

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
Large Front Room
Hessle Town Hall
Tuesday 11th June 2024
Agenda

Members present: Cllrs J Bovill, J Langdale, S Pickering, M Sutton, & P Toogood
Advisory Member (Non-voting) present: Ms G White (HDGA)
Also present: Ms K Waudby, Mr P Hammond and Mr R Holmes (Friends of Boothferry Road Allotment) and Mrs J Worrell (Resident)
Clerk: Joanna Render
Apologies: Cllr Harrison & Mr & Mrs Morris (Advisory non-voting members)

Cllr Craggs as Chair of the Council opened the meeting and took the first item

134654 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Nominations were invited for the election of Chairman of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee for the current municipal year.

(Bovill/Pickering)

Resolved -To nominate Cllr Sutton as Chair of the Environment & Open Spaces committee for the current municipal year.

There were no other nominations.

134655 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Sutton thanked the committee and duly took office.

134656 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN -Nominations were invited for the election of Vice-Chairman of the Environment & Open Spaces committee for the current municipal year.

(Bovill/Sutton)

Resolved – To nominate Cllr Toogood as Vice-Chair of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee for the current municipal year.

There were no other nominations.

134657 DECLARATION ON INTEREST: The Chairman read 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

134658 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

(Sutton/Toogood)

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

134659 CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS: To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the committee.

None received.

134660 ALLOTMENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: Committee to receive and note the Income & Expenditure to 30th April 2024.

(Sutton/Langdale)

Resolved – The Allotment Income and Expenditure to 30th April 2024 was noted.

134661 BOOTHFERRY ROAD, FERRIBY ROAD AND TOWER HILL ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Allotment Warden's Report:
Boothferry Road -The Clerk advised that the warden has been busy – all communal areas have been cut and trimmed, two trees along the entrance road have been cut back, he has filled in most of the potholes on site with the scalplings and has cleared the main ditch area. He is looking into quotes to replace the metal fencing at the ends of this ditch as this has become loose in some areas, and also for the groundworks for the flood alleviation work.
Ferriby Road - He plans to trim the hedge in the coming weeks. Update noted.
- b) Inspection of Plots: To note that a visit was undertaken on the 23/5/24. Report Noted.
- c) Gardeners Association: Cllr Sutton welcomed Ms White back to the committee. Ms White went through the report from the HDGA - The Annual Summer Social is to be held on the allotment site on 3th July @ 7pm – and members of the committee are welcome to attend. The Annual Show is to be held on 31st August at All Saints Church Hall, 2pm-4pm, The Town Mayor and Councillors will be formally invited. Thanks to the Allotment Warden for all the work he has carried out on site. Concern has been raised over debris being left on the site track, which has potentially caused damage to a vehicle. This has now been removed. The report was noted.
- d) Plots: One becoming vacant in the next week. Noted.
- e) Crime: None reported. Noted.
- f) Invoices: No invoices outstanding. Noted.

134662 ALLOTMENT ISSUES: Committee to consider the following issues.

- a) **Flooding** – Boothferry Road Site – Awaiting quotes for the groundwork. Noted.
- b) **Friends of Boothferry Road Allotment (FOBRA)**– Compostable toilet - K Waudby to speak to this item and committee to consider the request further.
Cllr Sutton welcomed the members of FOBRA to the meeting. Additional information provided by the group was given to the members prior to the start of the meeting. Ms Waudby advised that they were now a properly constituted group – The Friends of Boothferry Road Allotment (FOBRA), with 9 members on the committee. Original proposals had not changed with regards to the compostable toilet, the cost will be £12000 to purchase, but the members are hoping to save on the cost of installation by doing this themselves. 66% of plot holders had been surveyed, 87 yes, 4 no and 8 neither for nor against, they do plan to survey the remaining ploholders They have made enquires with ERYC and no planning permission is required for the project. They have started fundraising for the project and they are ready to explore further grant funding, if

the Council grant permission for the toilet to be placed on site. Questions/ concerns from members–

Cleaning - this will be done at the end and beginning of the week, concern was that this was insufficient for the numbers that would potentially use the facility. FOBRA members advised that as this is a compostable facility, no emptying is required, and It is hoped that users will help in keeping the area clean. Anti-bacterial wipes and spray will be provided.

Indemnity – It is essential that a suitable indemnity is in place and funding is ringfenced for the maintenance and removal of the facility. There must be no cost to the Council should this project go ahead. The FOBRA members confirmed that there will be a separate bank account with sufficient funds for the maintenance / removal of the facility and indemnity in place.

FOBRA members advised that the committee members are welcome to visit the working facility at the Barton allotment site. The members agreed that this would be of benefit. (Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved – That members of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee visit the Allotment siter at Barton to view the compostable toilet prior to any decision being made. The Clerk will liaise with Ms Waudby and the members.

134663 TREE COMMITTEE / TREES & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

a) Committee to note the report of the Tree Applications received in May 2024. (Sutton/Bovill)

Resolved – The Tree Application report for applications received during May 2024 were noted.

134664 LITTER BINS REQUESTS - Committee to consider a request for an additional litter bin on the First Lane Playing field – near to the play equipment. This request was received at the Annual Town Meeting from a member of the Friends of First Lane Playing Field.

(Toogood/Sutton)

Resolved- To the funding of the purchase and installation of a new litter bin on the First lane Playing Field near to the near to the play equipment.

134665 TUBS/ FLORAL DISPLAYS – To consider the quote for the Summer display of tubs and baskets.

(Bovill/Langdale)

Resolved – The quote for the Summer display of tubs and hanging baskets of £3302 was agreed.

134666 DAFFODIL BULBS – Committee to consider if they wish to purchase Daffodil bulbs again this year for planting in Hessle. A discussion was held, and it was agreed to continue with the planting.

(Langdale/Sutton)

Resolved – To purchase two bags of daffodil bulbs to enable the planting around Hessle to continue.

134667 TOWER HILL MEMORIAL PARK -

i) Committee to note that one of the gates to the Children's play area is not working properly, this has been reported to the manufacturers. The Clerk advised that this has now been replaced with a new gate. Noted.

134668 MEMORIAL BENCH – Committee to consider and make a decision on the two locations as recommended by ERYC Highways as suitable locations for the bench from those submitted by Cllr Kitchen's family.

(Sutton/Langdale)

Resolved - To place the Memorial Bench adjacent to the planter nearest the bus shelter, on the eastern side of the Square.

134669 PUPS IN THE PARK (formerly Bark in the Park) 15th September 2024 – No updates. Noted.

134670 JENNY BROUGH LANE BENCH –Cllr Bovill advised that he has sent details of the new location to ERYC Highways for approval and is awaiting confirmation, he has also approached the ERYC legal department for advice on indemnity agreements.

134671 BENCH – FIRST LANE – The Clerk advised that she has not yet approached ERYC Highways with details of the suggested location. Noted.

134672 TRANBY LODGE GATE

- i) Committee to consider the planting of a gifted Rowan Tree at the Tranby Gate site. Clerk / Cllr Bovill to provide further information. Cllr Bovill advised the committee that he was gifted the tree as Mayor, by Pocklington Town Council as part of their Anniversary celebrations. The Clerk advised that The Friends of Tranby Gate are happy to plant the tree up at Tranby Gate if the Committee are in agreement.
(Bovill/Langdale)
Resolved – That the gifted Rowan Tree by given to the Friends of Tranby Gate to plant at Tranby Gate.
- ii) Committee to consider the tree assessment carried out to provide information for any consultation and to consider the drafting of any consultation for inclusion in the next Hesse TC Newsletter.
The report was noted. The Clerk will obtain further information on potential costings for works and how often tree assessments will be required. The Clerk advised that she has approached ERYC for the latest tree assessment but to date has received nothing – Cllr Langdale to chase up. Cllr Pickering will draft the consultation for the newsletter, once he has the relevant information.
Sutton/Pickering)
- iii) **Resolved** – The Clerk will obtain further information on potential costings for tree works and how often tree assessments will be required. Cllr Langdale to chase up ERYC for the latest Tree Assessment report. Cllr Pickering will draft the consultation for the newsletter, once he has the relevant costings information.