

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022**

PRESENT Councillor Wheelhouse (Chairman)

Councillors: Archer, Boyce, Clegg and Renwick

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

No members of the public

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306/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Boyce
Cllr Dye
Cllr Hunt
Cllr Kenyon
Cllr Ridgway

307/22 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING

RESOLVED received and approved as a true record Minutes 286/22 – 305/22 of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 7 April 2022.

308/22 CEMETERY GATES AUTOMATION

RECOMMEND approval of quote received from Synergy Security Systems Ltd totalling £11,580.00 this includes full automation of gates on a timer, exit loop and installation of cabling to the Chapel of Ease. Clerk to apply to Police and Crime Commissioner for grant funding regarding anti-social behaviour for £5,000.00. Clerk to setup a site visit with the contractor and Councillors to discuss where the cabling will be installed.

309/22 CEMETERY OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

RESOLVED noted report, Clerk to ask contractor about opening times for the gates. Working group would like the opening and closing times to remain the same.

310/22 CEMETERY REPORT

RESOLVED noted report, Cemetery Manager to draw a plan of the Cemetery where rewinding areas are and bring back to Full Council. Cemetery Manager to meet with contractor to ensure these areas are looked after and the necessary works carried out. Clerk to write to Derbyshire County Councillor Renwick for assistance in growing wild flowers in the unmown areas of the Cemetery.

311/22 CEMETERY REPAIRS AND COSTS REPORT

RESOLVED noted report.

RECOMMEND approval that the ride on mower is sold for the offered price of £500.00 for spare parts as it is damaged beyond repair.

312/22 TREE STAKES TO NAME INDIVIDUAL TREES AT THE CEMETERY

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

313/22 ASH CRESCENT PLAY AREA TERMINATION OF LEASE

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting after Councillors have spoken to local residents. Cllr Wheelhouse and Deputy Clerk to discuss an alternative for the site to become an allotment space and bring back findings to the next working party meeting.

314/22 ASH CRESCENT PLAY MATTING AROUND MULTI PLAY EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

315/22 SWING SEAT REPLACEMENT COSTINGS

RESOLVED Clerk contacts NEDDC regarding the cheapest option for swing seat replacements and circulate costings.

316/22 QUOTE FROM CONTRACTOR TO CUT LANSBURY ROAD PLAYAREA

RECOMMEND approval of the quote received from P Bowdens but ask for a reduction

in cuts per year. Clerk to ask contractor to cut around the MUGA and play area equipment.

317/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2022/23 WITH NEDDC

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting due to final costings not received until after the contract end date of 30 June 2022.

318/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OPERATIVE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

RESOLVED Cllr Wheelhouse to give the Clerk a list of works for the maintenance team.

319/22 CARR WOOD ROAD AND EMMETT CARR LANE PLANTERS

Emmett Carr Lane site has been approved but even with the flat planters Carrwood Road site is not viable for a planter as this would result in damage to the wider open space. Clerk contacted NEDDC regarding the reusing the spare planters from the precinct area and these are fine to use at Emmett Carr Lane.

RESOLVED noted Clerk to complete the Draft Heads of Terms document for Emmett Carr Lane.

320/22 SIGNAGE AT THE TRIANGLE

RESOLVED not to follow this up.

321/22 VOLUNTEERING GROUPS

RESOLVED to advertise in the newsletter for volunteers to assist with gardening (conservation of areas) and cemetery. Cemetery manager to install signage for details to attract volunteers.

322/22 OPEN SPACES ACTION LOG

RESOLVED noted and to remove as completed:

- Development of land at the side of Ida's Road play area
- Install dog bin at Ridgeway
- Hedge cutting at Stead Street
- Additional planters at Carr Wood Road and Emmett Carr
- Clerk to add:
 - Volunteers
 - Dog waste bin at Ducksett

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed
Chairman Date 28 July 2022