

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

**Large Front Room**

**Hessle Town Hall**

**11<sup>th</sup> April March 2023**

**Minutes**

Members present: Cllrs J Bovill, B Carroll, D Cross, G Fordham, V Padden, and A Potter (Chairman),  
Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)

Clerk: Joanna Render

Apologies: Cllr Langdale and Cllr Sutton

**134074 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.

**134075 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Cross)

**Resolved** - The minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**134076 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS:** To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

**134077 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:** Committee to note that there are no figures available due to the processing of the Year End. Noted.

**134078 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:**

a) Allotment Warden’s Report: To note the report. The report was noted, and the Committee passed on thanks to the warden for all his hard work over the years.

b) Inspection of Plots: No visit undertaken- to be arranged. Noted.

c) Gardeners Association: To receive and discuss the report. Ms White went through the report; She confirmed that all the potholes on site have been filled, however there are one or two which require re-filling due to the substantial rainfall, she requested that any skip hire be put on hold until all scalplings have been used/ moved, she will advise of a date asap. The Clerk advised that this would not be a problem. Noted.

A suggestion was made that plot BR81 with all the fruit trees be offered to the tenant of BR82 – concern was raised that the warden would not have time to maintain this plot if left un-let. The Clerk advised that she had not yet offered plot 82 and would consider this. She will also speak with the warden. Noted.

Following the shed break-ins the PCSO's have carried out a routine check of the site and also apprehended a youth following an incident of ASB during which a greenhouse was broken. The offender's parents have been contacted and will be paying for any damage.

Mr Griffiths thanks the committee for his 'thank-you' gift for providing help with the maintenance of the taps and water system on site.

- d) Plots: BR81 and BR82. Noted.
- e) Crime: 1 report of ASB. As mentioned in the HDGA report above. Noted.
- f) Invoices: None outstanding. Noted.

#### **134079 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.**

- a) **Boothferry Road Allotment** – Committee to note that one of the tenants is organising regular shoots to try and deal with the vermin issue. As previously agreed, logs will be created with the Police for every visit. Noted.
- 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 he has agreed to 'shore' up the side of the plot – the access road is not affected. Committee to note that this will take most of the warden's hours for the week he carries out the work. Noted.
  - ii) Committee to note that there is a gap in the hedging of approx. 4m. The allotment warden is to fence and look at planting Hawthorne to infill. Committee to ratify the purchase of a roll of fencing at cost of £12.55.  
(Cross/Bovill)  
**Resolved** - The purchase of the fencing to fix a hole on the perimeter hedge of the Ferriby Road site at a cost of £12.55 was ratified.
  - iii) Committee to note that the allotment site will not now be taking part in this year's Open Gardens. Clerk to provide further information. The Clerk advised that one of the tenants on site has expressed concern and does not want it to go ahead, he believes that it would attract unnecessary interest in the site, which is secluded and not known to many people. The site has therefore withdrawn from the event. Noted.

#### **134080 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

- a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Visit held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.  
(Potter/Padden)  
**Resolved** – The attached report from the Tree Visit undertaken on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was accepted.
- b) Committee to note and agree the request from resident Mr B Waddington to join the Tree Committee as a non-voting advisory member.  
(Padden/Cross)  
**Resolved** – Mr B Waddington's request to join the Tree Committee as a non-voting advisory member was accepted, the clerk will inform him.
- c) **Tree Applications Display of notifications** - Committee to consider the email from Mr Hemingway regarding the display of Tree Applications. The Committee are

concerned that not all applications for tree works are displayed, and as such residents are unaware of works and therefore unable to comment. The Clerk advised that she could investigate putting them on the Town Council website, as with the Planning Applications. The advice from the Tree Officer about registering an interest on the ERYC public access could also be included on our website. A discussion also took place regarding the future of ERYC Officer accompanied tree visits once Mr Hemingway retires. The Clerk advised that apparently his post has not yet been filled and he retires in the next few weeks. Cllr Potter thought that the Tree Committee meetings could still go ahead as they do now, but that this is a decision for the next Committee and depends on the service provided by ERYC. Cllr Bovill advised that as Ward Councillor he is more than happy to make enquiries with ERYC to see what service will be provided in the future.

The Clerk advised that as far as she is aware other Councils deal with Tree Applications through the Planning Committee.

(Potter/Bovill)

**Resolved** – Cllr Bovill is to make enquiries with ERYC as to the future of the officer accompanied Tree Visits, and the decision on how Tree Applications are dealt with should be made by the new committee. The clerk will investigate putting the notices on the Town Council website.

- d) **Loss of Mature Tree** – Please see the email from A Hemingway and Cllr D Cross's subsequent suggestion for a TPO on the replacement. Committee to consider his request. The committee discussed the removal of the mature Oak from the entrance to Hesslewood Hall, due to its decline. It has a history of shedding limbs and there is decay in the main stem and buttress roots. It is deemed to be a safety risk at this busy entrance and exit. The current tree is not protected but will be replaced. The Committee agreed that if possible, a TPO should be placed on the replacement tree. The Clerk will make enquiries with Alan Hemingway.

(Potter/Cross)

**Resolved** – Once the mature Oak has been removed from the entrance to Hesslewood Hall that a request be made to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council that a TPO be placed on the replacement tree.

#### **134081 LITTER BINS REQUESTS**

- a) To consider the request from a resident for a litter bin to be placed on the Heads Lane/Tranby Ave junction.

(Potter/Carroll)

**Resolved** - Agree to the fund the purchase and installation of a litter bin on the corner of Tranby Avenue with Heads Lane. The Clerk will instruct ERYC.

**134082 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS** – No further updates. It was noted that all the newly planted Daffodils along Hull Road are starting to bloom. Noted.

### **134083 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK**

- a) Committee to note that the new maintenance company has commenced work as per the schedule. Noted.

**134084 MEMORIAL BENCH** – Clerk is in the process of identifying a suitable location in the Square with Highways at ERYC. The Clerk advised that she has made enquiries with ERYC Highways about changing one of the metal benches currently in the Square for a Memorial bench, she is currently awaiting a reply. Noted.

**134085 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH** – Clerk or Cllr Bovill to provide an update. Cllr Bovill advised that he has approached an installer and is awaiting a quote. Although verbal permission has been granted by the owner of the land, Cllr Bovill is also trying to obtain written permission. Noted.

**134086 ERYC FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY** – Committee to consider suitable locations. See the email from Mr A Height, Group Manager, Environmental Services Unit, ERYC. Cllr Bovill explained that the Humber Bridge car park is no longer deemed suitable for the giveaway due to the extensive traffic queues and the proximity to A63. Unless a more suitable venue can be found or a solution to the traffic management issue, the nearest place will be Hull Ionians Rugby ground in Elloughton. Any suggestions to Cllr Bovill. Noted.

**134087 HALTEMPRICE FLOOD ACTION GROUP** – Committee to note the email from E Robinson regarding the maintenance of lagoons. Noted.

**134088 REMINDER - 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.

Cllr Bovill thanked Cllr Potter for his time and work carried out as Chairman of the Committee. Cllr Potter thanked the committee and for the members attendance and participation at meetings and activities within the Town.