

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 23 JULY 2024**

PRESENT Councillor Wheelhouse (Chairman)

Councillors: Archer, Clegg, Dye, J Kenyon, Landall, Musson and Renwick

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

No members of the public

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545/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED appointed Cllr Wheelhouse

546/24 ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED appointed Cllr J Kenyon

547/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boyce

548/24 VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

No variations

549/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations of interest

550/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No members of the public attended the meeting.

551/24 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No confidential matters

552/24 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING

RESOLVED received and approved as a true record Minutes 511/24 – 544/24 of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 16 April 2024.

553/24 CHARGE FOR PLAQUE ON PARISH OWNED BENCHES

RECOMMEND a charge of £60.00 per plaque, Parish Council will supply and fit the plaques. Licence of the plaque will be for 10 years. Agree 10 plaques to be allocated per each of the four benches purchased.

554/24 NEW TREES WITHIN THE CEMETERY

RESOLVED Deferred to the next meeting. Clerk, Cemetery Manager and Cllr Renwick to meet the officer on site. Cemetery Manager to arrange the meeting.

555/24 MEMORIAL GARDEN/WALL

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

556/24 CEMETERY COMPOUND AREA

Cllr Wheelhouse and Clerk to look at solutions for housing the top soil. Suggested ideas are: Lego Blocks/Stone Gabions.

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

557/24 CEMETERY SIGNAGE AT THE ENTERANCE

Cemetery Manager stated the entrance sign needs renewing.

RESOLVED Cemetery Manager to look into a magnetic sign and the price of wrapping over the current signage.

558/24 FRONT OF CIVIC CENTRE PLANTING

Flower contractor has added more plants to the Civic Centre beds, weeded, cut the

hedges and watered the area.

RESOLVED noted.

559/24 IDAS PLAYING FIELD – LEARNERS TRUST AGREEMENT

Clerk notified the Council that the agreement had now been signed and the first cut had been made due to the festival utilising the space for parking.

RESOLVED noted.

RECOMMEND to agree to cut the grass on a regular basis and review the plan when the Stead Street project is completed.

560/24 RIDGEWAY PLAYAREA FENCING

Fencing that required replacing has now been completed.

RESOLVED noted. Handymen to add wood preserve to the new fencing to ensure it lasts.

561/24 WARREN CRESCENT PLAY AREA SURFACING

£500 agreed budget for the area. Works still to be completed. Cllr Dye will pursue this with volunteers.

RESOLVED noted.

562/24 SIGNAGE FOR PLAY AREAS

Play area signage has been installed by the handymen. The signs have been erected on already installed posts near the entrance to the play areas.

RESOLVED noted.

563/24 LANSBURY PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT – BIKE TRACK

RECOMMEND to approve the quotation received from bike track.

564/24 DISABLED ACCESS TO PUBLIC AREAS – LANSBURY ROAD

Resident sent in a request for the Council to look at accessibility issues getting onto and off Lansbury playing field. Clerk circulated information received from DCC regarding this matter.

RESOLVED deferred to the sub-working group to discuss options.

565/24 FOOTPATH AT THE RENISHAW PLAY AREA

NEDDC have written to the Council regarding the surfacing at the Renishaw play area. It was stated this was close to the tolerance for repair.

RESOLVED Cllr Wheelhouse will investigate. Clerk to check ownership of the footpath.

566/24 DOG MANAGEMENT PSPO IN PLAY AREAS

Clerk circulated information on the PSPO scheme.

RESOLVED not to pursue PSPO status for any play areas. Clerk to look into fencing options for the Golden Ball play area. Clerk to enquire with CCTV contractor regarding CCTV from the Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall to the play area.

567/24 ASB INSTANCES AT THE PLAY AREAS

Clerk reported that the following incidents happened on the same weekend – Friday 28 June 2024 and all were reported to the Police:

- Lansbury play area – MUGA scorched the surfacing as a fire was set but luckily did not get put of control. Police reported this to the Clerk over the weekend.
- Golden Ball – swing seat chewed again by a dog, not replaced as yet but if more

damage is sustained this will need removing.

- Ash Crescent – Litter scattered over the play area and attempts had been made to burn the paper on the play area.

Incident occurred on the weekend – Friday 21 June 2024

- Idas Park – Damage to the surfacing large chunks of the surfacing had been removed.

RESOLVED noted.

568/24 MARSH LANE PLAYING FIELD PERIMETER FENCE

Handymen have this on their list to complete.

RESOLVED noted.

569/24 STEAD STREET PROJECT

Contractor has started on site. Detailed design still to be agreed. Budget is slightly over £1,182,388 budget so working to reduce this. Working Party are value engineering the project.

RESOLVED to call an extra ordinary meeting to agree the loan of £700,000.00 required to complete the project.

570/24 ALLOTMENT REPORT

RESOLVED noted.

571/24 DUCKSETT LANE ALLOTMENT – WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION

Handymen have completed the water extension works.

RESOLVED noted.

572/24 MARSH LANE WATER METER ISSUES

Clerk stated that Severn Trent Water engineer had been to site and stated the water meter previously billed to the Council is not for the allotment supply. The engineer will issue a full report the Waterplus on the matter. No water meter can be found on the allotment site.

RESOLVED noted.

573/24 ALLOTMENT TENANTS MEETING

Allotment manager will arrange a meeting in September 2024.

RESOLVED noted.

574/24 MARSH LANE WAR MEMORIAL GRANT

Clerk met with a walling contractor to obtain a quotation for the repair works.

RESOLVED noted.

575/24 BENCH SEATING AT QUARRY HILL, MARSH LANE

Clerk notified Council that the bench had been sited.

RESOLVED noted.

576/24 HANGING BASKETS 2024

Clerk reported that all the hanging baskets have now been installed.

RESOLVED noted. Clerk to email County Councillors Renwick regarding the lamp post testing to enquire if this could be increased from yearly to every 3 years.

577/24 FUTURE PROJECTS

No further projects

578/24 OPEN SPACES ACTION LOG

RESOLVED noted.

The Meeting closed at 8.06pm

Signed
Chairman Date