

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Large Front Room

Hessle Town Hall

Tuesday 12th April 2022, 7.30pm

Minutes

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

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

Apologies: Cllr J Langdale

133598 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

133599 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

The Clerk advised that Cllr D Nolan had queried the accuracy of minute 133530. That he moved that it be recommended to Full Council to accept the land from Persimmons, which was passed. The Clerk advised that she had checked her notes and it was Cllr Sutton who proposed the resolution and Cllr Padden who seconded. The Clerk has altered the resolution to read ‘That the decision to take ownership of the amenity land on Tranby Lode Garden from Persimmon Homes to the Town Council for the purposes of being used as open space for the wider community be passed to Full Council with recommendation to accept’

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved - To accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2022, with the amendment and the Chair was authorised to sign.

133600 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

133601 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 28th February 2022. It is hoped that the gap between the allotment income and expenditure will reduce over the coming years as the allotment rental increments have been agreed for the next 5 years.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – The allotment income and expenditure to 28th February 2022 was noted.

133602 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden's Report: To note the report. Noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: See report from the visit on 21/3/22. Most plots are being well looked after, only one raising concern and the tenant has been written to. New tenants are now on previously neglected plots and work on them will be monitored. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: No report. Clerk has already updated Ms White on certain issues previously raised. Noted.
- d) Plots: No vacant plots. Noted.
- e) Crime: Theft of felt from a shed roof has been reported. Signage around site advising of penalties updated to include theft of property and damage to plots. Noted.
- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding

133603 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- i. **Gritting of Allotments Communal Areas** – Committee to receive any update from Cllr Potter. Cllr Potter advised that gritting cannot be undertaken on the allotment sites as once done, it must continue, and the Council does not have the manpower resource to ensure that this is carried out when required. A discussion took place as to whether we had a duty of care to grit the allotments, even if it was not done regularly. The Clerk advised that information from the Insurance company does state that you should not start clearing an area unless you have the resources to continue, and once started a thorough job must be done. Concern was raised that if the council did not grit areas for which it had responsibility then it might also be liable. It was agreed that the question of liability needed to be investigated further. (Carroll/Potter)
Resolved – The clerk will liaise with the Insurance company and establish the council's liability if we do or do not grit the allotments and refer to a future meeting.
Flooding to 6 Hemmingway Walk – Committee to receive an update from the clerk. The Clerk advised that the resident had been invited to meet with both The Chair and Clerk to discuss the issue. To date this has not happened, and the circumstances of the resident have now changed. Therefore, no further action at this time. Noted.
- ii. **First Aid Incident on Boothferry Road** – Committee to note the attached email for background. Committee to consider a 'Buddy' system amongst tenants. Clerk to speak to this item. The committee discussed the incident and wished to pass on their thanks to the tenant who administered First Aid. It was agreed that lone working and buddy system guidance should be given to the tenants, for their safety on site. Ms White agreed to contact some other allotment associations to see if there is any first aid provision on other sites and the Clerk will investigate lone Working information and bring to a future meeting.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – The clerk will investigate Lone Working, with the aim of providing guidance information to allotment tenants allowing them to keep safe whilst working on the allotment sites. Ms White will gather information on First Aid provision on other allotment sites.

133604 HESSLE – COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN – Committee to consider if there is a need for the Town Council to have a Community Emergency Plan. Cllr Potter to speak to this item. Cllr Potter suggested that he did not think there was a need for the Town Council to have a separate Community Emergency Plan when ERYC have one. ERYC are in a far better position to assist residents and have Haltemprice leisure centre for evacuation which is far better equipped than the Town Hall. Cllr Potter will liaise with ERYC and see how we can link in with them.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved – that there was no requirement for Hessle Town Council to have a community emergency plan, Cllr Potter will liaise with ERYC and see how the Town Council might link in with their plan.

133605 TREE COMMITTEE / TREE MEETINGS

- a) Committee to note the attached report from the visit undertaken on 8/3/2022

(Sutton/Potter)

Resolved – The Tree Committee report from the visit undertaken on the 8/3/2022 was noted.

133606 THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY: Plant a Tree for the Jubilee. – To consider the information regarding the size of the tree packs and if its something the Council wish proceed with given this new information or look at alternative ways of supporting this project.

The committee discussed this, and Cllr Walker identified a potential area of land on KGV playing field which is unsuitable for playing football on. Cllr Fordham mentioned an ancient hedgerow on First Lane playing field, which does require some re-planting – this could be included in this project. The Clerk will liaise with Officers at ERYC with regards to suitability of this land for tree planting and permissions required, she will also enquire about the hedgerow on First Lane playing field.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved – An area of KGV has been identified for this project, the clerk will liaise with Officers of ERYC with regards to suitability of this land and permissions required. She will also make enquiries with regards to the hedgerow on First lane Playing field.

133607 HESSLE SUNFLOWERS IN BLOOM – Committee to consider the request from Cllr Langdale - Cllr Langdale or the Clerk to speak to this item. Cllr Langdale was unable to attend the meeting but would like the Town Council to support her idea in purchasing Sunflower seeds to give out to the community to take part in this fun activity. She will promote on social media, and staff have agreed to hand out sunflower seeds from the Town Hall along with instruction on how to plant them. The cost of the project will be the seeds and small bags to put them in, estimated at £20.00 based on the purchase of 300 seeds and the bags. The committee agreed this was an excellent idea and to support it.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved - To support the Hesse Sunflower's in Bloom. The clerk will purchase sunflower seeds and bags to dispense them in. Cllr Langdale will promote the activity through social media and posters.

133608 BUTTERFLY CITY – BUCKTHORNS for BRIMSTONES PROJECT – Committee to note that The Friends of Tranby Gate have purchased 100 whips of Buckthorn. Noted.

133609 LITTER BINS REQUESTS – None for consideration. Noted.

133610 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS –

- a) Committee to note that a request has been made to ERYC to install the planters in the Square. Currently awaiting a reply. Noted.
- b) Committee to consider a site visit when the market is on to establish suitability of areas and compatibility with layout of the market stalls.

(Potter/Sutton)

Resolved - Cllr Potter is happy to carry out a site visit with the clerk when the market is on to establish the most appropriate areas for the planters so as not to interfere with the market lay out.

133611 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK –

- a) Committee to note that the management of the park has been passed over to Town Council as of 1st April and the grounds maintenance company have been instructed to start work from this date. Noted.
- b) Committee to note that Play Equipment companies have been instructed to provide quotes for schemes for the children's play area. A further meeting of the working party will be arranged upon receipt of these. Noted.
- c) A tree inspection report has been carried out by ERYC and any immediate works done. Will not need doing again for 3 years. Noted.
- d) The Annual Play Inspection will be carried out via ERYC as this had already been budgeted for.

133612 CHATTY BENCHES – Committee to consider the locations of the Chatty benches. Clerk to speak further to this item. The Clerk advised that the council have received two benches under this scheme and would like the committee to consider the locations. After a discussion it was agreed that they should be sited in Tower Hill Park. The clerk advised that a picnic bench as part of this project had already been put in the park.

(Potter/Carroll)

Resolved - to site the two benches in Tower Hill park .

133613 AIR POLLUTION – Committee to note the attached email from a resident regarding the air pollution. Committee to note that Cllr Davison is monitoring this. Noted.

