

Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting of Hessle Town Council held on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm via Zoom conference call in line with the temporary powers enabled by Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 23rd February 2021, 7.30pm

Minutes

Members present: Cllrs B Carroll, G Fordham, A Nolan, V Padden, A Potter (Chairman), Sutton (Vice Chairman) and Walker

Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)

Apologies received from: Cllrs J Bovill, D Cross & J Langdale

19278 DECLARATION ON INTEREST: The Chairman will now read out the following – “Members must declare their pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in items at this meeting – rather than personal and prejudicial interests – and ensure that they act appropriately”

None received

19279 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2020 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Sutton/Padden)

Resolved- the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and the chair was authorised to sign them.

19280 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

The Committee considered the email sent by Cllr D Nolan

Market Weighton Town Council have a skate park for sale – it is already built but had to be removed from the site due to complaints from residents. The cost of this is £50,000 – the committee agreed this was agreed at being overpriced, as it will still require transporting and installing on site all at an additional cost. Also, concern was raised that the material might not be vandal resistant.

The Clerk advised that this was a large piece of equipment, 2 ramps, 1 at 18.5m long and the other at 10.25m, and to her knowledge no additional land has been sought.

Cllr Fordham did point out that the man who normally carries out the works on the upgrades to the skate park is now able to resume work, so the original plan of upgrading the current skate park can continue. Cllr Potter believed that the new pieces had already been built, and were just awaiting installation on the current site.

The Clerk will make enquiries with ERYC as to whether the land adjacent to the skate park is available to lease. To include as an item on the next agenda.

19281 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 31st December 2020.

Further discussion on the allotment income to take place later in the meeting.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – The Income and Expenditure to 31st December 2020 was noted.

19282 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden's Report: The allotment warden's report was noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: None carried out – noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: Ms White from the HDGA went through the report. The contents of which were noted by the committee. Item 2 – Cllr Carroll advised that the Council are developing a strategic plan and S Hornby has been instructed by the Council to make contact with community groups, prior to a questionnaire being sent out. Once the questionnaire has been put together she will be back in touch with community groups, including the HDGA to discuss. Item 7 of the report – Clerk is to make enquiries with Beal Homes as to the whether they intend to replace the fence along the track to the allotment and clear the bushes. Items 8 and 9 – regarding flooding on site to be covered later in the meeting. The report was noted.
- d) Plots: 1 vacant, over 20 residents on the waiting list. Noted
- e) Crime: No reports received. Noted.
- f) Invoices: none outstanding. Noted.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved - updates noted. Clerk to contact Beal Homes regarding the fencing and ground maintenance to the land adjacent to the allotment road to see what their intention is with regards to replacing the fencing and maintenance of the land.

19283 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues raised.

- a) Committee to discuss the flooding of resident's garden on Hemmingway Walk and consider any alleviation. Resident to speak to item and clerk to provide any further information.
The clerk advised that the resident was unable to attend. Photos of the flooded garden were included with the agenda for the committee to see. The Clerk advised that a gully runs down the allotment taking run off into a storage hole at the bottom of one of the plots, which has overflowed into the garden, she is not really sure what can be done on site to alleviate this. She advised that both ERYC and Beal Homes have been in contact with the resident, and both advise that flood alleviation is to be constructed on each site over the next few weeks. The

clerk advised that she has also written to ERYC Planning regarding flood alleviation on both sites, but is awaiting a response. She has spoken with the Site Manager on the Beal Homes development about the flood water on the Allotment site and she has been advised that they are looking at ways to alleviate the problem. The Clerk also advised that she has contacted the company who carry out repairs to water pipe work on the allotment which includes groundwork to see if they are able to offer any advice. She is waiting to hear from them.
(Potter/Fordham)

Resolved – Cllr Potter and Fordham and Clerk to carry out a visit to the allotment site to see what can be done with regards to flood alleviation on the site. Site Manager of Beal Homes to be invited to attend.

- b) Committee to consider a request from plot holder on BR7 to dig a ditch to alleviate the flooding on his plot. This would join up to the current ditch which has overflowed into Hemmingway Walk.

This was discussed. Ms White advised that this is not the only plot that floods and photos provided were of other plots on the site which also suffered with flooding. There was concern that agreeing to this would only put strain on an already overstretched gully, increasing the risk of flooding to the property on Hemmingway Walk, and that other tenants would wish to carry out works too.
(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – To refuse the request as this will potentially cause additional flooding to the property on Hemmingway Walk and other allotment plots.

- c) Committee to consider if they wish to increase the allotment rental for 2021/22 and by how much. See spending costs and list of Allotment rentals from other Associations/ Councils for comparison.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the allotment rent would need to increase as currently outgoings are considerably higher than the income. Cllr Potter agreed to look at the figures and put a proposal together for the next meeting.

(Potter/Fordham)

Resolved – Cllr Potter to look at figures and put a proposal together for the allotment rental increase for the next meeting. To consider an immediate increase for any new tenant, and steady increments for current tenants over a number of years.

19284 LITTER BINS / GRIT BIN –map of locations provided.

- a) Committee to note that the warden has repaired and painted the litter bins on the skate park and near to Jeans Walk. See before and after photos. ERYC will always replace the wheelie bin in the skate park bin when required. The committee noted that both bins now looked excellent and passed their thanks and appreciation on to Pete Peterson the warden for all his hard work in refurbishing the litter bins. .

(Potter/Fordham)

Resolved- The Committee would like to pass on their thanks and appreciation to Pete Peterson for all his hard work in refurbishing the two litter bins.

- b) Committee to ratify the request already made to ERYC to replace the litter bin outside the Today convenience store on The Weir. The clerk advised that she had already requested that ERYC replace the bin.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – To ratify the request made to ERYC to replace the damaged bin outside the Today Convenience store on The Weir.

- c) Committee to consider a request for a litter bin to be placed in the car park at the Jean's Walk. See email from Cllr D Nolan.

(Sutton/A. Nolan)

Resolved – Agreed to install a new litter bin in the car park to Jean's Walk / Skate Park, Livingstone Road.

- d) To consider a request to place a litter bin somewhere on Hull Road between First Lane and Sainsbury's. Possible location near to the bus shelter on Hull Road. A discussion took place as to where a bin could be sited along here, as the path is quite narrow. Cllr Potter along with either Cllr Fordham or Padden will carry out a site visit to determine a suitable site and refer to the next meeting.

(Potter/ Padden)

Resolved – Cllr Potter along with either Cllr Padden or Fordham will carry out a site visit to determine a suitable site for the installation of a new litter bin and refer to the next meeting.

- e) Committee to consider the email from Cllr Wilding regarding the placement of larger bins outside the KGV Playing Field along Boothferry Road. Committee to note that this was deferred from a previous meeting (22/9/20) in order that further information on the requirement for this was obtained from Cllr Walker by Cllr Padden.

The committee discussed this. Cllr Walker will contact ERYC and make enquiries regarding the placement of either a larger or additional bin to the entrance of the park.

(Fordham/Walker)

Resolved – Cllr Walker to contact ERYC and request either a larger or additional litter bin for the entrance of KGV. If unsuccessful, Clerk will request a larger bin be placed here and the smaller one removed to be re-located to Jean's Walk.

- f) Committee to consider any further locations for new litter bins.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – No further locations at present for the installation of litter bins

- g) Committee to consider the attached request from Cllr Langdale for a grit bin to be situated on Heads Lane near to Tranby Lodge Gardens. See map of current grit bin locations. The Clerk advised that this was an old grit bin map, so may not be up to date. A new one is on request from ERYC.

The clerk advised the committee of the criteria required for a new grit bin. The committee considered this request, but agreed that there was insufficient evidence to support the need for it. Heads Lane should be gritted by ERYC and none of the paths are sloped.

(Walker/Padden)

Resolved – To refuse the request for the installation of a grit bin on Heads Lane as it was agreed there was insufficient evidence to support the need.

19285 HALTEMPRICE FLOOD ACTION GROUP: No updates - Noted

19286 TREE MEETINGS:

- a) Committee to note the report

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved- The report from the Tree meetings (attached) was noted.

- b) Committee to note the attached email from David Donkin at Wykeland regarding works to the trees on the Bridgehead woodland. Noted.

19287 EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND: Committee to note that the trees as part of the successful bid for funding the following trees have been planted

- I. Redcliff Rd - 3 trees
- II. Station Rd- 2 trees
- III. Castle Way – 4 trees
- IV. Hull Road – 8 trees
- V. Boothferry rd First lane to Darleys 7 trees & Boothferry Road to Humber Bridge 24 trees
- VI. First lane – 15 trees

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved - To note that the trees as part of the Community Tree Planting Fund have been planted at the above locations.

19288 TINKLER'S PIT: No further update from FCC regarding the restocking notice.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – Clerk to request FCC for an update with regards to the re-stocking notification.

19289 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK-

- a) Committee to note that the Council is awaiting the lease in order to sign. Noted.
- b) The Committee to discuss and make a decision on the quotes to provide the maintenance in Tower Hill Memorial Park. Quotes received from ERYC, East Riding Group and JB Rural Services. Committee should note that ERYC will still be required to empty the litter bins.

(Padden/Carroll)

Resolved – To accept the quote from East Riding Group Ltd for the ground maintenance of Tower Hill Memorial Park. Clerk is also to make enquiries as to how much they will charge to carry out the weekly play area checks and to obtain references. The litter bins will still need emptying by ERYC.

19290 TRANBY LODGE GATE HES -6- Bid 368: No further updates. The ERYC Local Plan Review has been delayed again due to the ongoing pandemic. Noted.

19291 FIRST LANE – Committee to consider the removal of the Youth Shelter following ASB earlier this year. See email from Cllr Langdale. Committee to note that Cllr Nolan has asked the views of the Friends of First Lane Play Area. The Clerk advised that Cllr D Nolan has approached the friends group

for their views on the removal – Cllrs A. Nolan and Potter advised that the friends group have responded, and agreed to the removal of the youth shelter.

(Fordham/Nolan)

Resolved – Agreed to the removal of the Youth Shelter on First Lane playing field. The clerk will request ERYC carry out the removal.

19292 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS – Committee to consider additional areas for new tubs / floral displays. Current locations of tubs ;2 x 3 Tiered Planters – Both ends of Prestongate,4 Oak barrels – 1 x Tower Hill, 2 x Southgate (outside old post office), 1 x Town Hall,½ Oak barrel – 1 x Town Hall Summer hanging baskets – various business premises. Donation only requested, in the region of £20-£25.00.

A discussion took place and it was suggested that a scheme to sponsor a planter could be considered, in addition to those that the Council agree to fund.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved - Cllrs Potter and Carroll will carry out a walk-a-bout the town to identify suitable locations and bring to the next meeting. Clerk will make enquiries with ERYC as to where additional planters could be placed.