



**Minutes of an Environment & Open Spaces Committee
Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at
12:30 on Friday 27th September in the Town Hall**

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

Also present: Cllr S Barber; Sophie Garside, Assistant Clerk and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

EOS24/011 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

It was resolved that apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr P Cornfoot

No declarations of interest received.

EOS24/012 Exclusion of 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 that it was not necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public

EOS24/013 Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 17th July 2024

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee Meeting on 17th July be approved

EOS24/014 Works completed at Springwell Lane footpath

Cllr Hugill updated councillors on the works completed at Springwell Lane footpath. Two sessions have taken place with volunteers, using NTC equipment, to remove vegetation and widen the path. Next steps are to agree where the stone is required and this work will be scheduled. It was noted that this is excellent progress. A Ramblers representative was happy to see this work and they have also shared info of a grant that may be available.

It resolved that the Clerk will look into the grant available

EOS24/015 To reconsider plans to improve the area that was known as the ship at Ashlands and agree next steps
Cllr Barber attended the meeting to offer input into this discussion.

This area is unkempt at the moment and in need of some refurbishment. Discussion took place around whether the pebble areas could be removed and grassed and some trees planted with picnic benches put in. Councillors hope there is an opportunity to engage with community groups to support works here.

It was resolved that the Clerk will meet on site with the amenities team and agree to progress some changes

EOS24/016 To consider the requirement to refurbish outdoor equipment and associated costs as follows:
Slate Planters

1. It was resolved that these should be refurbished with a non slate piece and put at the front of the Town Hall

Metro Benches

2. It was resolved that initial six of these will be refurbished in a blue colour

Walking routes should have benches at regular intervals so could the repositioning of these be considered. The Clerk advised that the Highways licence for these will need to be updated, but this can be done.

EOS24/017 To consider additional planting in Bullamoor Park, further to a site visit with Rotary Club

The Clerk advised that Rotary is not progressing the planting of a tree project suggested at a previous meeting.

Councillors felt that there could be some additional planting to tree line the path to Oak Grove and the area to the left by the beck.

It was resolved that the Clerk will source some native trees from Woodland Trust or fruit trees from local suppliers and look at grant funding to support the cost of this

Signed
Chairman
Date



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EOS24/018 Update from the Grammar School Lane (GSL) Project Working Group

A meeting has been held with all committee members present and a date for discussion with the DfE is anticipated.
The Clerk will follow this up.

EOS24/019 To receive an update from the Clerk on matters progressed since the last meeting
M&S shrubbery - still need to speak to M&S manager

It was resolved that the Clerk will make contact with the store manager

Cllr P Eames will attend the One Northallerton One Planet 6 monthly update meeting on 10th October.

The next Pint and Planet event is on 2nd October in the Potting Shed and NTC will share social media about it.

EOS24/020 Date and time of the next meeting

It was resolved that the date and time of the next meeting is Friday 29th November at 12:30

The meeting closed at 13:30

Signed
Chairman
Date