

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2024**

PRESENT Councillor Wheelhouse (Chairman)

Councillors: Archer, Boyce, Dye, J Kenyon, Musson and Renwick

Others – E Smith (Clerk) and R Hill (Civic and Cemetery Manager)

1 member of the public

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488/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Clegg
Cllr Landall

489/24 VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations

490/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interest

491/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No members of the public spoke during the meeting.

492/24 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No confidential matters

493/24 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING

RESOLVED received and approved as a true record Minutes 451/23 – 487/23 of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 14 November 2023.

494/24 BENCH PLAN AND REQUESTS

RECOMMEND to purchase new bench circulated by the Cemetery Manager
RESOLVED Cemetery Manager to create a bench map of where new benches can be sited for approval at Full Council.

495/24 NEW TREES WITHIN THE CEMETERY

The Derbyshire County Council Officer has now left. A new Officer has been employed and has agreed to map out a new tree scheme.
RESOLVED Clerk, Cemetery Manager and Cllr Renwick to meet the officer on site.

496/24 TREES/HEDGE BETWEEN OLD AND NEW SECTION IN THE CEMETERY

RECOMMEND quotation is accepted for the amount of £2,150.00.

497/24 MEMORIAL GARDEN/WALL

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

498/24 CEMETERY COMPOUND AREA

RECOMMEND planting a hedge around the compound to soften the area.
RESOLVED Cllr Wheelhouse to speak to Hopkinsons Waste regarding the purchase price of a used roll on roll off skip.

499/24 IDAS PLAYING FIELD – LEARNERS TRUST PLANS

RESOLVED Clerk to establish a meeting with Learners Trust Business Manager and CFO to discuss the Councils plans.

500/24 RIDGEWAY PLAYAREA FENCING

Works to complete the repair to the fencing have been deferred until the weather improves.
RESOLVED noted.

501/24 DAMAGE TO SWING SEATS AT GOLDEN BALL, RENISHAW

Clerk reported that the swings are still in situ no more vandalism has taken place since the last discussion regarding removing the swing seats until Spring.

RESOLVED noted.

502/24 WARREN CRESCENT PLAY AREA SURFACING

RESOLVED Clerk to obtain a quotation to remove a layer of MOT from the play area to possibly soil and seed.

503/24 SIGNAGE FOR PLAY AREAS

RESOLVED Cllr Renwick will email Derbyshire County Council to ask which contractors they use for play area signage.

504/24 ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

RESOLVED noted.

505/24 ECKINGTON SPACES PLAY AREA QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaires and consultation have already been carried out in connection with Lansbury play area. The plans for Lansbury have been circulated within the Parish newsletters. Consultation have been carried out over the last 5 years.

RESOLVED at this stage no further questionnaires are to be issued regarding play areas until Lansbury Play area has been completed as this may confuse residents when plans have already been drawn up and agreed. Clerk to establish another meeting with Eckington Spaces group with Cllr Renwick and J Kenyon.

506/24 LANSBURY PLAY AREA

Clerk reported that a meeting with the Architect had been arranged for Friday for the planning application.

RESOLVED noted.

507/24 ALLOTMENT REPORT

RESOLVED noted.

508/24 WAR MEMORIAL AT MARSH LANE

Clerk circulated an acknowledgment regarding the listing of the War Memorial

RESOLVED noted.

509/24 FUTURE PROJECTS

Cllr J Kenyon stated that culverts are the responsibility of the landowners. Setcup Lane culvert is blocked. Derbyshire County Council cleared out the culvert in the past.

RESOLVED Clerk to obtain the lease for the allotment site. Cllr J Kenyon and Wheelhouse will meet on site to look at the drainage situation.

510/24 OPEN SPACES ACTION LOG

RESOLVED noted.

The Meeting closed at 7.51pm

Signed

Chairman

Date 9 April 2024