



**Minutes of an Environment & Open Spaces
Committee Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at
09:30 on Friday 4th April in the Town Hall**

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

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

EOS24/028 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

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

EOS24/029 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

EOS24/030 To approve the Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 29th November

It was resolved that minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting on Friday 29th November be approved

EOS24/031 To consider making an application to the UK Shared Prosperity fund to support work in green spaces in the northeast corridor and Bankhead concrete areas.

It was resolved that this will be explored and brought back to a future meeting

EOS24/032 To consider a request to locate information board/maps on plinths in the town, specifically providing information to visitors

Councillors agreed in principle that these may be valuable and further work will be done to identify good examples and agree content, taking account of the Heritage Hub map and app which may be able to support this.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the Hub to request their input and bring the item back to a future meeting

EOS24/033 To note the Local Nature Recovery Strategy priority and measures for Urban Spaces and agree actions Northallerton Town Council (NTC) had responded to the consultation and measures were noted. Councillors feel that what NTC is doing works towards these aims

Discussion took place about putting nesting boxes on trees belonging to the Council and encouraging businesses and houses to do the same. Some consideration will be given to mapping and ongoing management of these.

It was resolved the NTC will look into a nesting boxes project with schools, Mens Shed and the cemetery

EOS24/034 To identify the NYC position on a Public Space Protection Order for Northallerton Sports Village in relation to dog control

Consideration was given to the requirement to manage dogs in the north Northallerton sports village in the future.

This area is heavily used by a whole range of people, with a different demographic from the rest of town open spaces.

1. It was resolved that a meeting will be requested with the Head of Head of Sport and Active Wellbeing regarding the future of that space and biodiversity work

2. It was resolved to bring local sports the groups together to ask what they need including:

- Athletics
- Hockey
- Running Clubs
- ParkRun
- Youthspace

Signed
Chairman
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EOS24/035 To update councillors on the recent damage to a NTC protected tree and agree any further action required. Damage had been caused to a protected tree on the land adjacent to the Cemetery by a resident. Some CCTV footage had been shared with NTC and the Clerk had reported the matter to NYC Planning Enforcement Officers. Some remedial work will need to be done to reinstate the visual appearance of the tree.

EOS24/036 To note the recent meetings and consultation event regarding development in the north of Northallerton. The Church Commission representatives met with councillors on 21st March and undertook public consultation on 27th March. NTC will make its comments when the application has been submitted to the planning authority.

EOS24/037 To receive an update from the Clerk on matters progressed since the last meeting including:

1. Marks & Spencer garden and Christmas Lights

It had been agreed that the council will keep the shrubs tidy and M&S will put an electric point in for Christmas tree lights. Cllr Bell has put some perennials to put in the garden space and a new chain will be put along the edge.

2. Heritage Lottery Fund

Cllrs Cornfoot and Hugill will work with the Clerk to pull together ideas and a pre application submission.

3. Nature Cities Fund Application

The Clerk will ask the provider who has progressed to the next stage of this grant programme.

4. Land at Springwell Lane

A piece of amenity land has been put up for sale, there has been no planning application for this and residents are concerned because this green space is a buffer protecting their properties from flood risk. This item will be addressed at the next council meeting and further actions brought back to this committee.

EOS24/038 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting and note the closure of the meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be Friday 6th June at 12:30

The meeting closed 10:50

Signed
Chairman
Date