

As we are now in a period of mourning following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Phil Davison has deemed it appropriate for Hesse Town Council; not to hold any public Council and Committee meetings.

Therefore, this meeting scheduled for the 13th September 2022 has been postponed. This meeting will now take place the following week on the 20th September 2022

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hesse Town Hall
Tuesday 20th September 2022, 7.30pm
Minutes

Members present: Cllrs B Carroll, J Langdale, V Padden, Sutton (Vice Chairman)
Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)
Clerk: Joanna Render

Apologies: Cllrs J Bovill, G Fordham, and A Potter

133808 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

133809 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Langdale)

Resolved - The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign.

133810 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received

133811 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 31st August 2022.

(Sutton/Padden)

Resolved - the Allotment Income & Expenditure to 31st August 2022 was noted.

133812 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden's Report: To note the report. Noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: see attached report from 18th August 2022 to the Boothferry Road site. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: To receive the report from the HDGA. Clerk to provide any updates. Ms White advised that the HDGA Annual Show was a great success after a break of 2 years and thanked all councillors who attended. The Clerk advised that a successful meeting had taken place on the Boothferry road site to discuss the fencing and the removal of the trees/ hedgerow between the new school site and the Boothferry road site – concern has been raised regarding the safety of the trees. She advised that following the removal of some of the hedgerow and trees that part of the fencing has been replaced, and that the remaining fencing would be funded by ERYC, if the remaining hedgerow and Ash trees were removed, none of which are particularly good specimens. Cllr Davison is to write to Neil Lemmon at ERYC requesting that works are carried out. We will then work with the school to replant more suitable species. Noted.
Ms White presented costings to the Clerk for the installation of CCTV for the Boothferry Road site, this can be run from the HDGA solar powered battery system. Clerk to put on the next meeting agenda. Noted.
- d) Plots: No vacant plots. Noted.
- e) Crime: Tomatoes stolen from greenhouse, sledgehammer from a plot. To note that the parasol previously reported as stolen had blown onto another plot. Noted.
- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding. The Allotment rental increase letters have been sent out. Noted.

133813 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- i) **Gritting** - The Committee to consider the information from the insurers and HSE regarding gritting and make a decision on the policy document.
(Sutton/Padden)
Resolved – the policy for allotment site gritting be accepted. The clerk will put notices up on site to advise tenants that gritting will not be undertaken, so care should be taken and send out the policy with the invoices and in packs to new tenants.
- ii) Committee to consider a request from 10 Spicer Croft to reduce branches on one of the trees on the Ferriby Road site as overhanging the garden and dropping branches and reducing light. The Clerk is meeting with the resident and tree surgeon on 9/9/22 and will provide any further details. The Clerk advised that a site visit was undertaken with the tree surgeon, the tree is not overhanging the garden and although may block some light to the garden this would be minimal. The tree surgeon advised that there would be no benefit to the resident if works were

carried out as the tree is so large. It is a healthy specimen, and he would therefore recommend no works be undertaken.

(Sutton/Padden)

Resolved - to reject the request for tree work to be undertaken following the verbal update by the Clerk and advise from the Tree Surgeon.

133814 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

- a) Committee to note the **attached** tree report for August 2022. Noted.
- b) Committee to note that the application 22/01975/TCA – 61 Southfield to fell 1 Lime tree due to loss of natural light in garden and regular incidents of branches falling into garden which represent a safety risk has been withdrawn, following objections from the Town Council and refusal by the Tree Officer. Noted.
- c) To note that following a request from Cllr Bovill a tree along the southside path of Boothferry Road has been cut back, allowing easier access for pedestrians. Noted.
- d) Following a request from a resident Cllr Bovill has requested that a couple of trees near to 15 and 58 Westbourne Grove be pollarded to reduce the number of leaves falling into the gutter and blocking drains. Noted.
- e) Persimmon Development - Ferriby Road, Hessle, Tree Felling – committee to note the email chain. Clerk to provide any update. Cllr Sutton advised that the Tree Committee had been advised of these works by Mr Hemingway (ERYC Tree Officer). Mr Hemingway will be involved in decisions on the replanting of the site. Noted.
- f) Following a request from Cllr Bovill in 2019, the Committee to note that 2 extra drains have been installed on the northside footway close to 220-230. Noted.

133815 ERYC COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND and HUMBER FOREST – 2022/23

- i) Committee to consider areas for tree planting, suggested areas below
- ii) Cllr Langdale has suggested Brigg / Barnetby Drive areas on any of the verges.
- iii) Tranby Gate (unfortunately some trees planted last year have not survived the hot weather).

The Committee discussed all points above and agreed that the following areas be passed to ERYC as suggested areas for planting. First Lane, Hessle, Station Road, Barnetby / Brigg Drive, Boothferry Road (First lane end) KGV, Springville, The Circle, Hull Road, Hessle, Tranby Gate (to replace trees that have not survived. To consider additional watering be undertaken during the first year. The Clerk advised that the grant application will be submitted before the 30/9/22 (Sutton/Padden)

Resolved - The following areas be passed to ERYC as suggested areas for planting. First Lane, Hessle, Station Road, Barnetby / Brigg Drive, Boothferry Road (First lane end) KGV, Springville, The Circle, Hull Road, Hessle, Tranby Gate (to replace trees that have not survived the summer weather)

133816 LITTER BINS REQUESTS – None for consideration.

133817 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS –

- a) Committee to note that the new planters have arrived and have been filled. The allotment Warden has agreed to water them. Several positive comments have been received from residents. Noted.
- b) Committee to note that the Mobile Watering System has been ordered. The Clerk advised that this is due for delivery in a few weeks. Noted.
- c) The Clerk has requested several bags of Daffodil bulbs from ERYC, for planting along Hull Road – adding to last year’s display. Noted.

133818 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK –

- a. Committee to note that all three companies have submitted design plans for the play area. Awaiting a meeting of the Working Party to consider the options. Noted.
- b. Committee to note that the works on the perimeter fencing have been arranged for 7/9/22. Noted.
- c. Committee to note that the damaged surface area of the play area has been repaired. The Clerk advised that this repair cost over £1500.00.
- d. Committee to note that the gate to the Children’s Play area has once again been damaged and had to be removed for a repair. Noted.

The Clerk advised that investigations into putting CCTV into the park are underway.

133819 MEMORIAL BENCH – Committee to re-consider the location for Frank Kitchen’s Memorial bench as ERYC have refused permission to install at our suggested location. The family would like it to be placed somewhere in the Square.

(Sutton/Padden)

Resolved - that a request be made to ERYC for a site visit to establish a suitable location in the Square for the memorial bench.

133820 JENNY BROUGH LANE (JBL) BENCH – Following the earlier location rejection by ERYC, committee to note that Cllr Bovill has asked them to review the decision given that parts of JBL are 30mph, and that there are areas with sufficient clearance from the road to allow a bench. He is awaiting a reply from highways. Noted.

133821 RESIDENT LETTER – Committee to note the complaint email from a resident covering a number of issues. To note that this has been passed to the Ward Councillors as most relate to ERYC. The Clerk advised that Cllr Bovill has spoken to the resident and is passing through the complaints/ concerns to the relevant departments in ERYC, she has forwarded the police related items to the Local Policing Team for investigation. Noted.