

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday 9th April 2024
Minutes

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

134539 DECLARATION ON INTEREST: The Chairman 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”.

Cllr Bovill advised that he is related to one of the contractors who have provided a quote for the bench installation on Jenny Brough Lane – however, these will not be discussed at this meeting.

134540 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign.
(Toogood/Bovill)

Resolved - The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

134541 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

134542 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to note and receive the Income & Expenditure to 29th February 2024.
(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved - The Income & Expenditure to 29th February 2024 was noted.

134543 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: Boothferry Road - the Clerk advised that the warden has cut the grass in all communal areas, trimmed the hedge and grass along the entrance road, replaced signage on site and facilitated arrival / removal of the skip. Update Noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: The report from the visit on 6/3/24. Was noted. Unfortunately, the visit for the 9/4/24 did not go ahead due to poor weather and will be re-arranged.
- c) Gardeners Association: Ms Waudby advised that the main concern continues to be the flooding on site.
- d) Plots: No vacant plots. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted.

- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding. Noted.

134544 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- a) **Flooding** – Boothferry Road Site – The Clerk advised that she had a productive meeting with the ERYC Senior Engineer for Flood & Coastal Management. He is looking into the ownership and destination of the pipework currently used as drainage on the site and also into whether the field to the western boundary ever had drainage around the edge. The clerk advised that she has chased him up for a response, she also advised that quotes are being sought from contractors for the groundworks for the flood alleviation works. Update noted.
- b) **Scalpings** – to note that a request has been made to ERYC for a delivery of scalpings to the Boothferry Road site. The clerk advised that all scalpings, at present are being utilised by ERYC and there will not be any available until September at the earliest. The Clerk has been given another contact at the Council and is waiting to hear from the. Update noted.
- c) **Skip – Boothferry Road Site** – was delivered over the Easter weekend and has now been removed. Noted.

134545 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

- a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Applications received in December 2023, January, February and March 2024.
(Sutton/Bovill)
Resolved – The tree reports for December 2023, January, February and March 2024 were noted.
- b) Committee to note the update from the Forestry Commission Officer with regards to re-stocking of Tinkler’s Pit – The clerk will contact him again later this year for an update. Noted.
- c) Committee to note that Cllr Langdale has had success and the roundabout at First Lane/ Boothferry road has been planted-up by ERYC. Cllr Sutton advised that the area is looking much improved. Noted.
- d) Committee to consider the email chain regarding Tree planting by ERYC and the Town Council, following requests from residents. The request from a resident to plant a tree on the verge outside his home and the response from the ERYC that the Town Council should do this was discussed. It was agreed that this was not an area in which the Town Council should be involved. If a resident wishes to plant a tree on East Riding land then the matter is between the resident and ERYC as the landowner. The Town council do not have the resource to carry out his work, concern was also expressed that the Town Council would be liable for any trees planted and for the future management.
(Sutton/Bovill)
Resolved - If a resident wishes to plant a tree on East Riding land, including grass verges then the matter is between the resident and ERYC as the landowner. The Town council do not have the resource to carry out this work or for the ongoing maintenance of the trees and any arising liabilities in relation to them.

134546 LITTER BINS REQUESTS - To consider the request from Cllr Bovill for a litter bin to be placed along Buttfield Road, between Jill Grove and Ferry Road, a busy pedestrian route.
(Bovill/Sutton)

Resolved - The Committee agreed to fund the cost of purchase and installation of a new litter bin along Buttfield Road between Jill Grove and Ferry Road.

134547 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS – Committee to note that all tubs continue to be watered when required. Noted.

134548 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK

- a) Committee to note that the remaining works required under the Tree Assessment have been booked in. Noted.
- b) Committee to note that 2B Landscape Consultancy will be meeting to discuss the proposed wider park master plan at 11am on Thursday 16th May if members wish to attend. Noted.

134549 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 and the Clerk is still waiting to hear from them. Concern was expressed over the length of time that this is taking. The Clerk advised that she does chase up periodically with ERYC and does keep the family informed. Noted.

134550 PUPS IN THE PARK (formerly Bark in the Park) 15th September 2024 – Committee to note that this event has been confirmed and to consider the questions from the organisers at HEY MIND. The event is only for a couple of hours in the morning of the 15th and will be in only part of the park – which will be closed off to those who have not booked onto the event. The remainder of the park will be open to the general public.
(Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved – The Committee is happy for the event to go ahead and for the clerk to liaise with MIND with regards to their requirements and the planning of the event.

134551 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH – Cllr Bovill to provide any further updates. Cllr Bovill advised that he has received three quotes for the installation of the bench, all agreed on the suggested location –Northwood Drive near to the litter bin. Cllr Bovill will now obtain agreement on the site with ERYC highways. This land is private, and some agreement will be required between the Town Council and landowner to cover indemnity. New quotes will need to be obtained due to the date of the original ones, the Clerk and Cllr Bovill will hopefully progress this for the next meeting.
(Bovill/Sutton)

Resolved – The Committee agreed to the new location, Northwood Drive near to the litter bin. Cllr Bovill to confirm the suitability of the land with ERYC and the landowner and look into any indemnity agreement required between the Town Council and the landowner. The Clerk and Cllr Bovill will obtain up to date quotes from two of the contractors.

134552 BENCH – FIRST LANE – Committee to consider the request for a bench to be placed on First Lane. The committee agreed that whilst it was a good idea, it must be located in the right place, as they can attract ASB. There is no funding available in this year’s budget, but it could be considered

now and included for 2025/26. Cllrs Bovill and Toogood will visit the area and investigate suitable areas and bring to a future meeting.

(Sutton/ Toogood)

Resolved - Cllr Toogood and Bovill will investigate suitable areas along First Lane for the installation of a bench and bring to a future meeting for consideration. No funding is available this financial year but could be looked at now for 2025/26.