

**MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WERE HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> 2021 VIA ZOOM.**

**Present:** Cllrs G Lucas, M Blakeston, G Helliwell, A Coleman, T Watson, J Fletcher, S Starrett and Claire Binnington Town Clerk

**EN/25/21 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr A Croft

**EN/26/21 Driffield Climate Emergency Plan – a strategy for a way forward:**

The clerk reported that the Plan had featured on the Property and Assets agenda and on the forthcoming allotment agenda. She had received many ideas for the plan from Cllr T Watson and an allotment tenant, Alison Tindale, which she would put together as a working document.

She and Tom had discussed the idea to perhaps commission a report with regard to the council's assets – buildings/vehicles etc and Claire said that Michael Jackson from the Nafferton Climate Group had offered some suggestions where assistance could be sought.

Cllr Mark Blakeston had sent round a climate audit computer package that gives each town and parish council their areas carbon footprint and that Driffield had shown most damage emanating from domestic heating, which suggested perhaps that is would be an issue for the DTC also.

It was agreed that Claire collates what she has already and then bring to the next meeting for further discussion.

**26/21 Laundry Lane Project and the Friends of North End Park:**

Cllr Simon said he would be interested in getting involved if the group was re-established. An appeal to rekindle the group would be put out on social media and an initial meeting would be held remotely. Fiona and Claire hoped that commuted sums could be made available to really improve the park and cater for the teenage generation with some additional sports facilities. The environmental and aesthetics of the park and its immediate surroundings, such as Laundry Lane, were in dire need of improvement and renovation too, and the Laundry Lane Project could be funded and delivered via the Friends in partnership with the Environment Committee. Cllr Andrew said that Darren Baker should be involved in the light of his new platform he had secured for the beck at the park.

It was agreed that the clerk arrange an initial meeting in May.

**27/21 Other Projects:**

**Pinfold:** the clerk reported that the work had at the Pinfold had been completed other than summer planting. It was agreed that a bin be purchased for this area.

**Bike Racks:** Claire reported that she had been informed that the undertakers on Cranwell Road had intimated to the police that they would be willing to power a CCTV camera and Andrew Addison, the highways officers, had informed her there may be funding available for the installation of bike racks and at a site meeting had concurred that Cranwell adjacent to the beck was an ideal spot especially if CCTV could be secured. Cllr Andrew wanted

more bike racks in the town centre but that would be sensibly placed as to not cause obstruction.

**Town Centre:** on the site meeting Claire and Andrew had agreed that several of the iron tree guards could be removed and replaced by wooden planters, that the tree on Market Place would be reviewed as it was not thriving and perhaps DTC could mitigate its loss with the replanting of two or three trees in more suitable locations. Claire to liaise with DinB regarding the tree guards and planters. The tree at Subway was lifting the pavement and also was now outgrowing its guard and it would be removed along with the neighbouring black plastic planter and replaced with the DTC wooden planters.

**Volunteer painting days:** many of the bins/bike racks and bollards were in dire need of refurbishment, Andrew Addison said ERYC would supply the materials if volunteers could be found to paint them. It was agreed that a series of community painting days would be organised in the summer. Cllr Andrew said some bollards were completely unnecessary and agreed to complete an audit of street furniture prior to the painting days to see if those he found superfluous could be removed. Cllr Andrew also commented that he would like to see the Millennium Clock relocated to the Station to free up Market Place.

**28/21**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Date: .....