

**Minutes of an Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting  
of Northallerton Town Council held at 1.30pm on  
Friday 14th April 2023 in the Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr A Hugill, Cllr S Bell and Cllr P Cornfoot

**Also Present:** Sophie Garside, Assistant Clerk and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

EOS 22/029 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

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

EOS 22/030 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 22/031 To approve the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 24th February 2022

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 24th February 2022 be approved**

EOS 22/032 To receive a short update from the Clerk on the progress of matters raised in:

1. EOS22/023 Land owned by NTC

CAD drawings are not available from the North Yorkshire Council, so this will be progressed via a private company.

2. EOS22/024 Allotments

The North Northallerton site has been delayed but it has been confirmed that allotment holders will be selected from residents who live within half a mile radius of the site including Brompton. NYC will send a map. Cemetery Allotments have been visited by Cllr Cornfoot and the Clerk, who met with the Cemetery team and JBC Secretary on site. An outline layout for the new area has been decided and a communal shed will be purchased as previously agreed.

3. EOS22/026 Town Square and Library Areas

The Library and underpass planting areas have been reviewed with a Highways Officer and they have given permission for NTC to undertake the clear up work. No licence has yet been forthcoming from NYC.

It is expected that street furniture and planters on the Town Square to Zetland Street will be transferred to NYC for their ongoing maintenance, but this is with NYC Legal currently. The Clerk is in contact with NYC about this.

EOS 22/033 To review layout options for the allotment site at Bankhead Park and agree next steps

Feedback from some residents has been received regarding the initially proposed layout, this was discussed and will be taken into consideration when progressing the development. Planning permission may be required, if sheds are to be installed and further engagement with local householders will be undertaken.

**It was resolved that the Clerk will revisit the area with the Amenities Team and play equipment provider to develop the design, then undertake engagement with residents and a planning application**

EOS 22/034 To agree details and invitees for an Open Spaces Stakeholder Meeting

Discussion took place re interested parties who currently work on the environment issues. It is expected that these will be scoping meetings to see who does what and try to drive these projects.

Initially:           Incredible Edible                           Aid Alliance  
                          Climate Action Northallerton       One Northallerton One Planet  
                          NTC & Amenities Team                Ramblers/Strollers

Then to incorporate Active Travel Group and NYC Ward Councillors.

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clerk@northallertontowncouncil.gov.uk

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**It was resolved that NTC will engage with groups to support collaboration regarding Open Spaces and the Environment and that the Clerk/Deputy will set up this meeting**

EOS 22/035 To discuss opportunities for land at north of Springwell Lane and at Low Gates and agree actions  
Land to the North of Springwell Lane, in dual private ownership, has a public footpath in need of improvement. Councillors would be keen to see the path upgraded and to consider the management of the open space. As it is close to the historic centre of the town they are keen to explore how the land may be used for the benefit of the public.

**It was resolved that a further discussion will take place with landowners agent regarding possibility of working together on this matter**

Low Gates

A piece of land is available which may offer future access to the NN development/Sports Village. Councillors feel it would be beneficial to have this under public sector control.

**It was resolved that the committee will investigate this piece of land further to establish if there may be opportunity for NTC to be involved**

EOS 22/036 To agree the date and time of the next meetings

**It was resolved the next meetings will be 1.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 then 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

The meeting closed at 2.50pm