



Our ref: DB/LH

16 January 2024

Dear Member

You are summoned to attend Spennymoor Town Councils ordinary Meeting of **THE COW PLANTATION COMMITTEE** to be held in the Council Chamber on **Tuesday 23 January 2024 at 10am.**

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL
COW PLANTATION COMMITTEE
ORDER OF BUSINESS - Meeting to be held 23 January 2024

The Council would like to advise that this meeting is being audio and video recorded and will subsequently appear on the Council website. If you decide to remain in the room, it will be taken that you have given consent, for both yourself and any other person you are responsible for, to be recorded as stated. Could I ask that all mobile devices are either switched off or to silent during this meeting.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** - to consider for approval.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** - to note declarations of interest from Members on items of the agenda.
- 3 **Members Dispensations** - to consider written requests for dispensations from Members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable pecuniary interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.
- 4 **Public Participation** - members are requested to receive and consider any questions from Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 13.
- 5 **Minutes** - To submit and if approved, confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Cow Plantation meeting on 27 June 2023 for signing.
- 6 **Expenditure** – to note.
- 7 **Works Update** – to consider
- 8 **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – to consider

FCG, FSLCC, CMC
Samantha Shippen
Interim Town Clerk to the Council
16 January 2024

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of **COW PLANTATION COMMITTEE** held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 2pm

Present: Cllr McAloon (Chair)

Cllrs A Anderson, B Calder, N C Foster, C Maddison, D Taylor

Also in attendance: Mr D Booth (Grounds & Estates Officer)
Mrs L Barker (Minutes Officer)

Members of public: 0

CP 1/2324 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr's N Foster, L Maddison

CP 2/2324 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

CP 3/2324 **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

None requested.

CP 4/2324 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None received.

CP 5/2324 **MINUTES**

The minutes were confirmed as a true record. **RESOLVED.**

CP 6/2324 **EXPENDITURE**

Members noted the content of the report. **RESOLVED.**

It was agreed for officers to obtain details of the DCC contract relating to the management plan written by the senior ecologist.

CP 7/2324 **WORKS UPDATE**

Members considered the report of the Grounds & Estate Officer. **RESOLVED.**

DB informed positive feedback had been received.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2:17 pm

Councillor B McAloon (Chair)

BUDGET ALLOCATION - £7,000

Cow Plantation nature reserve expenditure 01.04.2023 – 16.01.2024

	£
Take down and make safe dangerous tree	1,250
Total	1,250

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL

COW PLANTATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**24th January 2024
Cow Plantation (LNR)**

Works Completed between June 2023 – January 2024



Waste Management	Emptied bins weekly and site litter picked	1 operative
Grounds Maintenance	Grassed areas strimmed and cut on a fortnightly programme during the growing season	2 operatives
	Paths brushed and blown monthly	2 operatives
	Wood chippings added to path, Compartment D	2 operatives
	Windblown trees cleared from PRow	2 operatives
	Dangerous Ash tree taken down	Contractor
Pond Survey/Maintenance	Monitored water levels and for signs of contamination	1 operative
Management Plan	Himalayan Balsam control undertaken	4 operatives
	Wildflower areas cut, bailed, and removed from site	Contractor
Additional	PRow improvements are complete	GEO/Contractors
	Natural barriers put in place to deter quad bikes	Geo and 2 operatives

Future works

YEAR 10

(MARCH 2024 – MARCH 2025)

Compartment	Description	Prescription	Timing
B	Neutral grassland	Hay cut, bail and remove from site.	September (weather permitting)
E	Meadow next to watercourse	Regular cut to maintain a short sward.	Throughout growing season.
F	Plantation woodland	Thin out by 10%. Favouring mature/native specimens. Fell in long lengths and leave timber on site, brash to be chipped as necessary.	Winter months
	Wetland grassland ride	Clear encroaching trees/scrub to widen	Winter months

		the ride and encourage wildflower growth.	
ALL	Himalayan Balsam control	Hand pulling or strimming/cutting	May