

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE**

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

In attendance: Councillor F. Johnston-Banks, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Bilson and reasons for absence approved.</p>
	<p>Public Questions or Comments No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.</p>
2.	<p>Clerk's Progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Miscellaneous Works Contractor has cleared the allotment, and it has been relet • The seat and bollards have been installed in front of the ladies toilet • A new door has been put on the gents and a new lock fitted on the disabled toilets • The urinal has been unblocked and a new Cistermeiser fitted • The tarmac in front of G H Smith has been repaired • Paul Webb has been instructed to undertake the baby change refurbishment • An allotment inspection has taken place on the 3rd February • The dangerous trees reported at the allotments have been dealt with by Top Cut Trees Limited • The litter pick has taken place on two occasions <p>Thanks were given to those who had undertaken the litter pick particularly Kay Colwell, Councillor David Bream and Helen Sykes for organising the event.</p>
3.	<p>Action List The action list was received, and it was AGREED that the trauma bag should be taken off. Councillor Barnes proposed that the defibrillator be moved from the George on to the toilet wall and a bleed kit added. It was AGREED that the Clerk should obtain costings for a bleed kit. It was AGREED to put the defibrillator on the July agenda. It was AGREED to move CCTV onto Social & Events. It was AGREED to move the website to a future agenda. Councillor Johnston-Banks provided an update on the Howardian Hills landscape sign, and it was AGREED to bring it to full council next month, It was AGREED to add the proposed disabled toilets to the list.</p>
4.	<p>Toilets 4.1 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was noted, and it was AGREED to add the purchase of the gent's toilet door to this. 4.2 There were no other matters to consider</p>
5.	<p>Allotments The waiting list was considered, and an inspection was agreed for June, it was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk would circulate some proposed dates.</p>
6.	<p>Market Place The marketplace improvement plan was received from Councillor Varney and outstanding items included the ivy on the trees in the market area and the paving area around the back of the toilets. It was AGREED that Councillor Butcher and the Clerk would review the email from NYC and order new bins and identify which bins need replacing. The parking bays need to be re-marked. The fencing outside the small co-op is wobbly in between Curious Coffee Company and the Co-op. The footpath needs re-marking by the toilets.</p>
7.	<p>Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 31/03/2026 was noted and no action was considered necessary.</p>

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8.	Drainage There were no matters to consider.
9.	Next Meeting It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 20th July 2026, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee

The meeting finished at 19.36