



North Hykeham Town Council

Minutes of the Estates & Operations Committee meeting 08/23
held at the Civic Offices, Fen Lane
on Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7pm

Councillors Present: C Briggs, N Blanchard, FW Lee, M Lofts, YS Sampson, G Killingsworth, S P Roe, P Wray, J Holt

In Attendance: Miss J Humphrey – Deputy Clerk
Mr J McArthur – Service Team Manager
4 Members of the public

8-23.1 Apologies for absence and acceptance of reasons given

There were no apologies given for this meeting.

8-23.2 Receipt of any Declaration of Members' interests under the Localism Act 2011

The Chair advised that he'd take any Declarations of Interests as they arose.

8-23.3 Notes of the Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2024 to be approved as a true record of minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the notes of the Estates & Operations Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 as a true record of the meeting and were signed as Minutes accordingly.

It was **RESOLVED** to move item 9 to the next item.

8-23.9 Updates and considerations for St Aidens Project

The Service Team Manager (STM) began by thanking the public for their questions and thanked people for reaching out about St Aiden's.

The STM spoke about how 16 trees had been removed and the early intervention that had happened to ensure the safety of the area. Apologies were given to the members of the public regarding the lack of communication. An explanation regarding the weather opportunities that had arrived, and this contributed to the speed at which the works began. The STM apologised for any distressed that has been caused.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders for this item.

A member of the public asked the STM about the wildlife board and how this has affected their wellbeing.

The STM spoke about the wildlife that was captured on the board such as otters and pike are not species that will live in this environment. He mentioned that the group that will be created

to help regenerate the park will be able to suggest species that will help to encourage new and present wildlife.

Another member of the public spoke about how there is now a lack of fruit trees in the Orchard. They spoke about how this was used by residents and that they want them back. It was also asked of the committee for an Artists impression to be considered regarding the regeneration project. This would help to make sure that the public will be in the loop of what is happening.

A discussion was had by members of the committee about how the public have been treating the staff that are down there. They spoke about the works came about and the Japanese Knot Weed issue.

A Cllr in Memorial ward spoke about their concerns regarding the project. They spoke about how they have received feedback from members of the public and they felt that this needed to be raised to the committee. They also spoke about the lack of communication and expressed to members that this is something that needed to be worked on.

Cllr Holt spoke about where the Japanese Knotweed was and how this is a concern for removing it from the area. The STM explained that this is something that they are working on.

It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

Cllrs and the STM carried on their conversation regarding St Aidens speaking about the following.

- St Aidens will be improved, and this area can now be worked on safely.
- They spoke about how the maintenance work has made the area safer for residents and that it was work that needed to be completed.
- Cllrs mentioned that the budget was there for the STM to use to maintain the areas for safety and that is what he had done.

Members of the public left – 8:03pm

Cllr Roe – 8:03

8-23.4 Chairman's items

The Chair had no items.

Cllr Roe – 8:06pm

8-23.5 Correspondence and Clerk's items

The clerk spoke about the meeting they had had with members of the public regarding a streetlight and updated the committee on the outcomes. The residents of Green Lane had spoken to the clerk about their concerns regarding the removal of the streetlight due to incidents they have faced in their time living at the property. The clerk informed the committee that the residents would like to speak with E-ON when they attend so that they can come up with a solution on removing the streetlight together.

8-23.6 Review of the E&O committee’s latest Income & Expenditure report.

Members noted the spending shown on the latest I&E report.

8-23.7 Receive a report from the Services Team Manager – John McArthur (Services Team Manager)

The Service Team Manager (STM) spoke to the committee of the following it item

- Bin location

In the report there were also references to St Aiden’s Park, but this was spoken about in Item 9 of the agenda.

8-23.8 Consideration of placement and replacement of concrete bins around North Hykeham

Cllr Lofts spoke about how members of the public had been reaching out to him regarding the movement of the bin of Taurus Avenue. He spoke about the adopted roads and spoke to the Service Team Manager (STM) about his findings. Cllr Lofts spoke about the different locations that had been presented to the Committee in the STM report and raised concerns about the Capito Drive location due to the ground conditions in that area.

The 5-year plan was raised, and councillors also said that this hadn’t been precepted for this year.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.