

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING OF ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022**

PRESENT Councillor Wheelhouse (Chairman)

Councillors: Archer, Boyce, Clegg, Dye, Kenyon and Renwick

Others – E Smith (Clerk)

No members of the public

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339/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ridgway

340/22 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING

RESOLVED received and approved as a true record Minutes 323/22 – 338/22 of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 28 July 2022.

341/22 PCC GRANT REQUEST TOWARDS THE AUTOMATION OF THE CEMETERY GATES

Clerk reported that the PCC grant decision should be received imminently.

RESOLVED noted

342/22 CEMETERY REPORT

RESOLVED Clerk to circulate invoice received for repairs. Cemetery Manager to look for an alternative company for comparison repair costs.

343/22 NEW TREE SCHEME WITHIN THE CEMETERY

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting.

344/22 CEMETERY CONTRACTOR

Positive feedback was reported from Councillors, residents and visitors to the Cemetery. **RECOMMEND** Cemetery Manager to contact the grass cutting contractor and approve grass cutting works to commence for 2023 total cost £4,320.00 this will include a cut every 3 weeks for the period of April to October.

345/22 ASH CRESCENT PLAY AREA

RESOLVED questionnaire to residents and users of the play area to be modified before sending out. The questionnaire is to include positive elements such as what the Council has installed, do you feel safe using the park and how do we keep the park safe from vandalism. Clerk to ensure if the DET funding application is successful the piece of equipment is moveable. Clerk to circulate a picture of the Ash Crescent play area matting which had recently been installed due to pieces of this being stolen from the play area.

346/22 DET FUNDING APPLICATION

Clerk reported that the DET funding application had been submitted prior to the due date of 3 October 2022 for a new piece of equipment at Ash Crescent play area.

RESOLVED noted.

347/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2022/23 WITH NEDDC

RESOLVED Clerk to setup a meeting with NEDDC to discuss the final invoice received.

348/22 ANNUAL INDEPENDENT PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT 2022

Clerk circulated the annual playground inspection report the Grounds Maintenance Operative is working through the highlighted items within the report.

RESOLVED noted.

349/22 NEDDC UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

RECOMMEND to apply for Idas Road play area £75,000 from fund and £25,000 from EPC match funding. Apply for a play area on the roundabout coming from Fir Road, Eckington £75,000 from fund and £25,000 from EPC match funding. Clerk to check with NEDDC if we need to apply for any funding towards Lansbury play area.

350/22 HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACTOR FOR EMMETT CARR PLAY AREA

Clerk reported that Cllr Wheelhouse, Clerk and the handyman had visited all the sites that required hedge cutting work and the only hedge that couldn't be cut this year by the groundsman team would be Emmett Carr play area due to the size of the hedges.

RECOMMEND to approve using the contractor this year to reduce the hedge enough so this could be cut by the groundsman team next year.

351/22 CURRENT COSTING AGAINST NEDDC CONTRACT

Clerk circulated the current costings for the Parish Council against the cost of the NEDDC Maintenance contract. This does not include the annual play area inspection report cost.

RESOLVED noted.

352/22 WATER REQUEST AT LANSBURY ROAD ALLOTMENT SITE

Deputy Clerk had not received the costings for the water installation at Lansbury allotment site.

RESOLVED noted.

353/22 HANGING BASKETS 2023

Clerk circulated the current list of hanging baskets.

RESOLVED deferred to the next meeting to agree location of additional hanging baskets. Cllr Wheelhouse will obtain the lamp post number for Marsh Lane.

Cllr Dye left the meeting due to connection issues.

354/22 OPEN SPACES ACTION LOG

RESOLVED noted

The Meeting closed at 8.02pm

Signed
Chairman Date 2 January 2023