

EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2026, COUNCIL CHAMBER, GALTRES CENTRE

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

In attendance: Councillor F. Johnston-Banks

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1.	Apologies No apologies were received.
	Public Questions or Comments No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.
2.	Clerk's Progress report • A site visit has taken place to the allotments • The allotment holder of 50 years has been presented with a voucher • The loose fencing by the Co-op has been repaired
3.	Action List The action list was received, and it was AGREED to add in the Changing Places toilet and litter management.
4.	Terms of reference The revised terms of reference were received and APPROVED .
5.	Toilets 5.1 The up-to-date Register of Incidents was received 5.2 A request for a pay review was received from A & M Cleaning and it was RESOLVED to approve it. 5.3 Councillor Barnes provided an update on The Changing Places toilets. It was AGREED to bring the item to full council once the costings have been confirmed. It was AGREED to replace the faulty panel on the toilet block.
6.	Allotments 6.1 The waiting list was received and no actions were considered necessary. 6.2 The allotment tenancy agreement was reviewed specifically clause 16, hedge height and it was RESOLVED to change the maximum hedge height to 5 feet high and to increase the rent to £40 from the first of April, giving 2 months' notice.
7.	Market Place A letter was received from the owner of the former Thorntons building and it was RESOLVED to contact the owners and express disappointment that they have not sought permission to erect the fences, that they are blocking the footpaths and leaving the fencing in place with no works being undertaken. It was AGREED that a written agreement should be created to determine the timeframe for the fencing and building works, and evidence should be obtained of the £5 million public liability insurance. The Market Place plan was updated in August and Councillor Varney will update it within the next few weeks.
8.	Long Street The litter on Long Street was considered and it was RESOLVED that Morrison should be contacted directly about the litter to request that they deal with it. It was AGREED that the Clerk should send the Street Furniture Licences to Councillor Varney. It was AGREED that Councillor Hunter would lead the litter project. An email was received from a resident and noted.
9.	Play Parks 9.1 An email was received from a member of the public, and it was AGREED to request that anti-social behaviour be reported to the police.

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	9.2 It was AGREED that the Playground Inspection reports should be reviewed and that the rubber matting in the Memorial Park be replaced and the red trumpets relocated. It was AGREED that the HAGS training should be followed up.
10.	CCTV Proposal An update on the CCTV proposal was received from Councillors Barnes and Whiteside. It was AGREED that a decision would be made once the disabled toilet resolution has been made. It was AGREED to bring the proposal to the full council meeting to agree in principle £2,000 on toilet block. It was AGREED that Councillor Whiteside would circulate the paper.
11.	Finance & Budget Monitoring The financial position at 30/09/2026 was noted and it was AGREED that councillors should be considering budget requirements for the forthcoming financial year.
12.	Drainage There were no matters to consider.
13.	Next Meeting It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 19 th January 2027, at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee

The meeting finished at 20.28