

**EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE GALTRES CENTRE ON
MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2018**

Present: Councillors R. Tanfield (Chairman), P. Nottage, C. Jackson, G. Ellis, S. Shepherd, G. Bingham, C. Barnes, R. Calland-Scoble (co-opted member of the public)

In attendance: Councillor Madden

Clerk: Mrs Jane Bentley

1.	Apologies There were no apologies
2.	It was resolved to adjourn the meeting for up to 15 minutes to take questions or comments through the Chairman from members of the public. There were no members of the public present.
3.	<p>Clerk's progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new floor has been fitted in the Gents toilet. • Four seats have been placed; 2 in the Market Green, 1 by Millfields entrance and 1 at the junction of Spring Street and Uppleby • The Christmas lights have been taken down and stored. • Hambleton District Council has sent a specification for cobbles repair which has been given to the transport consultants • Councillor Nottage met with Hambleton District Council on 11th January to discuss further adaptation of lamp posts for Christmas lights • Hebdoms were given the spare green and white sheet for their stall • The Assistant Clerk has updated the market waiting list • <p><i>Matters Arising:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seats – It was AGREED that the Clerk should review the spaces available for benches with the Miscellaneous Works Contractor with a view to ordering benches to fill the gaps. • Councillor Nottage provided an update on his meeting with Hambleton District Council on the 11th January. Hambleton District Council will provide a written report but in summary the two lights on the crescent, the light by BBQ, the light by the War Memorial and the tall light on Spring Street can be adapted for Christmas lights in 2018. The light on the end of Chapel Street should be able to be adapted if the brackets are taken off, Hambleton District Council will investigate. The light on the Market Green cannot be adapted. Current concrete posts will be changed to metal posts so they will be adapted then. The final light from the Market Place to Spring Street will be opposite Thomas the Baker as the rest are in a residential area. It was AGREED that The Clerk should contact Blachere to see what lights are available. • It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact NYCC to report the salt bin lid missing from Millfields
4.	<p>Friday Market</p> <p>4.1 An update was received on the general running of the market. The possibility of an artisan market once a month on a Saturday or Sunday was proposed by Councillor Bingham. It was AGREED that the Clerk and Councillor Bingham should investigate the possibility and contact the Galtres Centre.</p> <p>4.2 The current waiting list was noted</p> <p>4.3 A request was received from 2 stallholders regarding waiving rent due to frozen conditions and it was AGREED to waive the rent as a goodwill gesture. It was AGREED that the salt bins should be checked regularly and refilled as necessary.</p> <p>4.4 Other matters considered were that youths were plugging mobile phones into the plug by the public toilets. Councillor Ellis proposed a Charity fundraising market day to be held on the May</p>

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	and August bank holiday Saturdays, from 9.30 to 1.00pm in order to morally and socially support the charities in Easingwold and the surrounding area. It was supported in principle and it was AGREED to move this item to the Social & Events committee meeting. Councillor Bingham proposed moving the stalls onto the cobbles for the one off markets.
5.	Easingwold Toilets 5.1 The up to date Register of Incidents was noted. 5.2 An update was received from the Clerk on the refurbishment of the Ladies & the Disabled toilets and it was AGREED that the Clerk and Councillors Shepherd and Jackson should have a site meeting and put together a brief for the next meeting. 5.3 It was AGREED to review A & M Cleaning's contract at the next Operations Committee meeting.
6.	Flagpole There were no matters to consider.
7.	Budget Monitoring 7.1 The financial position at 31/12/2017 was noted and no action was considered necessary. 7.2 No virements were considered necessary. 7.3 There were no other matters to consider.
8.	Market Place 8.1 The provision of bicycle racks by Stephensons was considered and it was AGREED that Councillors Nottage and Barnes would carry out a site visit of the area to ascertain the best position of cycling racks and draw up a plan with measurements. 8.2 Replacing the no parking signs by TeaHees! and the Sugar Mouse with professionally printed signs was considered and it was AGREED that the Clerk would arrange for no parking signs to be produced. 8.3 A letter was received from a resident requesting permission to tarmac the drive in the Market Place. It was AGREED that the Clerk should inform the resident that they could go ahead but advise that for the drop kerb approval from County Highways is required and NYCC will provide a contractor. 8.4 Other matters considered included cones being placed on the cobbles outside the Angel; it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact the Angel to request removal of the cones.
9.	Parking Working Group An update was received from Councillor Barnes on the Parking Working Group stating that more should be known by the end of the month. Councillor Barnes is writing to Hambleton District Council to request financial assistance with a view to obtaining Community Infrastructure Levy money for cobbles, Millfields, electrical charging points for cars in Windross Square and other projects. It was AGREED that Councillors Barnes and Nottage would suggest where to put 2 hour only parking signs up following the site visit.
10.	Risk Assessment The Risk Assessment was received and it was RESOLVED to recommend it to be ratified at full council subject to one amendment: 8.3 change die to due.
11.	Town Centre Cobbles Working Group An update from the Town Centre Cobbles Working Group was received as part of item 9.
12.	Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group An update was received from Councillor Nottage on the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group. There has not been a meeting since last time but a new meeting is planned in February.
13.	Storage The quote from the Miscellaneous Works Contractor of additional storage facilities for £10.50 a week was considered. It was AGREED that if an incremental storage solution is required then this weekly sum was approved.
14.	Date of Next Meeting To note the next meeting is scheduled for 16 th April 2018 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm

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