

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
COMMITTEE OF EASINGWOLD TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE GALTRES
CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 14th AUGUST 2017**

Present: Councillors: J. Fowell
F. Johnston-Banks
C. Jackson
N. Madden
P. Nottage

Assistant Clerk: Mrs J. Fairbrother

1.	To elect a Chairman of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee Councillor Madden was nominated and elected as Chairman.
2.	Apologies To receive and approve the reasons for apologies. There were no apologies received.
3.	To resolve 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.
4.	Clerk's Progress Report/Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strip of ground for the wildflower meadow at Millfields has been rotavated and sown with the wildflower seed. • The pasture opposite the skate park at Millfields is due to be "rough cut" w/c 7th August, weather permitting. It was noted that the appointed contractor was having difficulties sourcing the correct machinery for the job due to the nature of the terrain. It was AGREED that Councillor Jackson should speak to him to try and resolve the issue. • Arborwise Tree Surgery has been instructed to carry out routine tree works on Uppleby and submit the necessary planning applications. • Pruning, soil care and fertilization of the Veteran Oak Tree at Chase Garth Park has been carried out by Bartlett Tree Experts after planning permission was obtained from HDC. • The spruce tree at Larch Rise has been pruned back to clear the property boundary. • Bins have been ordered for Millfield Lane, Millfields Open Space and Memorial Park.
4.	Millfields Open Space <p>4.1 To receive an email from a member of the public concerning a potential safety issue at the Skate Park and consider the way forward.</p> <p>It was PROPOSED that the Clerk should investigate the possibility of installing of rumble strips or similar to slow down the children exiting off the skate park and at the entrance to Millfields to prevent them speeding on to the Car Park. It was PROPOSED that this is put to Full Council tomorrow when the Clerk will also provide an update on the situation.</p> <p>4.2. To receive an update from the Millfields Working Group and consider the way forward. Councillor Nottage informed the Committee that three quotes were being obtained from Landscape Architects to provide presentation material for the public consultation.</p>

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	<p>The working group will meet with all three companies on site to discuss the requirements and the quotes will then be put to Full Council to agree the way forward.</p> <p>A Draft report on the Wetlands Project has been received from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>The Woodland Trust has been approached about proposals to create a BMX track in the woods. They don't have any objections to this but have stipulated that ETC must take over responsibility for liability. They have also suggested that ETC could take over responsibility for the whole of the woodland. The Woodland Trust has put up signs in the woodlands "No Camping Allowed". It was AGREED that a lighting solution for the Skate park should be sought as soon as possible before the onset of darker evenings.</p> <p>4.3. To receive an email from a member of the public concerning litter at Millfield car park and consider the way forward. It was PROPOSED that the Police should be consulted about the possibility of installing CCTV at Millfields Car Park. This matter will be discussed in full at the Full Council tomorrow.</p> <p>4.4. To consider any other matters. There were no other matters to consider.</p>
5.	<p>5. Play Area Inspection Reports To receive the Play Area Inspection Reports and resolve the way forward. It was PROPOSED that the Assistant Clerk should obtain an itemised quote for all the works listed from Park Lane Playgrounds It was AGREED that they should be asked to provide a quotation for the work in their reports for future inspections. It was AGREED that the itemised quotations will be put to Full Council.</p>
6.	<p>Trees</p> <p>6.1 To receive an email from a member of the public concerning overgrown trees on Barns Wray and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that providing the tree is the responsibility of ETC, a local tree surgeon should be asked to inspect them and recommend if any work is required.</p> <p>6.2 To receive an email from a member of the public concerning overgrown trees on Thornlands and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that providing that the trees are the responsibility of ETC, a local tree surgeon should be asked to inspect them and recommend if any work is required</p>
7.	<p>Dog and Litter Bins/Picnic Benches</p> <p>7.1. To receive a recommendation from Councillor Johnston Banks on the best sites to locate additional dog bins and consider the way forward. Three additional locations have been identified: 1) the corner of Hambleton Garth 2) half way along the path at Kellbalk Lane 3) at the bottom end of Tanpit Lane. It was AGREED that three new combined dog/litter bins should be purchased and installed.</p> <p>7.2. To receive recommendations from the Easingwold Town Band on the best place to locate additional picnic tables and benches in the Memorial Park and consider the way forward. It was noted that the Bandmaster would prefer to keep the grassed area to the west of</p>

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	the Bandstand clear. It was AGREED the situation would be assessed again after the new signs to respect the area had been put in place and the old signs taken down. It was AGREED that volunteers would be asked to clear up litter before the Band Concerts. The rose bushes will be left in place.
8.	Dawney Allotments To receive an update on a plot which has been repossessed and consider the way forward. It was AGREED that the plot should be offered to the next person on the waiting list rent free for one year first of all. It was AGREED that the Assistant Clerk should contact the previous tenant to ascertain whether there is anything else of value on the property.
9.	Bulb planting To receive an email from the Easingwold Green Spaces Community Group and resolve the way forward. It was AGREED that EGSG should create an event and that ETC should advertise it. It was AGREED that the bulbs which provide the best visual display and flower early should be purchased. This will ensure that they don't interfere with the grass cutting.
10.	Co-option of non-council committee members To receive a proposal from Councillor Nottage and consider the way forward. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Nottage that Kelly Osborne from EGSG and Colin Fletcher from the Running Club should be asked if they would be interested in being co-opted onto the committee. This will be RECOMMENDED to the Council tomorrow.
11.	Budget Monitoring To note the financial position as at 7 th August 2017 and consider any virements. No virements were considered necessary.
12.	Date of the Next Meeting 20 th November 2017 at 7.30pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 21.25

Signed (Chairman)
Date