

**HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
**Large Front Room**  
**Hessle Town Hall**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Minutes**

Members present: P Hardy, V Padden, M Sutton(Chair) & P Toogood(Vice-Chair)

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

Also present: Mr L Stephens-Ramsden (Allotment Warden)

Clerk: Joanna Render

Apologies: Cllr Bovill

**134264 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.

**134265 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Padden/Hardy)

**Resolved** - the minutes from the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**134266 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS:** To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

**134267 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:** Committee to receive and note the Income and Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

(Sutton/Padden)

**Resolved** - the Income and Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 was noted.

**134268 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:**

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: Committee to note the report for July and August 2023. The Allotment wardens report was noted – he continues to do an excellent job around the sites.
- b) Inspection of Plots: To note the site visits from 6/9/23. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: No formal report this month. To provide an update on the netting along the boundary with the new school. Ms White advised that confirmation had been received that the netting is there for the privacy of the students , there is no plan to extend beyond the current location. Concern has also been raised that the grassed area between the school boundary and the allotment is not being maintained. Ms White advised that his area has recently been treated with weedkiller by ERYC, who are maintaining the area.

Ms White thanked both Cllr Sutton as Chair of this committee and Cllr Paul Hardy as Deputy Mayor for attending the HDGA Annual show, which was well attended by both residents and exhibitors.

- d) Plots: No vacant plots. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted.
- f) Invoices: None outstanding. Noted.

#### **134269 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.**

- a) **Purchase of second-hand mower** – Committee to consider the request from the new allotment warden to purchase a second-hand mower. The warden, Mr Stephens-Ramsden explained that whilst the strimmer was ideal for certain jobs it was not ideal for use on large areas of the site, a mower would be much more efficient, allowing him more time to spend on other areas of the sites. The committee discussed this and agreed to a purchase of a reasonably priced second-hand mower of @ £200-£300. (Padden/Toogood)

**Resolved** – Agree to the purchase of a second-hand mower in the region of £200-300. The Allotment Warden to investigate the options.

#### **Boothferry Road Allotment –**

- i) Committee to note that a team of 4 tenants continue to shoot rats on the Boothferry Road site. Noted.
- ii) Committee to consider the quote for the provision of pest control on the Boothferry road site. The Clerk advised that ERYC asked to visit the site following complaints from the School about vermin – he did not deem there to be a significant issue however, rat runs were evident in some areas of the site, and he advised that this may get worse as winter approaches. The Clerk advised that at present she had only been able to obtain one quote for the provision of vermin treatment. A discussion took place and the allotment warden advised that he is more than happy to fill and place bait boxes around the site and monitor the situation. All agreed that this maybe a more cost-effective option, and to review the situation if required. (Sutton/Padden)

**Resolved** - Agree to the purchase of a number of rat bait boxes and bait for use on the Boothferry Road site.

#### **b) Ferriby Road site**

- iii) Committee to ratify the decision made by the Clerk to accept the quote for the hedge maintenance. The Clerk advised that works have been undertaken as the hedge was greatly overgrown and needed trimming. The works have been carried out. (Sutton/Padden)

**Resolved** - The decision to accept the quote for £300 + VAT for the trimming and topping the Ferriby Road hedge was ratified.

#### **134270 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

- a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Applications received in July /August 2023. Committee to note the application 23/02322/TCA – Woodstock, 28 Southfield has been withdrawn. Noted.
- b) Committee to note that the Council has received a from a resident on Pulcroft for trees to be planted. Committee to confirm that they are happy for me to forward the request to ERYC. The Clerk is unaware of any grant funding this year. Cllr Sutton advised that she didn't think that the ERYC Tree Grant funding was available this year, but that this suggestion should be passed over to Tree and Forestry department at ERYC for consideration.  
(Sutton/Padden)  
**Resolved** – That the request for trees to be planted on Pulcroft Road be passed to the ERYC Tree and Forestry Department for consideration.
- c) Committee to note that a number of defected trees along Livingstone Road have been felled by ERYC. Noted.

#### **134271 LITTER BINS REQUESTS**

- i) Committee to consider the request from Cllr Padden to fund the purchase and installation of a litter bin at the north end of Tower Hill Memorial Park or close to Brunswick Grove.  
(Padden/Hardy)  
**Resolved** - To fund the purchase and installation of a litter bin near to the northern entrance of the Tower Hill Memorial Park.
- ii) Committee to note the 'thank you' email from a resident. Noted.

#### **134272 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS**

- a) Committee to note that a new basket / Tub Waterer has commenced employment. Noted.
- b) Committee to consider the email from Cllr Nolan regarding a floral display along the cut through from Swinegate car park to The Square.  
The Clerk advised that this area is being looked at by the ERYC Local Growth Team as part of a larger project of re-generation. All agreed that whilst this area would benefit from floral displays it should be funded by ERYC as part of the wider project.  
(Sutton/Padden)  
**Resolved** - That the addition of any floral displays along the cut through between the Square and the Swinegate carpark be funded as part of the wider development and regeneration by the ERYC Local Growth Team.
- c) Committee to consider if they wish to plant daffodil bulbs this year, and for the Clerk to make enquires with ERYC regarding the provision the bulbs?  
Further planting could be undertaken further along Hull Road.  
(Sutton/Padden)  
**Resolved** – To ask ERYC to provide two bags of Daffodil bulbs.

### **134273 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK**

- a) Committee to note that the works on the trees overhanging 15 Tower Hill Mews will be undertaken on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. Noted.
- b) Committee to consider the email from a resident on Northgate who raises concerns about falling tree branches. The Clerk advised that she has contacted the resident and advised that we are investigating, the Tree Assessment report provided below includes these trees.
- c) Committee to discuss the tree assessment report and consider the quotes for both recommended and essential works. Committee to note that the trees as per item (b) are included in the report.  
(Padden/Sutton)  
**Resolved** - To instruct the Tree Surgeon to carry out the essential works and to look at the recommended works at a later date.
- d) Committee to note that the damage to the wet pour surface of one of the pieces of equipment ( Overhead Rotator) has now been repaired. Noted.
- e) Cllr Padden to provide any update in relation to the Memorial.  
Cllr Padden advised that the Obelisk for the Memorial has been ordered and it is hoped that delivery and installation will be early November. Update noted.

**134274 FOOTPATH RUNNING BETWEEN DANES DRIVE & RAILWAY LINE** – Committee to consider the attached email from Cllr Nolan. The clerk advised that she has received no updates on the proposals regarding this area of land as outlined to ERYC by Cllr Nolan. The Committee discussed Cllr Nolans email and whilst they support some maintenance by ERYC, they saw no need for the Town Council to take ownership or management responsibility of the space.

**134275 MEMORIAL BENCH** – No further update with regards to the location. Noted.

**134276 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH** – Clerk or Cllr Bovill to provide an update. Cllr Bovill was not present at the meeting and the Clerk had no further updates.