



**Minutes of an Environment & Open Spaces
Committee Meeting of Northallerton Town Council at
14:00 on Wednesday 17th July in the Town Hall**

Present: Cllr P Eames, Mayor; Cllr S Bell; Cllr P Cornfoot; Cllr A Eames and Cllr A Hugill.

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

EOS24/001 To elect a Chairman for the Environment & Open Spaces Committee 2024 2025

It was resolved that Cllr A Hugill be elected Chairman of Environment & Open Spaces Committee 2024 2025

EOS24/002 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

All councillors were present.

EOS24/003 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 exclude members of the press and public

EOS24/004 To approve the Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 26th April 2024

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting 26th April be approved

EOS24/005 To receive a short update on matters progressed since the last meeting

Cllr Hugill has contacted service providers and will share a list with the admin team when received. Progress with NYC and transfer of land to DfE at Grammar School Lane (GSL) was approved at NYC Executive. NYC Cllr Les had responded and verbally sent best wishes to the Mayor and TC and a meeting will be arranged with Paul Aldridge, DfE, regarding the use of the site.

It was resolved that a GSL Project Working Group will be formed to develop a draft plan for this site

EOS24/006 To discuss improvements to Springwell Lane path and agree next steps

A contractor working at Springwell Lane has provided aggregate to improve the path. Land has been cleared for the hardcore to be stored and a work programme has been prepared. A lighter weight compound will be required to finish the surface. Next steps are to clear vegetation and council staff and councillors will do this. Once done, implementation of the work will begin. Other volunteers will be requested from local environmental community groups. Cllr Eames will contact P Blades to share the project details, as this project is a continuation of the Willow Beck Path. It was noted that the land owner is agreeable and the NYC Footpaths Officer is fully conversant with the plan.

EOS24/007 To review list of council small projects and agree pilot group of companies to approach

A list of projects has been reviewed and a draft letter has been produced. Further projects will be considered when Councillors undertake the NTC Amenities Areas visit on 26th July and a pilot group of companies will be contacted.

EOS24/008 To note plans for showing of 6 Inches of Soil film in conjunction with Incredible Edible

Showing of the film will be 12th October at 2pm at the United Reform Church. There will be a Q&A and refreshments.

It was resolved that NTC will promote this event and provide some refreshments

EOS24/009 To consider the maintenance of the memorial garden on Friarage Street and agree actions

Councillors felt that area had been beautifully designed, but has become overrun with self seeded ornamental grass.

It was resolved that Cllr Cornfoot will meet with Amenities staff to arrange working party to clear the grass

M&S owned shrubbery is growing above the 1m stipulated under the planning approval conditions. Cllr Cornfoot and the Clerk will contact M&S requesting they support some Christmas lights, if NTC undertakes maintenance here.

EOS24/010 To confirm the dates and times of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next meeting will be Friday 27th September at 12:30

The meeting closed at 14:43

Signed:
Chairman
Date: