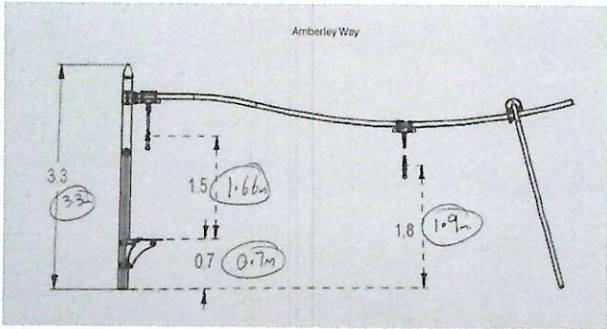





**EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES FROM A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE,  
COMMENCING AT 7.34pm THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2026 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Richardson (Chair), K Roebuck & Dr J Ramsay  
J Linsley – Clerk to the Council  
**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs & M de Launay, A Marsden  
**ABSENT:** Cllr Collier

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| 47/25  | <p><b>MINUTES OF 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING</b></p> <p>Cllr Ramsay asked for the last paragraph on page 1 to be removed. The Clerk referred to her notes, and the comment was made by Cllr Collier.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - Cllr Richardson &amp; Roebuck agreed that the minutes to be a signed at the next meeting.</p>  |
| 48/25  | <p><b>PLAY AREAS – AMBERLEY WAY</b></p> <p>Whilst the Sky Rail had been adjusted, the Platform is 71cm from the ground and the top of the frame is 3.3m, the distance from the platform to the handrail should be 1.5m. SBC did some measurements and the distance was 1.66m making it difficult for children to use the Sky Rail. At the other end it was measuring 1.9m, probably due to the slope.</p> <p>Proludic advised that the platform would have to be raised to 80cm to reduce the distance, it was suggested that the equipment was aimed at children 4 years and over and that it would make it too high for them to get on to it. Proludic have been out to replace some defective brackets underneath the platform and noted the condition of the slope &amp; ground. It was suggested they could put a step in and that a smaller child would be held on the rail for safety. The Clerk advised that the balance of the invoice would have to be paid in this financial year.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> |

**Resolved:** - Cllr Richardson to contact Proludic to see if the ground can be raised and/or adding a few more chain links to the handrail to make it more accessible.

### **PLAY AREAS – ST MARGARET’S**

Cllr Richardson and the Clerk had a meeting with Martin Elwell from CFYA at the play area to see if the wooden play equipment needed replacing and the general condition. Martin believed the overall condition of the equipment was good. The Clerk noted areas of concern, a wooden stepping stone was missing a chunk; a timber pole was loose and the general condition of the footpaths and the need to repaint them.



The Clerk has forwarded the above images and a copy of the repair orders from 2025 to SBC, detailed in the fortnightly inspection reports to the CFYA team to ask for the work to be carried out.

The ground was saturated with water and certain pieces of playground equipment were inaccessible such as the small slide, where there was a big muddy hole at the bottom, the tunnel with the perspex dome was full of mud.

Several of the benches were not bolted to the floor adequately, and CFYA said they would rectify this. The benches were in need of a clean and repaint, this had been done the previous year by the Community Pay Back Team. The Clerk advised that she had sent an email to the Justice Service to see if they could come back this year.  
**Resolved:** - The Clerk to follow up with CFYA and Community Payback Team.

The Clerk received a quote for £1640 from SBC to install a bench at Dunbar Drive/St Margaret's Playarea and had approached the Ward Councillors for funding from their neighbourhood budgets. A site visit has been arranged by the Clerk and SBC on 10<sup>th</sup> March to check to see if a concrete base will be needed and to finalise the cost.

**Resolved:** - noted

The area around the adult equipment was saturated with flood water and therefore was not accessible and subject to several complaints from residents. CFYA said a drain inspection had been carried out last year and they have indicated that there is a

break in the drain under the basket swing. Cllr Richardson said that the matter had never been resolved and there was a need for a site visit with SBC and perhaps a Civil Engineering Firm. Cllr Richardson has copies of emails going back to 2013 when it was first suggested that a 60m French Drains should be installed. Cllr Ramsay raised a concern about where the excess water would be directed, as there was no SuDS basin on, or near the site, the installation of a gravel pit could be a risk of drowning. Sarah Wood of SBC Flooding Team had been present at the PROW meeting, and may be able to provide background on the play area. **Resolved:** - The Clerk to arrange a site visit with SBC.

The condition of the signs in the play ground, need some attention. The Streetscape sign is bent and the EEC Sign has some stickers on the face of it and the the poles need adjusting. **Resolved:** - The Clerk to ask CFYA if they can adjust the poles on the EEC sign and to ask Streetscape if a replacement sign is available.



### **PLAY AREAS – LEVEN CLOSE**

Cllr Roebuck proposed that Leven Close play area is next in line to be refurbished. The area is smaller than the EEC's other play areas so it is limited as to what can be installed. Kompan & Proludic to come out and measure up what space is currently available and make suggestions, if we were to remove the spiker what piece of equipment could be installed. There were several suggestions, a ball spout, roundabout or a seesaw. The swing seats had been recently replaced.

**Resolved:** - The Clerk to contact Proludic & Kompan to arrange a site meeting.

### **PLAY AREAS – KINGSMEAD**

The Safamat under the swings needs repairing as it has sunk and the ground beneath the rope snake had worn away, both areas to be monitored and advice taken from the fortnightly Play Inspections by CFYA.

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|       | <p><b>Resolved:</b> - The Recreation Committee to arrange an inspection date in March/April to review the ground and Safamat.</p>   |
| 49/25 | <p><b>PLAY AREAS – AOB</b></p> <p>The Clerk updated the Committee that the previous Insurance quote for the specific Paly Equipment circa £1450 had expired and that a new quote was being obtained. If the new quotation is accepted, then the cost could be taken from the Playground Maintenance Budget.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - The Clerk to invite suppliers to quote for the play equipment Insurance.</p> <p>The Clerk had contacted CFYA following a complaint about the Willow Trees in St Margaret's which were in a poor condition and unlikely to grow vertically. The arborist visited the site and raised a works order.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - The clerk to check that remedial had been taken to improve the condition of the trees.</p>   |
| 50/25 | <p><b>TREES (CYCLICAL SURVEYS)</b></p> <p>The annual inspection was carried out on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, and the report was expected in the next few days. Cllr Richardson had asked for Stoney Bank to be inspected although the trees were not owned by EEC, a footpath owned by EEC was adjacent to the trees. The report should be sent to the landowners if there were remedial works to be completed. One side was privately owned and the other is thought to be Theakstons (not the brewers).</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - The Clerk to circulate the survey report to the committee and take any necessary actions including communicating to Stonybank residents.</p>   |
| 51/25 | <p><b>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that SBC only stored and installed two sets of string lights, the lights installed at EV were installed by SBC, although ownership of those lights was not known and had asked SBC if there was an outstanding invoice for installing the lights in the past few years and they advised that there was an agreement that ended 3 years ago, and that they were not going to charge us for putting up two sets of string lights.</p> <p>The budget for 2026/7 is £1500 with £1500 in reserves. The cost of new lights would need to include the electrical fitment (£100 per column) for any older lighting columns and the cost to install them. It was suggested that we could approach the Ward Councillors for a contribution.</p> <p>Notably there was a lack of lighting on the A67, there used to be lights at station but were missing, possibly due to the road works on Yarm Road, but there were some lights at the crossroads. The lights at Orchard Shops and the Community Centre were missing this year, The Community Centre had provided its own tree and lights this year.</p> |

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|       | <p>Cllr Roebuck indicated that it was her preference was to have LED lights mounted on lighting columns on Durham Road and Yarm Road from the station. The Clerk said that she had a few suppliers' details and including Christmas Direct. Updating the Christmas Lights would enhance the community spirit.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - Councillors to identify where the lights are to be located, look at what lights are available to buy and provide the lighting column lane numbers to the Clerk and to obtain a quote from SBC.</p>   |
| 52/25 | <p><b>WAR MEMORIAL INSPECTIONS AND WORKS</b></p> <p>The War Memorial at Egglecliffe Village requires some repair work, SBC had carried out an inspection and whilst they were unable to do the works, they recommended a local company called Facades. The Clerk said that she had circulated a document from the War Memorial Trust, and to see if we wanted to become a member and apply for a grant to fund the restoration.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - To put item on the Full Council Agenda on 5<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Cllr Ramsay said that she had seen some different types of plaques attached to the Korean War Memorial in Yarm and asked how many names on our War Memorials live in each Parish. In a previous meeting, Ward Councillor Taylor informally mentioned that he was looking into the names on the current memorials and was going to be report back later.</p> <p>Preston Parish Council emailed the Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss Victoria Park and the maintenance of the War Memorial. EEC had asked TBI Solicitors to have the title deeds registered in the name of EEC initially and then review whether they would share ownership with Preston Parish Council. There had been a few attempts to register the land in the past, but no one could find the deeds, until such time Norma had gone into the archives at Preston Park.</p> <p>Preston Councillors are wanting the footpath pressure washed, but had failed to provide EEC with the 3 quotes for consideration, the Clerk had chased them and was waiting to hear back.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> - Councillors to wait for Preston Parish Council Meeting to arrange meeting to discuss ownership, sharing of maintenance &amp; legal costs (if it is joint ownership).</p> |
| 53/25 | <p><b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY</b></p> <p>A meeting with the new PROW Officer Jacob Trenholme was held on 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Councillors in attendance, outlined the discussions, and the Clerks notes would be circulated in advance of the Full Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March. <b>Resolved:</b> - The Clerk to follow up action points with PROW</p>   |

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| 54/25 | <p><b>ORCHARD ROAD SHOPS</b></p> <p>A resident raised a concern about the surface condition of the car park at the rear of the shops and rat infestation. <b>Resolved:</b> - The Clerk to contact the Landlord (Mowden Estates) to remedy the situation.</p> |
| 55/25 | <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.01pm</p>  |
|       | <p>Signed... <i>R. J. Bell</i> ..... Committee Chairman      Date... <i>15/4/26</i> .....</p>  |