

**HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
**Large Front Room**  
**Hessle Town Hall**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Minutes**

Members present: P Davison, M Sutton(Chair) & P Toogood(Vice-Chair)  
Clerk: Joanna Render  
Apologies: Cllrs Bovill & P Hardy and Ms White (HDGA)

**134593 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.

**134594 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign.  
(Toogood/Sutton)

**Resolved** - The minutes from the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**134595 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS:** To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.  
None received.

**134596 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:** Committee to note and receive the Income & Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.  
(Sutton/Davison)

**Resolved** - The Allotment Income & Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was noted.

**134597 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:**

- a) Allotment Warden’s Report: The report of work carried out during April / May was noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: To note that a visit was undertaken on the 23/4/24. The report of the visit was noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: No formal report, but the HDGA have raised concerns about the flooding to the site – see agenda item 6(a) and a self- sown sapling along the entrance road see item 6(c). Both items to be discussed later in the agenda.
- d) Plots: 1 vacant plot. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted.
- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding. Noted.

### **134598 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.**

a) **Flooding** – Boothferry Road Site – The Clerk gave an update following her meeting with a senior Engineer for Flood & Coastal Management @ ERYC. After some research he is happy that the outlet currently being used as additional drainage is part of an existing riparian watercourse, with a portion going through the allotment, this means the connection can be formalised following consent approval by the ERYC consenting officer. The Allotment warden is seeking quotes for the groundworks for the additional drainage requirements.

(Sutton/Davison)

**Resolved** - That the drainage connection be investigated through the ERYC consenting officer and that quotes for the groundworks for the additional drainage are obtained.

b) **Scalplings** – The scalplings have been delivered onto site. Noted.

c) **Self-seeded Sapling** – Committee to consider the email and photo and agree on any action to be taken. The Clerk advised that the sapling is adjacent to the allotment entrance track and if left could potentially cause issues in the future.

(Sutton/Davison)

**Resolved** - Agreed to the removal of the self-seeding sapling if can be done by the Allotment warden.

### **134599 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES**

a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Applications received in April & May 2024.

Cllr Davison advised that there is an issue with a couple of trees belonging a property on Woodfield Lane, the owner was granted permission to remove these a number of years ago, but the work has never carried out. These trees have now been reported to the Town Council as being dangerous and if were to fall down could affect the Highway. The Clerk advised that she has informed the tree planning officer and unfortunately it is not something they have powers to deal with, the officer has forwarded it to Highways Streetscene. The concerned resident has been advised and it has been recommended that he contact ERYC direct.

(Sutton/Davison)

**Resolved** - The report of the tree applications for April and May 2024 was noted.

b) Committee to consider the email regarding tree planting by ERYC and if they wish to take any follow up action. The Clerk advised that due to the essential spending restriction within ERYC there will be no new tree planting within the East Riding. Cllr Sutton provided some background - in previous years tree planting has been carried out through funding available through the ERYC Tree Planting Fund, this, however, is no longer available. The Clerk advised that she has asked Cllr Bovill to make further enquiries as to whether ERYC are seeking external funding.

The committee agreed to leave this as it was deemed outside its control and await any further update. Noted.

**134600 LITTER BINS REQUESTS** - Committee to note that ERYC have agreed to the installation of the 4 new bins in the following locations, Boothferry Road/ Rosner Drive, Buttfield, between Jill

Grove & Ferry Road, First Lane/Seaton Road and Hull Road (opposite the Ex-Serviceman's Club) Committee to note that the cost per bin and installation is now £503.00. Update noted.

**134601 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS** – The Clerk will be requesting a quote for the baskets and tubs for the summer period in the coming weeks. Committee to consider if they still wish to display the hanging baskets. The committee agreed to continue with the displays as in previous years, as they do bring colour to the Town.

(Sutton/Davison)

**Resolved** – To continue with the town display as in previous years for the summer tubs and baskets.

**134602 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK** - to note the reminder that 2B Consultancy will be visiting on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, at 11am, to discuss the wider master plan for the park, should any members wish to attend. Noted.

**134603 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 is still awaiting advice from ERYC. Noted.

**134604 PUPS IN THE PARK (formerly Bark in the Park) 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024** – No updates. Noted.

**134605 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH** – Cllr Bovill was not present, but the Clerk advised that Cllr Bovill has sent details of the new location to ERYC Highways for approval and was awaiting confirmation. Update noted.

**134606 BENCH – FIRST LANE** – Committee to receive any updates from Cllr Bovill & Toogood on suitable locations. Cllr Toogood advised that he had looked at the area and the only site he thought suitable was on the grassed verge near to the St James's Centre, this was agreed by the members as it was not near any residential properties.

(Toogood/Sutton)

**Resolved** – That the grassed area near to St James's Centre, Hull Road is the most suitable location for a bench as it is not near to any residential properties. The clerk will liaise with ERYC Highways on the suitability of the location.

**134607 TRANBY LODGE GATE – Tree Assessment** – Committee to consider the quote for a tree assessment if they wish to go ahead with a tree assessment to ascertain the health of the trees, potential works required and cost - pending any public consultation on taking over the land later in the year.

(Sutton/Toogood)

**Resolved** - Agreed to the Tree Assessment to be undertaken to establish the condition of the trees and potential works that may be required and cost information for any future public consultation regarding the land.