

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024**

**PRESENT** Councillor Wheelhouse (Chairman)

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

Others – E Smith (Clerk), T Homyard (Deputy Clerk) and R Hill (Civic and Cemetery Manager)

No members of the public

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**579/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Boyce, Dye and Landall

**580/24 VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No variations

**581/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest

**582/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**583/24 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

No confidential matters

**584/24 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING**

**RESOLVED** received and approved as a true record Minutes 545/24 – 578/24 of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 23 July 2024.

**585/24 NEW TREES WITHIN THE CEMETERY**

**RESOLVED** Deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Renwick to speak with Derbyshire County Council to enquire if we fall within the Heartwood Tree scheme.

**586/24 MEMORIAL GARDEN/WALL**

**RESOLVED** deferred to the next meeting.

**587/24 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.

**588/24 CEMETERY SIGNAGE AT THE ENTERANCE**

Cemetery Manager stated the entrance sign needs renewing.

**RECOMMEND** approval of a budget of £400.00 for new signage. Cemetery Manager to circulate designs to Working Party prior to ordering.

**589/24 RIDGEWAY PLAYAREA FENCING**

Fencing that required replacing has now been completed and painted.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**590/24 WARREN CRESCENT PLAY AREA SURFACING**

£500 agreed budget for the area. Cllr Dye is struggling to find volunteers to assist with grassing the area.

**RESOLVED** noted.

**591/24 LANSBURY PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT – BIKE TRACK**

Clerk has submitted the application for Lawful Development Certificate to North East Derbyshire District Council. Works are due to start mid February 2025. Contractor is aware the works need to be completed by 18 March 2025.

**RESOLVED** noted.

#### **592/24 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** Cllr Wheelhouse to look at the area and feed back information to Working Party.

#### **593/24 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.

**RECOMMEND** obtaining a quotation for a temporary repair and bring back to Full Council to approve cost.

#### **594/24 FENCING AT GOLDEN BALL PLAY AREA**

**RESOLVED** Working Party do not want to pursue fencing off the play area at this time.

#### **595/24 QUOTATION FOR CCTV WITHIN GOLDEN BALL PLAY AREA**

Clerk chasing quotation from security company.

**RESOLVED** Working Party do not want to pursue CCTV within the play area at this time.

#### **596/24 ASB INSTANCES AT THE PLAY AREAS**

Clerk reported that the following incidents happened since the last working party meeting:

Incidents occurred between 21 and 23 October 2024 – reported to the Police.

- Ash Crescent – Perspex panel has been smashed and subsequently removed and made safe by the handymen.
- Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall – Suspected cannabis packet has been given to the Police found at the rear of Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall.
- Golden Ball – swing seat damaged on 28 August 2024.

**RESOLVED** noted. Not to replace perspex screen at Ash Crescent.

#### **597/24 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.

#### **598/24 LANSBURY PLAYING FIELD SWING SURFACING**

**RESOLVED** Clerk to speak with Kompan about the legality of surfacing under swings.

#### **599/24 ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION 2024**

**RESOLVED** noted.

#### **600/24 GOLDEN BALL PLAY AREA TREES – RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED** Clerk, Cllr J Kenyon and Wheelhouse to meet with Andersons Tree Services to obtain a quotation for necessary tree works in that area.

#### **601/24 ALLOTMENT REPORT**

**RESOLVED** noted.

#### **602/24 MARSH LANE WATER METER ISSUES**

Water meter has now been fitted by Severn Trent the Council will now be invoiced for the water usage on this site. 7 Allotment holders have access to water. Warden is still required at Ducksett Lane allotments. Wardens should gather information and feed back to Deputy Clerk.

**RESOLVED** Deputy Clerk to contact allotment holders and state that the water bill will be split 7 ways each year.

#### **603/24 REINSTATEMENT OF FLAG POLE AT RENISHAW**

Resident contacted the Council regarding reinstating the flag pole at Renishaw.

**RESOLVED** deferred until more information is received. Cllr Wheelhouse to speak with resident.

#### **604/24 BUS SHELTER AT MARSH LANE**

Bus shelter has now been installed at Marsh Lane. Lights are still to be connected.

**RESOLVED** noted.

#### **605/24 LITTER IN THE MOSS VALLEY – RESIDENT EMAIL**

Clerk received correspondence from a concerned resident regarding litter being left in the Moss Valley.

**RESOLVED** Clerk to send a letter to Don Catchment Rivers Trust.

#### **606/24 MARSH LANE WAR MEMORIAL – GRANT**

Clerk is awaiting quotation from Tudor Stone.

**RESOLVED** noted.

#### **607/24 CHRISTMAS TREE SCHEME 2024**

Hobsons should deliver the Christmas trees week commencing 25 November.

1 x 6ft – Precinct

1 x 10/12ft – Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall

1 x 10/12ft – Marsh Lane War Memorial

2 x small bracket trees at Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall

6 x small bracket trees at Eckington Civic Centre

11 x small Christmas trees for local businesses

**RESOLVED** noted.

#### **608/24 LAMP POST TESTING FOR HANGING BASKETS**

Clerk spoke with the lamp post testing contractor and they only guarantee the certificate for 12 months. DCC require an in date lamp post test for the yearly applications to site the hanging baskets.

**RESOLVED** noted. Cllr Renwick and Clerk to look into this matter further. Clerk to look into Lamp post testing training for staff.

#### **609/24 ADDITIONAL SID LAMP POST LOCATION – B6052**

Clerk received a request to move the temporary SID to B6052. Clerk stated that it would be advantageous to send in one application for numerous sites as there is a cost per application of £100.00.

**RESOLVED** Clerk to apply for SID location on lamp post on B6052 end of Bole Hill. Working Party to discuss other areas.

**610/24 FUTURE PROJECTS**

Marsh Lane War Memorial

**611/24 OPEN SPACES ACTION LOG**

**RESOLVED** noted.

The Meeting closed at 7.48pm

Signed .....  
Chairman                      Date