

**HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
**Large Front Room**  
**Hessle Town Hall**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**Minutes**

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

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

Clerk: Joanna Render

Apologies: Cllrs B Carroll, J Langdale and C Walker

**134026 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.

**134027 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Potter)

**Resolved** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**134028 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS:** To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

**134029 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:** Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

(Potter/Sutton)

**Resolved** - The Income and Expenditure to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 was noted.

**134030 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:**

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: To note the report . Noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: Visit undertaken on 24/1/23 To note the report. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: To receive and discuss the latest report. Ms G White went through the report.

- Thanks were given to the clerk for arranging the delivery of road scalplings and to the Town Council for funding the hire of the digger and dumper – a small working party has been put together and the work to fill the pot-holes will take place over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March.
  - The CCTV system is on hold until a volunteer can be found to manage the system, as the GDPR and ICO information is complicated.
  - Flooding issue at the end of plot 82, the Clerk advised that the current tenant on the plot has been offered a move. This was further discussed under item 134031 (iii)
  - Ms White advised that complaints have been received regarding rats on the eastern boundary of the site. A discussion took place and the committee agreed that there was very little that could be done, as even if traps are put down – there is a constant supply of food on an allotment site.
- d) Plots: no vacant plots
- e) Crime: 90 sheds broken into on the evening of 20/2/23 – see notes and recommendations on site security from Humberside Police, Ms White to provide any further information.  
Ms White advised that she and another member of the HDGA met with officers on site. The report from the police has been received and any recommendations will be considered.
- f) Invoices: None outstanding.

#### **134031 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.**

- a) **Boothferry Road Allotment**
- i) Committee to consider the email & photographs from a new tenant regarding assistance with clearance of debris off his plot. A discussion took place and it was agreed that he should be directed to use the communal skip when placed on site. The clerk will order this when the scalplings have gone and advise the tenant when it is due to arrive so that he can make the necessary arrangements to transfer the rubbish before the skip is completely full. Noted.
  - ii) Committee to note that one of the allotment tenants has fixed another 4 leaks on the allotment site, as well as carrying out work on the Ferriby Road water trough. Committee to consider purchasing a suitable gift as a thank you.  
(Sutton/Potter)  
**Resolved** - that a thank you and gift card for £25.00 be sent to the tenant in recognition of his support and assistance.
  - iii) Committee to consider no longer renting out plot 81 due to number of fruit trees on it, and to consider reducing Plot 82 to half a plot due to the flooding issues to the rear of the plot or to consider action to relieve the flooding. Clerk to speak further to this. This was discussed and it was agreed to leave plot 81 and to rent out the front half only of 82 – which would allow investigation of the flooding problem.  
(Sutton/Fordham)

**Resolved** – that plot 81 no longer be let due to the fruit trees and that only the front half of BR82 be let. The clerk will then investigate ways to alleviate the flooding to the rear of the plot.

**b) Ferriby Road site**

- i) Committee to note that one of the tenants has reported that the side of the access road is crumbling. The clerk has visited the site with the allotment warden and cannot see any issue. Noted.

**134032 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

- a) Committee to note the attached tree report for February 2023. Cllr Potter advised that a letter of thanks has been sent to Mr Hemingway for all his help and support over the years.

(Potter/Bovill)

**Resolved** - the tree report for February 2023 was noted.

- b) Committee to consider the request from a resident on Spicer Croft to remove several trees on the Ferriby Road allotment site due to shading of the garden. Also attached photos of the trees and comments from A Hemmingway on viewing the trees. The Tree Committee and Clerk to provide further information.

The Clerk advised that both her and Cllr Sutton as a representative from the tree committee met with the resident onsite to discuss the issue and specific trees. The committee discussed the request. There are no safety issues with the trees. All the trees within the allotment site are part of the green corridor for wildlife and part of the green amenity and Streetscene for the area. Hessle Town Council are reluctant to remove trees and are currently supporting the planting of more trees within Hessle, as part of the East Yorkshire Tree Planting scheme. All agreed the trees should remain with permission to remove being refused.

(Padden/Sutton)

**Resolved** - The trees within the allotment site are part of the green corridor for wildlife and part of the green amenity and Streetscene for the area. Hessle Town Council are reluctant to remove trees and are currently supporting the planting of trees as part of the East Yorkshire Tree Planting scheme. The trees pose no health and safety threat. All agreed the trees should remain. permission to remove is refused.

The Clerk will write to the resident to advise of the decision.

**134033 ERYC COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING FUND and HUMBER FOREST –**

- a) Committee to note that 56 trees have been planted by ERYC in the areas we suggested. Clerk to provide further information.

The clerk advised that trees have been planted on Barnetby Road, Boothferry Road, Brigg Drive, Ferriby Road amenity land, First lane, Fishmore Avenue, Hull Road, KGV, Station Road amenity land, The Circle. Details of the species planted have been requested not no further information has been received. Noted.

**134034 LITTER BINS REQUESTS –**

- a) To consider the request from a resident to fund the installation of a litter bin on amenity land near to Greenfield Avenue.

(Sutton/Cross)

**Resolved** - Agree to the funding of litter bin near to the open space on Greenfield Avenue. The Clerk to instruct ERYC.

**134035 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS – No further updates.**

**134036 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK –**

- a. Committee to note that the plan by Streetscape for the refurbishment of the play area was accepted by Full Council, and they have been instructed to commence works. Noted.

- b. Committee to ratify the purchase of a new self-closing safety gate for the play area at a cost of £1490.00. To note that this has already been ordered due to safety concerns.

(Cross/Bovill)

**Resolved** - To ratify the purchase and fitting of the new self-closing safety gate at a cost of £1490.

- c. Committee to consider the quotes received for the maintenance contract for 2023/24.

The committee discussed the 4 quotes received from maintenance companies.

(Potter/Sutton)

**Resolved** – To award the maintenance contract for Tower Hill Memorial Park 2023/24 to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance.

- d. Committee to consider the quotes for the removal of the wooden ‘jockey fencing’ around the shrub beds.

(Potter/Sutton)

**Resolved** – to accept the quote from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance for the removal of the wooden jockey fences from around the shrub beds in Tower Hill Memorial Park.

- e. To consider councillor D Nolan’s suggestion for the Memorial stone for the Memorial Garden –which can also be viewed at [Obelisk | Haddonstone](#). He has asked for this to be considered again due to the significant reduction in cost.

Cllr Padden reminded the committee of the two other options for the Memorial Stone previously discussed. Cllr Nolan has been looking into a less expensive alternative, which is now presented to the committee for consideration.

The committee discussed the new option at length, with one councillor expressing extreme disappointment as to its quality, stating that there should be no quick replacement and cost should not be the only consideration. The committee agreed with this and stated that the position was made clear at January’s meeting, in that the plans for the Memorial stone be put on hold until the sunken garden area has been refurbished.

(Cross/Fordham)

**Resolved** – That the Memorial plans are put on hold until the sunken garden area has been refurbished. Any Memorial should be of a suitable quality and design fitting for the purpose, which may not be the lowest cost.

**134037 MEMORIAL BENCH** – Clerk is in the process of identifying a suitable location in the Square with Highways at ERYC. Clerk to provide any update. The Clerk advised that until the licencing issues with the market had been sorted, and therefore the location of the stalls mapped out no location could be established. Cllr Bovill suggested that one of the metal seats near the planters could be re-located to make way for a new memorial bench. The clerk advised that she would discuss the possibility of this with Highways and bring to a future meeting.

(Bovill/Potter)

**Resolved** - the Clerk to discuss the possibility of removing one of the metal benches currently in the square near to the planters and replace with a suitable Memorial Bench.

**134038 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH** – Clerk or Cllr Bovill to provide an update.

Cllr Bovill advised that permission has been granted by the owner of the land, he will obtain written confirmation from him. He will then be making enquiries with regards to quotes for installation. Noted.

**134039 HESSLE BENCHES** – Cllr Bovill to provide any update with regards to the ownership and maintenance of Hesse benches.

He advised that all benches on the Foreshore are maintained by ERYC and that ERYC Highways currently only have 2 other benches on their records. The one on Swanland / Boothferry road has recently been refurbished. The remaining benches in Hesse all appear to be in reasonably good order, and it may be that maintenance issues of these in the future lie with the Town Council. Update noted.

**134040 GENERAL ENVIRONMENT UPDATES** – Committee to note the updates on various maintenance issues.

- a) Improvements to the centre of Darley's roundabout – to note that the daffodils are starting to appear. Noted.
- b) Repairs to Darley's footbridge and crash barriers around the roundabout- To note that repairs have been carried out to the crash barriers around the centre island & outside the Hearth & Home shop. Still awaiting repairs outside the Pizza shop and any cosmetic works to the footbridge. Noted.
- c) To note that the path on Swanland road alongside the Cemetery has been cleared of leaves. ERYC have been asked to clear away again. Noted.

**134041 GIVE BADGERS A BRAKE** – Committee to note the information from the Badgers Trust. The clerk advised that she has a reporting form for any badger sighting so any referrals can be made through her. Noted.

**134042 CANCELLATION OF MAY MEETING** – Committee to note that the meeting scheduled to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May is cancelled due to the election of a new Council. Noted.