

**HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

**Large Front Room**

**Hessle Town Hall**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7.30pm**

**Minutes**

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

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

Apologies:

Clerk: Joanna Render

**133629 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

**133630 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Bovill)

**Resolved** – The minutes from the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and the chairman was authorised to sign them.

**133631 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS:** To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

Cllr Sutton advised of recent anti social behaviour the bridge over the A63 on Woodfield has been vandalised and sprayed with offensive graffiti. She has reported it to ERYC and arrangements will be made to remove.

**133632 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:** Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

(Potter/Sutton)

**Resolved** - The Income and Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March was noted.

**133633 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:**

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: To note the report. Noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: none undertaken. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: To receive any report from the HDGA. The report was passed to the members at the beginning of the meeting. Issues of anti social behaviour have been reported on site including theft from a pond and graffiti, strangers have also been seen on site. The lock currently on the gate does not always work, which can result in the gate being left open. The padlock will be replaced, and a notice will be placed on the allotment gate advising that any tenant found to be leaving the gate unlocked will have their tenancy terminated.

- d) Plots: No vacant plots. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted.
- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding. Noted.

**133634 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.**

- i. Buddy System Allotment Guidance – The clerk is still investigating lone working procedures for potential advice for allotment tenants. See the information provided by the allotment association.  
The information provided by the HDGA was discussed. It was agreed that simple guidance on how to keep safe when working alone on the allotment be passed to all tenants when the invoices are sent out and within the new tenant packs. The clerk will also arrange for a notice to be displayed on the gate – to include ‘what three words’ should the emergency services be required. Noted.
- ii. Committee to consider the request and plan from a tenant for a tap to be installed. This was discussed and agreed providing the costs were not significant. (Bovill/Carroll)  
Resolved – Agree to the installation of a tap on the water trough near to plot 73.
- iii. Committee to note that a skip has been delivered to the Boothferry Road site.  
Noted.

**133635 TREE COMMITTEE / TREE MEETINGS**

- a) Committee to note the attached report from the visit undertaken on 12/4/2022. (Potter/Sutton)  
**Resolved** – the tree report from the visit undertaken on the 12/4/2002 was noted.

**133636 THE QUEEN’S GREEN CANOPY: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.** – Cllr Bovill meeting to discuss the proposed area of KGV with Cllr Walker. To receive any updates. Cllr Bovill advised that he met with Cllr Walker to discuss the area in the eastern corner of the park and it being utilised as additional car parking, along with planting additional trees. The committee discussed this and agreed that there was a requirement for additional parking, as current parking provision is not adequate especially on match days at the local football club. It was agreed that Cllr Bovill should continue to make enquires with ERYC and ‘Fields in Trust’

(Sutton/Fordham)

**Resolved** – Cllr Bovill to investigate further the possibility of using the space in the KGV playing field as additional parking through ERYC and ‘Fields in Trust’.

**133637 HESSLE SUNFLOWERS IN BLOOM** – Cllr Langdale to provide any update on take up. Cllr Langdale was not present at the meeting. The clerk advised that some seeds had been handed out, but the take up had not been great. Clerk to ask Cllr Langdale to further promote the event on social media. Noted.

**133638 TREE PLANTING** – Requests have been made to the Town Council for trees to be planted in the following locations

- a. On the verge near to 53 Springville – see email and photo.
- b. The Circle – Cllr Sutton to speak to this request.

(Cross / Padden )

**Resolved** – Agree the above requests for trees to be planted in the The Circle and the verge in Springville. The Clerk will advise ERYC and will also make note for any future tree planting grant scheme later in the year.

**133639 LITTER BINS REQUESTS** – None for consideration.

**133640 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS** –

- a) Committee to receive an update with regards to suitable locations following a joint site visit with Officers from ERYC Highways on the 6/5/22.

Cllr Potter advised that ERYC have agreed on the positioning of the planters. So an order can now be placed. Cllr Carroll expressed concern that the current planters were not being watered regularly, and that putting further planters in for the contents to die was a waste of money. Arrangements need to be made to ensure that the planters are watered whenever they are filled and not just through the summer months. The clerk advised that during the winter months we are reliant on the weather to water the tubs, she will speak with the Town Clerk and investigate the provision of additional manpower to ensure the tubs and planters are watered through the whole of the year.  
(Carroll/Potter)

**Resolved** – The clerk will place the order for the planters and investigate additional manpower to ensure all the planters are watered throughout the year.

**133641 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK** –

- a) The first grass cut took place on 29/4/22 – should be undertaken fortnightly .Noted.
- b) Still awaiting a second scheme and quote for the play area. Once received a working party meeting will be arranged. Noted.
- c) The Royal British Legion are awaiting a quote from Luxstone for the Memorial. Noted.
- d) Committee to consider the email regarding the ASB in the park and the removal of the picnic bench, committee to also consider the placement of the ‘chatty benches’  
Committee to note that the Clerk has requested any figures relating to ASB from the police.

The committee considered the email -The clerk advised that the picnic benches are ready to be installed and they will be fixed into the ground, the committee agreed that they should still be installed but that if reports of ASB increase as a result of the benches then they should be removed, the picnic bench should also remain but also be fixed into the ground and removed if necessary. The clerk advised that according to Police figures only 2 reports of ASB in Tower Hill had been made from early March to date, which did not really reflect the email from the resident. Concern was raised that ASB was not always being reported, this must continue to be encouraged to ensure that police reports reflect the true issues.

(Potter/Fordham)

**Resolved** – to install the two benches, ensuring they are fixed in Tower Hill and the picnic bench is to remain but also be secured into the ground.