

**Minutes of an Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting of
Northallerton Town Council held at 1.30pm on
Monday 10th October 2022 in the Town Hall**

Present: Cllr P Eames (Mayor), Cllr S Bell, Cllr P Cornfoot and Cllr A Eames.

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk

EOS 22/001 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Hugill

EOS 22/002 To elect a Chairman for the Environment and Open Spaces Committee 2022

It was resolved that Cllr P Eames will be the Chairman of the committee for this meeting and a Chairman will be appointed the next meeting

EOS 22/003 Exclusion of the press and public

It was resolved it was not necessary to exclude the press and public

EOS 22/004 Review of Environment and Open Spaces Committee table in the Strategic plan

It was agreed that the areas identified are still current.

It was resolved that there will be an addition to the strategic plan identifying the Council's commitment to reducing its impact on the environment

EOS 22/005 To consider priority order for contacting groups and individuals regarding key projects

Enhance Green Spaces:

1. Library planting area.

It was resolved that Cllr S Bell will follow up with Cllr C Dickinson to establish ownership and intentions

2. NE Northallerton Green Corridor requires a plan to be drawn up, in line with the Local Plan priorities, to provide an outline and costs for the development of pathways and planting of this area.

It was resolved that Cllr P Cornfoot will work with the Clerk to prepare an plan and costs

3. Willow Beck path.

It was resolved that Cllr P Eames will speak to the group regarding the path and establish the next steps are

4. College Playing Field

It was resolved that Cllrs P Eames and P Cornfoot will engage with David Kerfoot CBE DL for support

5. Community Gardens. Incredible Edible have developed the Applegarth area and are keen to extend this project into additional areas. Cherry Croft and tree planters on the High Street have been identified for this.

It was resolved that the Clerk will progress permission for these with the relevant authorities

6. Bank Head "ship" area.

It was resolved that the Clerk will find a contractor to quote to add some green space to this area

EOS 22/006 Feedback from the Pedestrian and Cycle Working Group

A Pedestrian and Cycle Facilities meeting has taken place with neighbouring councils. There is a requirement for a Sustrans Survey or similar. Safe cycle storage was also considered as this could be added on NTC land.

It was resolved that the cost of this will be considered at a future Finance Committee Meeting

It was resolved that the group will identify current positive cycleways and consider locations for storage and establish associated costs

EOS 22/007 Allotments

1. A meeting with a representative from the National Allotment Society has taken place. Existing and potential sites were explored. Bankhead was confirmed as a positive location for development. Bullamoor was not considered to be appropriate as the football area is well used. North Northallerton Sports Village Scheme was visited for information. Finally the Cemetery allotments were visited and the area identified to be used as the replacement plots.

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2. To agree next steps towards establishing new allotment provision and developing existing sites.

It was resolved that the Clerk will progress the following:

- Land Transfer from HDC
- Up to Date Legal Agreements for all groups
- Timescales to convert the area at the cemetery into new allotment plots to be considered by the JBC
- A resident consultation and outline plan developed for Bankhead
- Discussion with Knotto Bottom Allotment Secretary and Chairman

3. To consider the request from the Cemetery Allotment Association for funding for a communal shed at £800 and support with a grant application for a composting toilet.

It was resolved that a shed will be purchased for the allotments

It was resolved that the Clerk will offer support in submitting a composting loo grant application

4. To agree to make a recommendation to Full Council to register the land adjacent to the cemetery to NTC

It was resolved that the EOS Committee recommend that the Town Council register this land to NTC

EOS 22/008 Update on key activities of the Amenities team and agree priorities for Autumn/Winter

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was resolved to feedback to the Amenities Team that the councillors feel they are doing an excellent job

It was resolved that the Clerk will continue to explore the possibilities of improved energy provision to the chapel

EOS 22/009 To agree the date and time of the next meeting as Friday 16th December at 12.00 midday

Signed
Chairman
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