

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

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

Also present: Sophie Garside, Assistant Clerk and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

EOS 23/001 To elect a Chairman for the Environment and Open Spaces Committee 2023/2024

It was resolved that Cllr A Hugill will be Chairman of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee 2023/2024

EOS 23/002 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

All councillors were present and there were no declarations of interest.

EOS 23/003 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 resolve to exclude members of the press and public

EOS 23/004 To approve the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 14th April 2023

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

EOS 23/005 To receive a short update on the progress of matters as follows:

1. Willow Beck Footpath

Cllr Bell gave an update on the path and her recent visit to it with the team who are looking after it voluntarily.

Some trees are in need of maintenance on the NYC side and there are sapling birch trees which have taken hold on the floodplain area. It was considered that the path should be signposted, a dual waste bin put in, some bird/bat boxes and a bench added.

It was resolved that the Clerk will speak to NYC to arrange a dual waste bin

It was resolved that Mens Shed will be asked if they would like to provide some bird/bat boxes

2. Tannery Lane Footpath, land at north of Springwell Lane and at Low Gates

It was resolved that NTC are supportive of the path diversion at Tannery Lane and this will be fed back to the consultation

No further communication has been received regarding Springwell Lane. A boardwalk area was discussed and further consultation with the Hambleton Strollers and land agent will take place.

The Clerk has a point of contact for the owner of the land at Low Gates and will discuss the area with them and give feedback to councillors. Councillors are keen to pursue the use of this piece of land.

3. Marks and Spencer Shrubbery

Discussion took place regarding NTC team recent work to tidy up the overgrown shrubs at the side of Marks and Spencer which is not under NTC ownership. This will be done at the same time as the work to keep the Memorial Garden area tidy, specifically leading up to remembrance.

It was resolved that NTC will use minimal input to maintain this shrubbery

EOS 23/006 To receive a short update from the Active Travel Group

Louise Anne Neale, NYC met with Cllrs Cornfoot and Hugill to discuss local transport and Active Travel. A survey has been undertaken with members of the public regarding transport and NTC has been invited to engage with them to feed into the Local Transport Plan Review, which is in its early stages. This also includes consideration of a transport masterplan for Northallerton. Discussion will take place with Brompton and Romanby Councils to formulate a combined response.

It was resolved that NTC will submit a response to this survey and express interest in joining the engagement group

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EOS 23/007 To consider follow up required from the Open Spaces Stakeholder Meeting

The following points were raised:

1. NTC to consider how the plan to develop its open spaces links to its other priorities.
Councillors will walk around the areas and pull together ideas for the next meeting.
2. NTC to try to draw this group together using the diagram in the Annual Report.
3. NTC to consider making its own compost.
4. NTC continues to work with stakeholders on Active Travel.
5. A further meeting to be undertaken.
6. A collaborative event to be held in the TH asap to include active travel/local transport issues.
The Clerk will liaise with the group regarding the date and provision of the TH for this meeting.

EOS 23/008 To discuss and agree next steps towards lobbying North Yorkshire Council for wider use of the Grammar School Field

NTC wishes to progress this and push for the use of this area via a targeted campaign for active wellbeing. It is considered important to continue to engage with NYC and produce something visual to share with stakeholders.

**It was resolved that Cllr P Eames will approach a resident to ask them to produce a visual representation
It was resolved to engage further with NYC, as they have received the go ahead for the school on this site
It was resolved to request the Area Constituency Committee give feedback via their meetings on the development of this school**

It was resolved to raise the matter with Rishi Sunak as the local MP

EOS 23/009 To note the date and time of the next meetings as 1.30pm on 13th October and 12th January 2024

Meeting closed 2.47pm