

Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting of Hessle Town Council held on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm via ZOOM conference call in line with the temporary powers enabled by Section 78 of the Coronavirus 2020 Act.

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 13th April 2021, 7.30pm

Minutes

Meeting held Via Zoom

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

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

Apologies received from: Cllr Cross

13359 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

13360 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2021 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Sutton)

Resolved - The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign.

13361 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

13362 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 28th February 2021.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – The Income and Expenditure to 28th February 2021 was noted.

13363 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: To note the report. Noted
- b) Inspection of Plots: Cllr Potter advised that an inspection had been carried out that morning, a few plots do not look as though they are being worked and there

are a number of plots that have quite a build-up of rubbish stored on them, the clerk will be writing to all the relevant tenants.

- c) Gardeners Association: To Consider and discuss the report from the HDGA, and to consider the request to remove the noticeboard currently affixed to the HDGA shop on the Boothferry Road site.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved - The Committee agreed to the removal and disposal of this noticeboard if it cannot be repaired.

Ms White went through the report.

- i. The committee would like to thank Joanna for all her assistance in dealing with the flooding and the works on plot 29A. The work on this plot has mainly been completed, and it is being used for car parking. They just have some planting work to carry out.
- ii. As the two developments are underway, concern has been raised about the parking along Boothferry road, especially when the football matches are on – this has an impact on the visibility from the allotment road. Are there any plans to install double yellow lines along this stretch of the road? The Clerk will make enquiries with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Clerk advised that the intersection opposite the allotment road has been closed by Highways for the duration of the building works on the old High school site – this is to prevent the kerb edging from being damaged by the lorries using this to gain access to the site. The Clerk advised that she has asked if Beal Homes will replace the fencing along the entrance road, and remove all the bramble bushes. She is waiting to hear from them.
- iii. A number of members have requested a salt bin for the site, as they are concerned about those who are particularly vulnerable falling whilst on site. The clerk will look into costings for a grit bin and bring to a future meeting.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – The report, actions and updates were noted.

- d) Plots: 1 vacant, over 20 residents on the waiting list. The Clerk advised that 2 plots were now vacant and both had been offered out. Noted.
- e) Crime: No reports received. Noted
- f) Invoices: none outstanding. Noted

13364 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- a) Allotment Rental Increase 2021/22 – Committee to consider and make a decision on the two options for rental increase put forward by Cllr Potter. Cllr Potter forwarded this for consideration by the members prior to the meeting. Both options were discussed. Cllr Bovill thanked Cllr Potter for his work on this. He is concerned that the increase from the current £35.04 to £62.50 in 5 years was considerable, however he and the other members recognised that the rental had to be increased to ensure the reduction in shortfall going forward and costs of rental and water are only increasing. It was highlighted that the second

proposal was only a £5 increase year on year for current tenants – which is not a significant increase in monetary terms.

Both proposals abolish the 25% over 60's discount with immediate effect for new applicants and for those current plot holders who are not yet 60. Those tenants already in receipt of this will retain.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – To accept the second proposal for rental increase. Abolish the 25% discount with immediate effect for all new applicants over 60, and for existing plot holders who have not yet attained the age of 60, those tenants already in receipt of this will retain. The rental increase/price schedule as below was accepted.

Existing Allotment Holders		New Allotment holders
2021/2022	£40.00	£52.50
2022/2023	£45.00	£55.00
2023/2024	£50.00	£57.50
2024/2025	£55.00	£60.00
2025/2026	£60.00	£62.50
2026/2027	£65.00	£65.00

- b) Clerk to provide an update on the site meeting with Cllrs Potter & Fordham and representatives from Beal Homes regarding the flood alleviation works on the Beal development.

Cllr Potter provided an update on the meeting with Beal Homes regarding the flood alleviation. Run off tanks are being installed underground, as well as a bore hole, they will also consider digging a ditch along the edge of the site access road to prevent water flowing onto the allotment site. The Clerk has received correspondence from the site manager, who advised that the attenuation tank is progressing well and they have installed 3 soak-a-ways.

Update noted.

- c) Committee to consider the photographs taken by allotment tenants on plots 1A and 7 on the Ferriby Road site and to consider what can be done to allow the site and the tenants some privacy from residential properties on Spicer Croft. Clerk to speak to this item.

The Clerk advised that, shrubs and greenery which were there and afforded some natural barrier have been removed as part of the development and there is only a green mesh fence in its place, she has spoken to the tenants and they are quite disturbed by this, as the resident is able to sit and watch them through the fence.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved- Clerk to contact the developers to see if they would contribute towards some screening to run along the fencing.

13365 LITTER BINS – see map of locations.

- a) Committee to note that the warden has repaired and painted a damaged litter bin on the Jeans Walk. The Committee passed on their thanks once again to Pete Peterson for his hard work. He has carried out an excellent job in repairing and repainting the bin.

- b) To consider a request to place a litter bin somewhere on Hull Road between First Lane and Sainsbury's. Cllrs Fordham & Potter to provide a report to the committee following a site visit.

Cllrs Potter and Fordham advised that they have visited the areas and saw no need for another litter bin, as there is already one on the corner of First Lane. There is in fact very little space for another to be sited.

(Fordham/Carroll)

Resolved - To refuse the request to place a litter bin along Hull Road between First Lane and Sainsbury's, as there is no requirement for an additional bin.

- c) Committee to consider the request from Cllr Bovill and Davison to fund a litter bin(s) in Swinegate car park. Suggested location between the front and rear car park. Following litter pick and sweep of car park by Cllr Bovill and a resident. Cllr Bovill said that he and a resident had spent time sweeping the rear part of the car park and litter was a problem. It may help to have a bin installed somewhere near to this area.

(Carroll/Potter)

Resolved – To fund the installation of a new litter bin between the two car parks areas in Swinegate car park.

- d) Committee to consider the request from Cllr Padden to fund a litter bin at the Trinity Grove end of Tower Hill Memorial Park. This was discussed and it was agreed that any new litter bins could be considered once the Town Council has taken over the lease of the park.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved-To consider the installation of a new litter bin in the Tower Hill Memorial Park once the council has taken over the lease on the park.

13366 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS – Committee to consider additional areas for new tubs / floral displays.

- a) Committee to consider and discuss the report following the site visit by Cllr Potter and Carroll.

Cllrs Carroll and Potter spoke to this. They have considered not only additional planters but also looked at the quality of the planters we already have. It is important that any we have are well maintained and planted. The Clerk advised that the barrels and tiered tubs are maintained by the Town Council, and Marjorams Nurseries at North Cave fill these. The remaining areas e.g. raised flower bed in the Square are maintained by ERYC. Cllr Carroll and Potter will liaise with Marjorams and discuss other areas and the varieties of plant which could be planted to make more of a visual impact. Cllr Padden suggested that Angie Best (a local Horticulturalist and landscaper) could also look at the various areas and see what ideas she has (she has carried out some assessment of Tower Hill Memorial Park for the working party). The clerk advised that hanging baskets are displayed outside some shops in the Square, Prestongate and The Weir, all shops have been invited to take part in the initiative but few have taken it up.

Cllr Fordham suggested that this may qualify for the High Street re-generation funding, Cllr Carroll suggested that some money could come from this.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – Cllrs Carroll and Potter are to liaise with Marjorams Nurseries and discuss additional planters and types of plants. Cllr Padden will also liaise with Angie Best, and ask that she prepare a report.

- b) Committee to consider the email from Cllr Bovill and request from resident regarding floral arrangements along Hull Road. Cllr Bovill to speak further to this item. Cllr Bovill advised that this lady owns a number of shops along this row – from the old William Hill shop, and she is willing to work with the Town Council to add floral displays along this area. It was suggested that daffodils could be planted along the green space running along Hull Road. Cllr Sutton advised that there are rules given by ERYC as to where planting can take place, due to the grass cutting. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with ERYC as to whether this would be a possibility.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – Floral displays in Hull Road area will be looked at in conjunction with the previous item. Clerk to contact ERYC to see if planting of daffodils along Hull Road is a possibility.

13367 LITTER SIGNS

- a) Committee to ratify the purchase of a further 10 signs at a cost of £160.00

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – The purchase of 10 additional Litter Signs was ratified.

- b) Committee to consider the emails from a member of the public regarding the litter signage. A discussion was held. The clerk advised that more positive comments have been received than negative ones, and in fact littering has reduced since the signage has been in place – for a number of months now.

(Padden/Potter)

Resolved – The litter signs are to remain.

13368 NO CYCLING SIGNAGE FOR JEAN'S WALK – Committee to consider the purchase of a new 'No Cycling' stencil and more resilient red paint for the use on Jean's Walk. Cllr Padden to speak to this item.

Cllr Padden advised that he has investigated costings for stencils - £65.00 + VAT for 2 signs, the cycle and the cross to go over it. This quote was sent to the committee prior to the meeting. A discussion took place as to whether additional signage to that put up by ERYC was required, the committee was divided. A vote was taken 4 for, 1 abstain and 1 against.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved- To purchase the 2 'No Cycling' stencils for the use along Jean's Walk at a cost of £65.00 + VAT

Cllr Carroll left the meeting at 8.30pm

13369 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK-

- a) Committee to note that the lease has been signed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, it has been returned to ERYC. Noted.
- b) Committee to note that a meeting of the working party has been scheduled for 22nd April 2021, 7.30pm, via zoom. Noted.

13370 HALTEMPRICE FLOOD ACTION GROUP: No updates. Noted

13371 TREE MEETINGS: Committee to note the attached report.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – The Tree report was noted.

13372 TINKLER’S PIT: No further update from the FCC regarding the re-stocking notice. The Clerk has emailed the case officer for an update. The Clerk advised that she had not heard anything back from the FCC.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved-The Clerk is to contact the FCC for an update.

13373 TRANBY LODGE GATE HES -6- Bid 368: No further updates. Noted.

13374 FLYTIPPING ON PRIVATE LAND/ TENFOOTS – Committee to consider the email from a resident regarding rubbish being left along a ten foot running behind Westbourne Grove, and any action that the Town Council could take. A discussion took place and whilst there is very little that the council can do as it is on private land, they could do a letter drop to all residents asking that they keep the ten foots clear as it is unsightly.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – The Clerk will draft a letter to be delivered to residents of Westbourne Grove requesting that they keep the ten foot areas clear of rubbish.

13375 BRIDGE TO REAR OF FISHING TACKLE SHOP, HULL ROAD – Committee to discuss ownership of the bridge to the rear of the fishing tackle shop on Hull roads. Cllr Fordham to speak to this item. Cllr Fordham explained that this bridge is used by residents as cut through to the supermarket, but is in a state of disrepair and is quite dangerous. Cllr Sutton advised that this bridge is owned by the gentleman who owns the Stanley’s restaurant building, he lives away and very rarely visits the property – so there would be very little chance in him taking responsibility and repairing the bridge. It is in fact private and should not be used by residents.

Cllr Fordham said that this has been used as a thoroughfare for a significant number of years and it could be looked into it becoming a right of way with the Surveying authority.

(Potter/Fordham)

Resolved- The clerk is to make enquiries with East Riding of Yorkshire Council as to what information and evidence is required to raise an application for a Right of Way under sec 31 of the Highways Act 1980.

13376 MONTHLY MEETING DATES – Committee to note the new monthly meeting dates below.

Tuesday 11th May 2021

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Tuesday 13th July 2021

None in August

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Tuesday 12th October 2021

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Tuesday 14th December 2021

(Fordham/Padden)

Resolved – The new monthly dates were noted.