

MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WERE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 20TH 2020 VIA ZOOM.

Present: Cllrs G Lucas, M Blakeston, G Helliwell, C Scarlett, T Watson, J Fletcher Claire Binnington Town Clerk

EN/09/20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr A Croft and EFO Fiona Turner.

EN/10/20 Potential Projects:

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- 1. Laundry Lane Water Pump and Beckside Project:** Funding would be sought by restarting the FONEP, as there is £1400 in that account and as a constituted group it would be eligible to more funding that if DTC applied. The water pump would be fully refurbished, the railings painted and interpretation boards erected to give information on the flora and fauna of the beck and the history of the area. ERYC would need to be contacted as the bridge was in need of attention. Other points: can the bin from Market Place be relocated to the park instead of the green wheelie bin which keeps ending up in the beck. Cllr C Scarlett commented that any improvements be vandal proof.
- 2. Remembrance Gardens:** the building itself was in desperate need of renovation, painting, new wooden fascia boards and the roof required attention. The youth congregated there on a regular basis smoking cannabis and leaving huge amounts of rubbish, however fortunately they did not vandalise either the gardens or the memorials. Fiona had mentioned the potential of a joint project with the detached youth workers and engaging the young people in the renovations. It was also thought that perhaps Men in Sheds could get involved as a cross generational project. CCTV was required and hopefully may be installed in the new year so more consideration will be given after that.
- 3. The Pinfold:** the Tidy Team will gradually clear the Pinfold of weeds and refurbish the flower planter. It was thought that Men in Sheds, due to its proximity to their base at the old depot, could also perhaps get involved longer term. It was also suggested that perhaps memorial iron benches be placed there in memory of those in Driffield who had made a considerable contribution to the community (eg. Cropton village).
- 4. Tree guards and hay racks in the town centre:** several of the trees have been felled by the ERYC so the guards stand empty, wonky and generally an eyesore, but for the hay racks recently planted by DinB. It has been suggested to DinB that alternative arrangements be made next summer e.g. planters etc so we will discuss this further in the Spring as DinB were very interested.
- 5. Bus shelters:** the existing town centre bus shelters will be receiving attention from the Tidy Team in the coming weeks (probably after the lights are up) however the long term plan is replace them and it was agreed that any replacements would feature bee gardens on the roofs. We believe this should be a reasonably straight forward task.
- 6. Fawcett Gardens:** the clerk reported that some seedlings now grown to a considerable size (not TPO'd) were causing subsidence at a neighbouring property. A qualified tree surgeon had inspected and recommended the trees come down before any further damage was caused. The clerk has instructed the tree surgeon to carry out the work in conjunction with the new fencing the Tidy Team will be erecting in the New Year. Letters will be sent to residents informing them and alternative trees may be planted at the advice of the tree surgeon.

- 7. **Garden Tree Planting:** this project had taken a back seat due to COVID, it was agreed that it be revisited late next summer with a planned start in November, especially when Men in Sheds would be up and running as they were to be volunteers.
- 8. **Tree Planting:** Gillian asked if there could be a tree planting scheme. The clerk explained that DTC does not own any suitable land however if any verges or other areas were identified funding may be sought if permissions were given.
- 9. **Bike racks:** the clerk explained that she had never received a response from Lidl and had sent suggested site to Tesco, however last autumn spending was curbed and she did not pursue it due to the costs of planning permission, the racks themselves and installation. This again could be revisited in time, particularly in a trial pedestrianisation did materialise.

EN/11/20 Other Issues:

Street cleansing: Cath commented that the streets were looking very much improved since the Tidy Team and the new staff member Rob, had undertaken the new regime. It had been very well received on social media also.

ERYC Environmental Initiatives: Mark asked if the ERYC could be contacted to see if there were any officers who would be willing to attend a zoom meeting to inform the committee on any initiatives that may be being spearheaded by the ERYC to lower carbon footprints in the area generally.

EN/12/20 Date of Next Meeting:

December 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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