

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday 8th November 2022, 7.30pm
Minutes

Members present: Cllrs J Bovill, V Padden, and A Potter (Chairman)
Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)
Clerk: Joanna Render

Apologies received from: Cllrs Carroll, Cross, Fordham and Sutton

133876 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

133877 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.
(Padden/Bovill)

Resolved – the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and the chair was authorised to sign.

133878 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

The Chair advised that Cllr Cross has submitted an email requesting dispensation from the 6 month rule due to personal circumstances of work. He has asked that the Environment & Open Spaces Committee consider his request. This was discussed and it was agreed that his reason be accepted.
(Potter/Bovill)

Resolved - that pursuant to Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, Hessle Town Council waive the 6-month Councillor attendance rule, grant dispensation requested and allow Cllr Cross to continue as a member of Hessle Town Council.

133879 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 30th September 2022
(Potter/Bovill)

Resolved - The Income and Expenditure to the 30th September 2022 was noted.

133880 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 25th October 2022 to the Boothferry Road site. Only one plot raised concerns and a termination letter has been issued.
Noted.

- c) Gardeners Association: To receive the report from the HDGA and Clerk to provide any updates. (1) Boundary work to the Boothferry road site – the hedgerow is being removed, but the trees are to remain. New fencing will then be installed around the trees. The Clerk will contact ERYC to see if this is in fact the case, as she understood the trees would be removed. (2) CCTV for the Boothferry Road – to be discussed as an agenda item. (3) Concerns that poison is being used to kill rats on the allotment site, the Clerk to put notices up around the site prohibiting the use of poisons, also to make enquiries with the school. Noted. (4) Thanks to the clerk from the HDGA for issue leaflets with the invoices.
- d) Plots: 1 vacant plot which has been offered out. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted.
- f) Invoices: All invoices for the rental 2022/23 have been issued. Noted.

133881 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- a) **CCTV** – Committee to consider the provision of CCTV on the Boothferry Road allotment site. See information and quote for the provision of CCTV and recorder.
Ms White from the HDGA advised that a tenant has successfully installed solar power to the HDGA hut in the car park of the Boothferry Road site, allowing battery run lighting. He has also offered to install a CCTV system which would run effectively through the solar power battery system. The information provided would allow for at least two cameras pointing at the gated area on site – this would hopefully identify people leaving the gate open and any trespassers who gain access to the site. The Clerk explained that there may be Data Protection issues that would need to be looked at with safeguarding and data protection policies being put in place and agreements between the Council and the HDGA prior to any system being installed used. The Committee discussed the system and agreed that a financial contribution could be made to the purchase and installation of the equipment providing all relevant Data Protection regulations / policies / agreements are put into place
(Potter/Bovill)
Resolved – To contribute £200 to HDGA, towards the purchase and installation of the CCTV system, but no progress to be made until Data Protection / regulations / policies are investigated and systems established.

133882 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

- a) Committee to note the Tree Reports for September & October 2022 . Noted.

133883 ERYC COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND and HUMBER FOREST –

- a) To note that the grant application has been submitted and has progressed to the second – full appraisal stage. Noted.
- b) Committee to consider a request from Cllr D Nolan for trees to be planted on the green space on The Garth, off First Lane.
(Potter/Bovill)
Resolved - Agree to put the green space on Th Garth through to ERYC as a suggested area for tree planting, should the grant application be successful.

133884 LITTER BINS REQUESTS – None for consideration. Noted.

133885 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS –

a) Committee to consider the quote to re-fill the tubs for Winter. The Committee considered the quote, the Clerk advised that acceptance would overspend the current budget. If agreed the decision would need to be taken to the next meeting of the Finance, Asset and Personnel committee to be ratified. The committee agreed to the spend in order that the tubs are to be re-filled.

(Potter/Bovill)

Resolved - To accept the quote of £1792 for the Winter filling of the tubs and to pass the overspend to the Finance, Asset and Personnel to be ratified.

- b) Committee to note the complaint and response regarding the placement of the planters. The Clerk advised that they have since been informed by Highways that the planters do need moving for safety reasons, each planter needs to be 450mm from each kerb edge. Councillor Potter expressed his disappointment in that Cllr Nolan put this straight onto Social media through Hesse Matters instead of raising it with himself as the Chair of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee. He asked the Clerk to draft a response to the resident who complained, advising that following further advise the planters will be moved. Noted.
- c) Committee to note that the Mobile Watering System has arrived and has been used by the warden. Noted.

133886 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK –

- a. Committee to note that all three companies have submitted design plans for the play area, a public consultation is underway in the Town Hall and by members of the Health and Wellbeing Group at ERYC. Noted.
- b. Committee to consider the quote for the removal of the wooden jockey fencing around the shrub beds. The Committee considered this but found this to be extremely expensive for just removal, the Clerk is to contact the company who provide the ground maintenance for the park to see if they would provide a quote.

(Potter/Bovill)

Resolved - Clerk to contact the Grounds Maintenance company for a quote for the removal of the Jockey rails around the shrub beds in Tower Hill Park.

- c. Cllr Padden to provide an update regarding the Memorial Stone. Cllr Padden advised that both he and Cllr D Nolan have made enquires to several stonemasons, and a local one has been in touch. Cllr Padden has sent off the requirements and he is waiting to hear from them. Noted.

133887 MEMORIAL BENCH – Clerk is in the process of identifying a suitable location in the Square with ERYC Highways. The Clerk advised that Highways have asked her to make a location plan of all the street furniture and the market stalls and they will consider for a location. The Clerk advised she is awaiting a plan of the stalls from the market manager. Update Noted.

133888 JBL BENCH – Committee to receive an update from Cllr Bovill. Cllr Bovill advised that some of the land which may be required to place the bench on is in fact privately owned. He has sent a

plan to Highways to see if this area is suitable and there is sufficient space for the bench, once he has received confirmation he will approach the company to discuss the potential use of some of their land. Update noted.

133889 BUDGET 2023/24– Committee to consider any items for the 2023/24 budget.

(Potter/Padden)

Resolved – that the following be included in the 2023/24 budget

Allotment Rental – has been agreed for next 5 years

Allotment Projects -£3000

Litter Bins - £2500

Benches -£2000