

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Large Front Room

Hessle Town Hall

Tuesday 8th June 2021, 7.30pm

Minutes

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

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

Apologies

Cllr John Bovill took the first item as Chair of the Council

133178 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations are invited for the election of the Chairman to the Environment & Open Spaces Committee for the current municipal year.

Cllr Potter was nominated, no other nominations were received & all were in favour (Sutton/Padden)

Resolved – Cllr Potter was elected as Chair of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee for the current municipal year.

133179 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – Cllr Potter thanked the committee and duly took the Chair.

133180 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations are invited for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee for the current municipal year.

Cllr Sutton was nominated as vice Chair, no other nominations were received & all were in favour.

(Padden/Potter)

Resolved – Cllr Sutton was elected as Vice Chairman of the Environment & Open Spaces committee for the current municipal year.

133181 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – Cllr Sutton thanked the Committee and accepted the role.

133182 APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS

Ms Gill White from the HDGA would like to continue as non-voting advisory member. (Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – Ms White to remain in role as HDGA representative as advisory non-voting member of the Environment & Open Spaces committee for the current municipal year.

133183 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

133184 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2021 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Walker)

Resolved – The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

133185 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

Committee to note that Cllr Padden and resident Mr Smith have stencilled 'No Cycling' signs along Jean's Walk – they've done this on the litter bins and posts as the ground is not suitable. Cllr Carroll advised that this is still a problem, as he counted 14 bikes along there in a short time he was on site.

133186 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 30TH April 2021.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – the Income and Expenditure to 30th April 2021 was noted.

133187 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden's Report: To note the report. Noted. Comment was made that the warden is carrying out an excellent job.
- b) Inspection of Plots: The next inspection is planned for the 9th June 2021. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: To Consider and discuss the report and photos from the HDGA. Ms White went through the report. i) The HDGA association would like to thank the Town Council for the generous financial support towards the works on plot 29A. Communal seating will be going in shortly. ii) The recent rainfall (26th/27th May) caused some flooding on the allotment road, although the photos presented did not apparently reflect this. The clerk will liaise with Beal Homes and see if they were carrying out any works on site with Yorkshire water which may have added to the rainfall and caused the flooding. The clerk did advise that she had not received any other complaints or concerns from tenants. iii) Concern was raised about the brambles and the poor state of the fencing along the allotment entrance road. The clerk advised that she has asked Beal Homes if they would clear and replace the fencing, but suspects that this would be done towards the end of construction. The Clerk advised that she would have a look at the plans to see if this area is to be landscaped. iv) The padlock on the gate although still working is in poor condition – can a digi-lock system be looked into again. The clerk advised that enquiries made a couple of years ago proved that it would not be a simple task to install a digi-lock, as works would need to be undertaken on the gate, and then a suitably robust lock purchased. Which would prove expensive. She advised that the current lock, was purchased in September 2020, for £20.00 – and it had lasted over 6 months. All agreed that it was not cost effective to replace the current system with a digi-lock. Clerk to look into ways of 'weatherproofing' the existing lock.
- d) Plots: No vacant plots. Noted.
- e) Crime: No reports received. Noted.
- f) Invoices: none outstanding. Noted.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – To note the report from the HDGA and the related actions.

133188 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues. No allotment issues to discuss. Noted.

133189 LITTER BINS

- a) Newly installed bins – Committee to note that the following bins have been installed, The Weir, Ferriby Road, Jean’s Walk and Swinegate Car parks. The bins on Northgate and Jean’s Walk will be installed in the next few weeks. Noted. A discussion took place with regards to the replacement of the wheelie bin in the layby on Livingstone Road, the clerk advised that ERYC had stopped replacing them as they were being moved and in some cases set alight. She has asked for a quote for a stand, so that the bin can be secured. A discussion took place and it was agreed to fund a fixed wheelie bin litter bin on site. The Clerk will arrange with ERYC.

Cllr Sutton did advise that following a cricket festival at the weekend, there was a lot of litter left – this has now been cleared. Cllr Carroll is happy to speak with somebody at the Cricket club about this.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved- To fund the installation of a fixed wheelie sized bin litter bin in the layby on Livingstone Road. Clerk will refer to ERYC.

- b) Committee to consider the request for a litter bin to be placed near to the bus shelter on Beverley Road/ Northgate. A discussion took place and the committee agreed to fund the installation of a litter bin in this area. Which does suffer with rubbish being left.

(Carroll/Potter)

Resolved – To fund the installation of a litter bin near to the bus shelter on Beverley Road/ Northgate.

133190 CCTV LIVINGSTONE ROAD – Committee to note that ERYC Street Scene Enforcement are to install a mobile CCTV in this area, near to the car park. The committee agreed that this was excellent news, the clerk advised that she will keep them updated. Noted.

133191 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS –

- a) Committee receive any updates from Cllr Carroll and Cllr Potter. The Councillors have met with John from Marjoram and he is looking into more architectural planting schemes for the planters. It was suggested that the tiered ones at both ends of Prestongate be removed and replaced by brick planters, as these are easier to plant. John will also be looking at the area outside the old post office, which is an absolute mess. To date they have not heard from him. The clerk suggested that planning may be required for permanent brick structures, and she will look into.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – Clerk will chase up the plans for the planters with Mr Marjoram, and also look into the required permissions to build brick planters at either end of Prestongate.

- b) Committee to consider if they wish the clerk to order the hanging baskets. The committee agreed that order should be placed for all the hanging baskets and the bollard baskets for the Square.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved -The clerk is to order the hanging baskets and bollard baskets from Mr Marjoram.

133192 BOOTHFERRY ROAD – ADDITIONAL TREES – Committee to note that ERYC have agreed to plant additional trees along Boothferry Road. These will be added to their winter planting scheme. Noted. The clerk advised that a request had been received from a resident to plant more trees near to the new Beal Homes development. Cllr Cross requested that more trees be

planted further down Boothferry road towards First Lane. Cllr Sutton advised that she would pass on the request to ERYC if Cllr Cross sent her details of the location also if any other members have locations for planting she will pass these on too.

Cllr Potter suggested wildflower areas, maybe along Hull Road, or in the middle of roundabouts like the one at Willerby – as they look stunning. This is something that can be looked at for the future.

(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved – Suggestions for additional tree planting in Hessle to be passed to Cllr Sutton and she will forward to ERYC.

133193 BRIDGE TO REAR OF FISHING TACKLE SHOP, HULL ROAD - Application to claim as a Public Right of Way – Cllr Fordham to provide any update. Cllr Fordham advised that enquiries made on the checks required through the Land Registry would prove very costly, so at present no further action with regards to this avenue has been taken. He has approached one of the tenants at the property, for contact details of the owner, but they have none. He has approached ERYC Highways department to confirm ownership of the land, as they clearly carry out grass cutting and maintenance to the north side of the bridge, and requested of ERYC what enforcement action if any can be made via the Environment Agencies, to make the bridge safe. He is currently awaiting a reply.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – Cllr Fordham was thanked for his work so far and the update was noted.

133194 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK-

- a) Committee to note that the application to register the land is still with the Land Registry.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved - The clerk advised that she would contact our solicitor to find out how long it is taking the Land Registry to register transfers.

133195 HALTEMPRICE FLOOD ACTION GROUP: No updates. Noted.

133196 TREE MEETINGS: Committee to note the report for visits carried out in May. Tree Committee members have resumed visits with the ERYC Tree Officer.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved - The report of the tree meetings for May 2021 was noted.

133197 TINKLER'S PIT: Committee to note the update from the FCC. The committee agreed that this was excellent news. Noted.

133198 TRANBY LODGE GATE HES -6- Bid 368: Committee to note that although this land is on the map but not included in the report of the draft update Local Plan. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning & Traffic Committee. Noted.

133199 BOOTHFERRY ROAD FENCING – Committee to note that ERYC have agreed to repair the fencing see photo for location. Noted.