

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7.30pm
Large Front Room, Town Hall, South Lane
Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Jenkins(Chairman), Kitchen, Masson and R.D. Tress (Vice Chairman).

Co-opted Members: Mrs S Rowe and Mr. P Medley

Also in attendance: Sarah Bone, Deputy Head, Hessle High School, Ben Vincent, Student, Hessle High School.

Jenny Riggs, Erin Smithson, Abigail Boreham, Jordan Watson, all 5 – 6 year students at Penshurst Primary School.

Apologies: Councillor Bratley

13892 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None were given.

13893 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

(R.D. Tress/Kitchen)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2010 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

13894 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

None received.

(Chair/Kitchen)

(At this point the Chairman brought forward agenda item 8 to enable those members of the public present to listen to the discussion on flooding matters.)

13895 **ALLOTMENT INCOME & EXPENDITURE:**

(Chair/R. D. Tress)

RESOLVED noted the income and expenditure to 31st March 2010 .

13896 **SITE INSPECTION BOOTHFERRY ROAD/FERRIBY ROAD:**

(Chair/R.D. Tress)

RESOLVED to accept the report, with the Committee's concerns about speeding on the Boothferry Road Allotment site. A letter is to be sent to the person concerned.

13897 **VANDALISM:**

Mr Medley spoke to this item and reported that 30 Greenhouses and sheds had been vandalised on Saturday 1st May 2010, on the Boothferry Road Allotment site, (11 Crime Report Sheets have been received) access was made from Hessle High School boundary. Community spirit was shown on the Allotment Site by plot holders working together, to clear glass and putting glass in greenhouses damaged. They are to be congratulated on their work.

(Chair/R.D. Tress)

RESOLVED that Sarah Bone is to investigate the problem of the fencing with Hessle High School (Boothferry Road Site) in consultation with the Town Clerk.

13898 **TENANCY AGREEMENT:**

Mrs Susan Rowe spoke to this item and advised members of the changes that should be made to the Tenancy Agreement in consultation with Co-opted Members and members of Hessle and District Gardeners' Association.

(Chair/Kitchen)

RESOLVED that The Town Clerk, Cllr. Jenkins, and Mrs Rowe and any other members of the Committee meet to incorporate issues from The Town Clerk , and to seek legal advise (an up to date book is to be purchased "The Law of the Allotments") before presenting to a Full Council Meeting.

Members thanked the Co-opted Members for the work that has been done

13899 **FLOOD ACTION**

a) Western Drain

Councillor R. D. Tress gave an update on what work has been discussed by the Environment Agency at meetings he has attended **RESOLVED** noted that East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Planning Committee has passed the plans for a culvert, and work is to start June and finish October 2010 with conditions as follows:

- 80% of the clay is to go to Brough to build an embankment to build up the Humber.
- A traffic management plan meeting with 3 Ward Councillors.
- Road Cleaning
- The Environment Agency do not take away the hedge. A new hawthorn hedge is to be planted.

Members thanked Councillor R. D. Tress for his report.

b) Hessle Haven

Councillors Jenkins, Jefferies and R. D. Tress visited Hessle Haven with Keith Crawford, Technical Specialist, Asset Systems Management on 23rd February 2010. A letter from the Environment Agency was circulated to members.

(R. D. Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that Councillors R. D. Tress and Davison meet with an East Riding of Yorkshire Council representative, when they have received a report from Mr Mike Ball, ERYC.

(Chair/Kitchen)

RESOLVED that Councillor Kitchen e mail's Mr. Crawford with information re the Sunken Barge.

c) Flood Liaison Group

(Chair/R. D. Tress)

RESOLVED noted the information received. Councillor Jenkins will be attending a meeting on Tuesday 23rd May 2010 at County Hall, and provide a report following the meeting for the Environment Committee.

(Chair/R. D. Tress)

RESOLVED noted an e mail received from Cllr Elizabeth Robinson, chairman of the Haltemprice Flood Action Group. Councillor R. D. Tress has visited the site and reported his findings to Cllr Robinson and Claire Glavina, East Yorkshire Community Engagement Officer part of the Environment Agency Yorkshire and NE Region.

13900 **COMMUNITY PAYBACK:**

(R.D. Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED noted that Simon Merritt be contacted by the Assistant Town Clerk before the next meeting to check what the situation is on availability of the Community Payback scheme.

13901 **LAND AT THE REAR OF THE TOWN HALL**

(R.D.Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that the land at the rear of the Town Hall is not suitable for cultivating. To use Community Payback to clear the rear of the Town Hall.

13902 **TREE REPORTS:**

- a) Minutes from tree visits made on 23rd March 2010, and 20th April 2010.

(Chair/Masson)

RESOLVED noted the minutes from the tree visits held on 23rd March 2010 and 20th April 2010.

- b) Tree Licence Application – Boothferry Road, Hessle

(Chair/Masson)

RESOLVED noted with pleasure.

13903 **HESSLE DISTRICT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION:**

(Chair/Masson)

RESOLVED noted two reports from the Hesse District Gardeners' Association. Any future problems to be reported to the Assistant Town Clerk

(R.D Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED *to implement Standing Order 30.1 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.*

There were no members of the public or press present.

13904 **BASKETS AND TUBS:**

(R.D. Tress/Kitchen)

RESOLVED that three quotation were received and of those one invalid. Quotation A has been successful and is duty accepted for the total sum of £1280.40 including VAT for supply, installation and dismantling of the Summer 2010 floral displays.

13905 **ALLOTMENT WARDEN:**

(R.D. Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that the Assistant Town Clerk informs the Warden that in future please could she put dates on her time sheets. The Assistant Town Clerk is to investigate which weed killer the Warden is using and where, before the mask is ordered.

The Assistant Town Clerk is to investigate where the asbestos has come from, and then to contact ERYC for a price for its removal.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next Meeting 13th July 2010, Large Front Room 7.30pm.