The waiting list was received, and it was AGREED to organise a site visit with Councillors Varney, Butcher, Bream and the Assistant Clerk. It was AGREED to review the Miscellaneous Works Contractor's allotment.
8.	Market Place An update was provided by Councillor Varney, and it was agreed to obtain a quote for 3 planters by the Fika Rooms.
9.	Vacant Commercial Premises An update was received from Councillor Johnston-Banks.
10.	Cones Quotes were received for cones, and it was RESOLVED that Councillors Johnston-Banks and Butcher would review the existing cones and Councillor Whiteside would provide a quote for taped cones.

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11.	Emergency Plan A draft emergency plan was received from Councillor Bilson and it was AGREED that thanks should be given to Councillor Bilson and that the Emergency Plan should become an annual agenda item.
12.	Drainage Drainage was covered at an earlier point in the meeting.
13.	Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 30/06/2025 was noted and no action was considered necessary
14.	Next Meeting To note the next meeting is scheduled for 20th October 2025, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee

The meeting closed at 20.22