

**MINUTES OF THE GROBY PARISH COUNCIL ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 6th MARCH 2025 HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES COMMENCING AT 2 PM**

Members Present: Cllr L Emmerson (Chair) Cllr G Baker Cllr S Beck Cllr C York
Cllr K Griffiths Cllr C Lincoln

Also, Present: Parish Clerk, Deputy Clerk
Grounds & Maintenance Manager and Assistant Manager
Members of the Public – 0

EC/089/24-25 To receive apologies for absence and to record absences
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Trivett. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

EC/090/24-25 To receive any disclosure of interests from members to any matter pertaining to the agenda
There were none.

EC/091/24-25 To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Estates Committee held on 6th February 2025
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Estates Committee held on 6th February 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record.

EC/092/24-25 Public Participation
There was none.

EC/093/24-25 Grounds and Maintenance Manager's Report
The Grounds and Maintenance Manager and Assistant Manager presented a report which detailed:

- i. Attempts to remove the graffiti on Marina Park were unsuccessful.

Members were informed that a specialist company had been contacted for a quote, who had visited the site and quoted £350 to remove the graffiti.

It was **AGREED** the amount of £350 was within the Clerks approved spend to arrange removal of the graffiti.

- ii. Continue to create pathways within Cowpen Spinney and reduce/remove brambles within the area.
iii. Plans to create bat/bird/owl boxes and site within the spinney and other woodland areas.
iv. Update on the copping programme.
v. Plans to upgrade the flower beds within the village.
vi. Members were informed the wooden trellis surrounding the Garden of Remembrance needs replacing along with the grape vines which have failed. The committee were asked to consider the removal of the wooden trellis and vines and to replace with flower beds planted with mixed seasonal bedding.
vii. Continue to enhance the wildflower areas within the village.

EC/094/24-25 Clerk's Report – To receive updates on

- i. **Completed and outstanding tree work in Cowpen Spinney**
Members were informed the tree surgeon who had been engaged to carry out the crown reduction to a further 2 Oak trees were now unable to complete the required works. Another tree surgeon had been contacted, and works are scheduled for April. This was **NOTED**.
- ii. **Information about a Playing Out initiative for children.**
The Committee were made aware of a Playing Out initiative. This was **NOTED**.
Information on the initiative was given to members to digest and bring back to a future meeting.

- iii. **Community Litter Pick Event**
Members were informed the next Community Litter Pick Event would be held on Saturday 5th April 2025 between 10am – 12pm. This was **NOTED**.
- iv. Members were informed the anti-wrap swing hangers on Marina Park are due to be replaced shortly.

EC/095/24-25 Hinckley & Bosworth Council’s HBBC Environmental Improvement Programme 2025-26

The Committee were informed the Parish Council would need to match fund by 50% for any future projects to be considered through the HBBC Environmental Improvement Programme 2025-26. This was **NOTED**.
It was **AGREED** to defer further discussions to the Environment Committee to consider future projects.

EC/096/24-25 Parks and Open Spaces

- i. **To receive an update on the delivery of trees in relation to the Woodland Trust Free Tree Scheme**
Members were informed that the trees had been delivered and will be planted shortly.
- ii. **To receive an update on completed and ongoing Section 106 projects**
An update on completed and ongoing Section 106 projects was provided and this was **NOTED**.
- iii. **To discuss and consider quotations for a Traversing Wall on Marina Park (Section 106 project)**
A report detailing 4 quotations for the installation of a Traversing Wall on Marina Park was included in members’ packs.

The various options and designs were discussed, including an update on additional information requested from the previous meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to defer a decision until after the VE Day event, where a display of the various options and designs will be available for public consultation.

EC/097/24-25 Groby Cemetery and QEII Rose Garden

- i. **To discuss removing the wood trellis and vines on the edge of the Garden of Remembrance, replacing with flower beds and to consider associated costs.**
Further to discussion and the Grounds and Maintenance Managers report earlier in the meeting, it was **RESOLVED** to remove the wooden trellis and vines and replace with flower beds. Costings for seasonal bedding comprising of annuals/perennials to be brought back to a future meeting.
- ii. **To consider the use of grey granite polished kerb sets in the new ashes section.**
A sample of the grey granite polished kerb was shown to members.

It was **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council to place the grey granite polished kerb sets within the new ashes section only and to add onto the existing schedule of fees at a cost of £126.00.

EC/098/24-25 Date and time of the next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting to be Thursday 10th April 2025 at 2pm

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: