

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022**

PRESENT Councillor Wheelhouse (Chairman)

Councillors: Archer, Boyce, Kenyon and Renwick

Others – E Smith (Clerk) and R Hill (Cemetery Supervisor and Civic Centre Manager) 1 member of the public

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286/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dye
Cllr Hunt
Cllr Ridgway

287/22 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING

RESOLVED received and approved as a true record Minutes 283/22 – 285/22 of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 16 March 2022.

288/22 CEMETERY REPORT

RESOLVED noted.

289/22 CEMETERY REPAIRS AND COSTS REPORT

Cllr Wheelhouse updated the working party on the ride on mower stating that it will need considerable repairs and a quote is awaited.

RESOLVED noted

290/22 UPDATE ON CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS

Cllr Archer updated the working party that the four volunteers will resume work after the Easter break.

RESOLVED noted

291/22 VANDALISM AT THE CEMETERY

RESOLVED Clerk to look at solar/battery powered solutions for automatic gates. Clerk to contact Sheffield City Council to enquire about utilising the power supply from the nearest lamp post to the Cemetery. Clerk to contact local security company for pricing to open and close the gates at the Cemetery.

Deferred Cemetery opening times for discussion at the next meeting.

292/22 TREE STAKES TO NAME INDIVIDUAL TREES AT THE CEMETERY

Tree design not received.

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

293/22 ASH CRESCENT PLAY AREA VANDALISM QUOTE

RESOLVED Cllr Wheelhouse and Archer to contact local residents of the play area and surrounding schools to ascertain if the play area is used before making a decision on the flooring under the slide.

294/22 EARLY TERMINATION OF THE LEASE HELD AT ASH CRESCENT PLAY AREA

Clerk requested a date for a meeting to be held between Councillors and NEDDC officers at Ash Crescent play area to discuss the estimated costs of terminating the lease no date has been received.

RESOLVED Cllr Wheelhouse to raise estimation contents with the NEDDC Director.

295/22 MONTHLY PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORTS FROM NEDDC

RESOLVED noted.

296/22 CEMETERY GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

RESOLVED no mowing is required at the Cemetery as the Ground Maintenance Operative will help the Cemetery team to undertake this task when required.

Recommend that the contractor quoted are used for this season to assist with mowing at

the Cemetery.

297/22 SWING SEAT REPLACEMENTS

Clerk awaiting quote from NEDDC for replacement swing seats at play areas.
RESOLVED Clerk to contact NEDDC to ascertain if nest swing seats could be purchased to be used on existing play equipment.

298/22 MARSH LANE PLAY AREA RESIDENT EMAIL

RESOLVED Clerk to ask handyperson to trim Marsh Lane play area. Play area in urgent need of repainting to be addressed by newly appointed Grounds Maintenance Operative once in post. Clerk to enquire about signage to the play area, sign to be placed on footpath post already in situ.

299/22 OPEN SPACES ACTION LOG

RESOLVED noted.

300/22 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Deputy Clerk reported that two speed watch sessions had been held on 1 March at Renishaw 400 cars were monitored during the session with 7 cars caught speeding. The second session was held on 15 March at Ridgeway with 330 cars monitored and 12 cars caught speeding.

There is a speed watch planned near to the Butchers Arms Public House on Tuesday 12 April 2022.

The speed watch currently has 9 volunteers with 3 of them needing theory training.

RESOLVED noted.

301/22 PLANT A TREE IN REMEMBRANCE OF A LOVED ONE

RESOLVED deferred until the tree plan is received. Community Orchards at Renishaw and Marsh Lane could be contributed to.

302/22 SIGNAGE AT THE TRIANGLE

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

303/22 PLANTERS AT CARR WOOD ROAD AND EMMETT CARR LANE

This item was discussed at the last full council meeting held on 5 April 2022.

RESOLVED noted

304/22 SEATING IN THE CENTRE

This item was discussed at the last full council meeting held on 5 April 2022.

RESOLVED noted

305/22 TREES AT HORNTHORPE ROAD

Cllr Wheelhouse attended the site there are mature trees in this area. There may be root issues that need to be addressed by NEDDC. District Council do not consult with the public before planting the trees there should be a consultation process. District should liaise with the Parish Council on any matters regarding the Parish.

RESOLVED Cllr Wheelhouse to bring this matter up with the Director at NEDDC.

The Meeting closed at 7.18pm

Signed
Chairman Date