

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday 16th January 2024
Minutes

Members present: Cllrs J Bovill, M Sutton(Chair) & P Toogood(Vice-Chair)
Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)
Clerk: Joanna Render
Apologies: Cllr P Hardy

134436 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.

134437 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on the 14th November 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th November 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign.

134438 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

134439 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to note and receive the Income & Expenditure to 31st December 2023

(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - The Allotment Income and Expenditure to 31st December 2023 was noted.

134440 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: To note the report. Noted. The allotment warden continues to do an excellent job.
- b) Inspection of Plots: To note that no visit has been undertaken -mainly due to the adverse weather conditions. Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: No formal report, but the HDGA have asked for a) more road scalpings to fill the potholes b) a skip for early Spring. The Clerk advised that she is awaiting the clearance of the site by the warden and then will order some more scalpings. She confirmed that a skip can be ordered early Spring.
- d) Plots: 1 vacant plot, which has been offered. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported

- f) Invoices: Currently 17 invoices outstanding for the 2023/24 rental, all have had reminders. The Clerk advised that 9 invoices remain outstanding. Noted.

134441 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

a) Flooding – Boothferry Road Site – The Committee considered the photos showing further flooding on the Boothferry Road allotment and email outlining the suggested works to help alleviate the problem. The Clerk spoke to a plan of the suggested works and a discussion took place and whilst it was agreed that significant rain over a prolonged period of time was to blame, some remedial work should take place in the hope that this might alleviate the problem going forward. The suggested works will increase the depth of the smaller ditch which runs through several of the plots near to the front of the site, and also provide additional run off under the allotment road into the smaller ditch which leads into the culvert at the bottom of plot 82. The work will affect a number of plots and the Clerk will make the tenants on these plots aware. The Clerk advised that plots 81 & 82 can be used as alleviation as they are no longer rented out, partly due to the flooding. The works will not be planned until later in the year when, hopefully the ground has dried out considerably. A digger, operator and some pipe work will be required for the works which will hopefully only take a couple of days. Although the allotment warden has estimated costs, he will obtain quotes before carrying out the work.

(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved – Agreed to the proposed works as set out by the Allotment warden and Clerk based on the estimated costings. The works will increase the depth of the smaller ditch located near to the front of the site, which runs through a number of plots and also the creation of additional run off under the allotment road, inserting pipework. This will then join to the smaller ditch flowing into the culvert on plot 82. The work will be undertaken later in the year during drier weather, and quotes for the costs involved of hiring a digger, operator and pipework will be obtained.

b) Committee to agree the renewal of the membership to the National Allotment Society at a cost of £55.00.

(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved – Agree to the renewal of the Council's Annual membership to the National Allotment Society at a cost of £55.00.

134442 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

- a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Applications received in November/ December 2023. To note the email regarding urgent works to trees on a property at Bluebell Gardens. Noted
The Clerk advised that trees are to be planted by ERYC Beverley Road, Pulcroft and Springville. Noted.

134443 LITTER BINS REQUESTS - None received.

134444 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS – Committee to note that the winter planting of the tubs has taken place. The Clerk advised that the tubs will be watered throughout the year, as and when required. Noted.

134445 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK

- a) Committee to consider the quotes and to make a decision on the annual maintenance contractor for the park. The Clerk provided feedback on the performance of the current providers and the quotes were considered by committee. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the contract for 2024/25 be awarded to Countrywide. The Clerk will carefully monitor their work any issues to be raised with the company and brought to the committee. (Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - The contract for the grass and hedge cutting of Tower Hill Park for 2024/25 be awarded to 'Countrywide'. The Clerk will monitor the work, raising any issues with the company and also reporting them to the committee.

- b) Committee to note that the installation of the Memorial Stone in the centre of the sunken garden is underway. Noted.
- c) Committee to note that quotes are being sought from contractors for the re-development of the sunken garden area of the park. Noted.
- d) Committee to ratify the payment of the invoice for urgent tree works to a Sycamore in Tower Hill Park. Photos and further information from the Tree Surgeon were provided to the committee. (Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - The payment of £470 for urgent tree works to a Sycamore in Tower Hill Park was ratified.

- e) Committee to consider if they wish for the remainder of the works from the Tree Assessment of July 2023 to be carried out. The cost for this will be £550 for work on 7 trees. (Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - That the remainder of the works required under the Tree Assessment carried out in July 2023 be undertaken at a cost of £550.00.

134446 MEMORIAL BENCH – Committee to note that suitable locations have been discussed with Cllr Kitchen's family and forwarded to East Riding Council Highways department for consideration. Clerk to provide any further update. The Clerk advised that she is waiting to hear from Highways regarding the suitability of any of the locations. Noted.

134447 BARK IN THE PARK – No further updates. Noted.

134448 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH – Cllr Bovill to provide any further updates. Cllr Bovill advised that he requires a further quote and needs to discuss the new location with the landowner. He hopes to bring the additional information to the next committee meeting. Noted.

134449 TRANBY LANE / FERRIBY ROAD AMENITY LAND – No further updates. Noted.

134450 H&EY – LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY – Committee to consider the email. The Clerk advised that this email has been sent to all Councillors when it was received along with the Friends of Tranby Gate. Noted.