



**Minutes of an Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting  
of Northallerton Town Council held at 1.30pm on  
Friday 13th October 2023 in the Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr A Hugill, (Chairman); Cllr S Bell; Cllr A Eames and Cllr P Eames.

**Also present:** S Garside, Assistant Clerk and Alexandra Robson, Clerk, via Teams.

EOS 23/010 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

**It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr P Cornfoot**

EOS 23/011 To consider if it is necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of any agenda items

**It was resolved that it was not necessary to exclude members of the press and public**

EOS 23/012 To approve the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 14th July 2023

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting on Friday 14th July 2023 be approved**

EOS 23/013 To receive a short update on the progress of matters as follows:

1. Councillors Green Spaces visits

These visits took place and some actions will follow in EOS 23/018

2. Footpath north of Springwell Lane

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting, outlining how NTC would like to see the path improved.

**It was resolved that the report will be sent to the PROW Officer for comment then forwarded to the land owner**

3. Sale of land adjacent to the railway and B&M

A meeting had taken place with the land owner but vehicular access is limited and NTC is not in a position to progress this matter at the moment.

**It was resolved that the Clerk will write to the landowner to advise of this**

EOS 23/014 To note the submission of comments to the NYC Leisure Review and questions asked at the Area Constituency Committee (ACC) meeting

NYC Leisure Review comments were circulated to councillors in advance.

No written response has been received from NYC from the ACC. Whilst council understands that these may be in the published minutes, it is a long wait time between meetings.

**It was resolved that the Clerk will write to the Chairman of the committee and advise that NTC has not received a reply and ask if there is a reason for this**

EOS 23/015 To agree a review of grass cutting contracts ahead of the 2024 Season

Grass Cutting inconsistencies have been raised by a number of residents. The Clerk has established that this is a historic issue based on the handover of the NYC verges to NTC.

**It was resolved that the Clerk will liaise with the grass cutting contractor about the number of cuts, possible increase of verge cuts and potential of rewilding some areas**

EOS 23/016 To consider investigating a Government defibrillator fund, with a view to providing additional units

Some funding is available and this will be investigated with a view to providing these in council owned areas.

**It was resolved that the Assistant Clerk will look into this further and report back to the next meeting**

EOS 23/017 To consider next steps regarding the Grammar School Field

A graphic has been produced to demonstrate what the field could potentially look like and councillors are keen to use this in a proactive way. A NYC free school is expected on this land, but the decision with the layout of this is currently with the DfE.

**It was resolved that the Clerk will write to NYC again to ask if there has been any progress on this matter**



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EOS 23/018 To update Councillors on the planned Climate Action Event 28th October  
Councillors A & P Eames and Cllr Hugill will participate in the event, with a small display of green spaces.  
The maps for these areas will be displayed.

- 1. It was resolved that NTC will share the promotional material for the event**
- 2. It was resolved to include the graphics for the Grammar Schools Field and direct people to the petition for this land**

EOS 23/019 To review the care of roundabouts and position of town markers on the approach to Northallerton  
Roundabouts on Stokesley and Darlington Road have not been well cared for since they were built. As these are the first impressions of Northallerton coming from the north. NTC would like to influence the planting of these to improve the appearance of these.

Councillors also considered the position of the Town Marker, as this is now in the wrong position.

**It was resolved that Clerk will liaise with the Highways Officer to establish the current situation with these roundabouts, confirm ownership and identify the requirements for moving the Town Marker**

EOS 23/020 To consider support for a local Hedgehog Project

A letter had been received from an organisation regarding supporting hedgehogs.

**It was resolved that the Town Council will not progress this project but will look at their own amenities areas to ensure the habitat for hedgehogs is supported**

EOS 23/0021 To note the date and time of the next meeting as 1.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The meeting closed at 2.30pm