



**Minutes of an Environment and Open Spaces
Committee Meeting of Northallerton Town Council
held at 14:00 on Friday 1st March 2024 in the Town Hall**

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

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

EOS 23/022 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr S Bell

EOS 23/023 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 it was not necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public

EOS 23/024 To approve the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 13th October 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 13th October 2023 be approved

EOS 23/025 To note that a written response has now been received from NYC from the ACC questions in EOS23/014
It was noted that a written response had been received

EOS 23/026 To receive a short update on matters as follows:

1. Review of grass cutting contracts ahead of the 2024 season has concluded that grass cutting will be increased to a maximum of 14 cuts pa including verges
2. A Climate Action Event held on 28th October had been well attended
3. Grammar School Field
 - a. No further communication has been received from NYC
 - b. Consideration was given to raising this matter with the York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Candidates, for development as a positive mixed use area
 - c. Incorporate this in the Local Plan discussions by engaging with the Head of Planning at NYC

It was resolved that Cllr P Eames will send a summary to the Clerk to forward

4. Roundabouts and Town Marker at north of Northallerton

This matter is still ongoing.

EOS 23/027 To consider a request from Northallerton Rotary Club to supply land for a tree planting project

A request had been received to allow planting of trees throughout a presidential year to mark the birth of babies in Northallerton. Suitable areas were discussed and a number of matters need to be considered, such as location, numbers and types of trees and potential future maintenance costs.

It was resolved that NTC agrees in principle to facilitate this and the Clerk will progress it

EOS 23/028 To agree use of digital mapping software to allow NTC assets to be easily identified and monitored

It was resolved that this software will be purchased and used to map assets

EOS 23/029 To consider areas of NTC land that are suitable for rewilding and agree next steps

Discussion took place regarding the development of borders or edges of green areas to increase biodiversity. This would be done using native plants such as rowan/bramble/hawthorn/crabapple with underplanting and would act as a buffer whilst also increasing the habitat for wildlife, birds and insects.

It was resolved that trial areas of rewilding will be developed during 2024

Signed:
Chairman
Date:



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EOS 23/030 To agree a landscaping outline and costings for green corridors in the north east of Northallerton
A report had been circulated summarising cost expectations but not including labour and project management.
The intention is to feed this into the planning process for new development, for which a planning application is expected this summer.

It was agreed that NTC wishes to continue to improve this green corridor and the proposed scheme, with a cost of £37,713, will be submitted to the development for consideration as part of s106

EOS 23/031 To agree the dates and times of the next meetings

It was resolved that the next meeting will take place on Friday 26th April at 14:00

The meeting closed at 14:46

Signed:
Chairman
Date: