

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2026, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE

Present: Councillors R. Varney (Chairman), N. Madden, K. Butcher, E. Whiteside, C. Bilson, C. Barnes

In attendance: Councillor F. Johnston-Banks

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	Apologies Apologies were accepted and reasons for absence approved from Councillor K. Colwell.
	Public Questions or Comments There were no members of the public present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
2.	Clerk's Progress report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A skip has been booked for the Miscellaneous Works Contractor to clear the allotment, it will then be free to rent following the clearance • The cones have been delivered • PBS has undertaken a site visit for resurfacing several areas in Easingwold • Garden Studios has been authorised to undertake maintenance of the tubs by the Fika Rooms • The seat and bollard have been ordered for the area in front of the ladies' toilets
3.	Action List The action list was received and items to amend/add included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The action point regarding the EV project outside Hearts; the installers need to be advised not to place the charger too near the sink hole b) It was agreed to take off wifi equipment since that has been completed. c) It was agreed to add the potential location of the bleed kit to the action list and the potential relocation of the defibrillator. d) Tarmac in front of the Fika room; it was agreed that this will be long term and will only take place after the marketplace has been refurbished. e) It was agreed to move the emergency plan item to completed but diarise that it needs to be reviewed annually. f) It was agreed to add the clearance of the contractor's allotment, CCTV & IT website issues, review of the use of Puro and the Howardian Hills National Landscape sign. g) It was agreed to add the bus shelter opposite the co-op on Long Street, the bus stop and repairs to the kerb outside G H Smith. h) It was agreed to put chair storage on the Social & Events Action List.
4.	Risk Assessment The risk assessment was received and approved.
5.	Toilets 5.1 Quotes for the refurbishment of the baby change were received, and it was AGREED to accept Paul Webb's revised quote. 5.2 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was noted. 5.3 There were no other matters to consider.
6.	CCTV The Clerk provided an update on CCTV.
7.	Allotments The waiting list was received, and it was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should arrange an allotment visit with Councillors Butcher and Varney. It was AGREED that the Clerk should ask the Miscellaneous Works Contractor about a tip licence. It was AGREED that if 3 skips are necessary to clear the allotment then the payment is approved.

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8.	Market Place The marketplace improvement plan was received from Councillor Varney, and it was AGREED that the new door for the gents toilets should be purchased from Healthmatic.
9.	Long Street Working Group An electronic update was received from Councillor Colwell on the Long Street Working Group.
10.	White lines – Windross Square A quote was received for marking the disabled bays in Windross Square and it was RESOLVED to approve it. It was AGREED that Councillor Varney and the Clerk should look at the existing signs in Windross Square and make a recommendation.
11.	Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 31/12/2025 was noted and no action was considered necessary
12.	Drainage There were no matters to consider.
13.	Next Meeting To note the next meeting is scheduled for 20th April 2026, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee

The meeting closed at 8.06pm