



## EGGLESLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

### MINUTES FROM A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE, COMMENCING AT 7.00pm TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Richardson (Chair), A Marsden, & K Roebuck  
N Ironside – Clerk to the Council

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs T Collier & M de Launay

#### MINUTE:

#### 31/25 MINUTES OF 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 MEETING

Approved, however there were a couple of typing errors so Clerk to amend before signing.

#### 32/25 PLAY AREAS

##### a) AMBERLEY WAY PLAY AREA

Full Council (refer 65/25 10<sup>th</sup> July) informed of the proposals and have delegated the final decision to the Recreation Committee due to summer recess. The budget for the play equipment investment at Amberley Way having being authorised in the 2025/26 precept.

The committee looked at the three company final quotes and deliberated over the best use of space, the mechanical elements of zip wires and future maintenance costs, age of users with the feedback from previous public consultation. All three companies had attended site to measure with company C meeting Clerk and Cllr Richardson on site to discuss needs. VAT can be reclaimed.

- Company A

25m ariel runway, hand glider rotation and Ball chute, safamat surfacing below, inclusive of delivery, prelims, installation and post installation inspection.

Quotation = £19,995 ex vat

- Company B option 1

Track ride tower (6m), turbo carousel, basket ball chute, grass mat surfacing below, inc delivery, prelims, installation and post installation inspection

Quotation = £21,600.68 ex vat

- Company B option 2

Track ride tower (6m), 4 seated carousel, basket ball chute, grass mat surfacing below inc. delivery, prelims, installation and post installation inspection

Quotation = £21,800.51 ex vat

- Company C option 1

Sky rail (6m), roll up (rotation), double perch and Ball chute, grassmat surfacing below, inclusive of delivery, prelims, installation and post installation inspection

Quotation = £19696.93 ex vat

- Company C option 2

Metal cableway (20m), roll up (rotation), and Ball chute, grassmat surfacing below, inclusive of delivery, prelims, installation and post installation inspection

Quotation = £18,722.20 ex vat

After careful consideration it was believed that Company C option 1 will provide the best VFM and meet the needs of the play area. Clerk explained that the company had confirmed that afternoon that the new equipment can be included in the current SBC inspection rota. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to inform Proludic their quotation was acceptable and start the order process.

#### **b) ST MARGARETS PLAY AREA**

- Drainage investigation works – interim drawing received prior to 19<sup>th</sup> June council meeting saying that a piece of equipment appears to have one of its footings cemented through a drainage run as per SBC with sketch 19.6.25. It was briefly mentioned by the Clerk 19<sup>th</sup> June Council meeting however the council felt the flooding issues are more widespread on site and just this line. **NEEDS FURTHER DISCUSSION** with SBC to find if EEC will need to pay for repair/drainage works.
- Picnic table bench 3x benches have been added to the Community Payback works, Clerk to purchase further dark woodstain.
- Caterpillar and hopscotch on the path proposed for repainting. Clerk has a contact for this, however some parts of the path look worn and cracked, are SBC planning any surface repairs ?

#### **33/25 TREES (CYCLICAL SURVEYS)**

The Clerk had been asked to contact the tree surveyor who carried out the comprehensive tree survey summer 2024 to ask advice on future inspections now that EEC manage the trees within their landownership themselves. It was recommended that a Tree Mgt Strategy be put in place and he could explain further to the Recreation Committee. A conference phone call was held at 7.10pm and he explained the advantages of a VALID Assessment strategy which looks at risks and threats and the levels of active assessments (Basic/Detailed/Advanced) to show that the council have a plan in place to reduce risk. Durham County Council and similar are now using the VALID Strategy. Several Q&A's about cost, depth of surveys and cyclical timing of inspections. He is to email a draft strategy and further links for both the Recreation Committee and full council in the autumn to read through and see about taking forward. He then left the meeting call.

Village green trees – Clerk received a request from EARA for cutting back low hanging branches on the green for the fete. Clerk photo'd trees and contacted arborist contractor for advice, will need planning consent with it being a conservation area.

**Resolved:** Clerk to seek quote for the works with a view to carrying out the works.

**Note:** quote received 23.7.25 and works scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> September pending the Section 211 notice being approved in time. EARA informed.

#### **34/25 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Further to request to SBC regarding extra new Christmas tree lighting. The Council will need to inform SBC of their needs for 2025 and pricing. The reserves for 2025/26 have been reduced considerably to £1500 with the additional precept budget of £1500 allocated for installation/removal and storage costs only. Discussed any further lighting will need hard wiring to the light columns which adds to costs, solar powered lighting may not be workable in winter weather. Cllr Richardson suggested a further discussion in autumn for 2026 lighting. Clerk mentioned she had found some handwritten notes of a list of Christmas lighting handed over from the previous Clerk and will share. (see page 3). There are also some battery operation Christmas tree lights in the store room with a spare battery pack, previously used in QEII gardens.

**35/25 ANY OTHER RECREATION BUSINESS**

Clerk was included in an email regarding HGV on Durham Lane, Clerk to forward to SBC Trading standards to use when they do their HGV monitoring survey with Cleveland Police.

Dog fouling signage – received a request from ex Cllr Edwards re the dog fouling notices appear to have been taken down near the Eggescliffe Village allotments and the cut from Grisedale Cres. Clerk to contact SBC and also ask the lead of the volunteer litter picking Group how they are progressing with their bespoke litter signage. SBC have advised if the council get the signs, they can install.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm, Minutes to be presented to Council 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Signed ..... *R.J. 201* ..... Committee Chairman

Date *13/10/25* .

**Christmas lights informal list**

Durham Lane after Community Centre in tree, white string lights.

South View – in tree (tree may be removed)

Yarm Road – some borrowed some owned by EEC, 2 sets in trees.

Lamp column

1<sup>st</sup> roundabout near Urlay Nook

Tesco roundabout

Kingsmead roundabout

Yarm/ Station Road trees

Yarm road/ South Road

EEC charged for tree lights

SBC - lamppost ornaments.

String of battery operated lights in store room for external tree.

