MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY $\mathbf{1}^{ST}$ 2022 AT 7.00pm AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MILL STREET, DRIFFIELD.

Present:

Councillors J Fletcher, M Blakeston, G Lucas, G Helliwell, M Garrard, P Rounding, S Fletcher, T Watson, K Stack, A Coleman, S Starrett, A Croft and the Town Clerk Mrs C. Binnington.

Jimmy Laird and Paul Burtenshaw from Driffield Junior Football Club attended to inform the council of their plans for the club and Allotment Lane.

22/22 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr M Rogers.

The Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Cath Scarlett. It was **agreed** a letter of thanks and flowers be sent to Cath to acknowledge her considerable contribution to the council over the years. A casual vacancy for West Ward will be advertised.

23/22 Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

24/22 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:

There were none.

25/22 Co-Option:

The clerk reported that no one had applied for co-option, so the vacancy will run on into next month.

Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Town Council Minutes of January 11th 2022:

There were none.

27/22 Adoption of the Town Council Minutes of January 11th 2022:

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

28/22 Clerks Update:

Nothing that did not feature on the agenda...

29/22 Town Centre Officer and External Funding Officer Update:

Reports were received and acknowledged. Special mention was made of Fiona's considerably success in securing funding from the CCG to make the Driffield Youth Action Co-Ordinator post full time instead of the original three days as planned.

30/22 To consider a request from the Small Grant Fund 22/23 from the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club:

It was **agreed** with all in favour to donate £200.

31/22 Adoption of the Events Minutes of January 18th 2022:

Cllr S Starrett presented the Events Minutes for adoption.

Cllr A Coleman commented that he felt the name 'Yorkshire Day Eve Market' was a 'mouthful' and a cumbersome title, Cllr A Croft said she thought the event had been changed to Yorkshire Day Weekend. The clerk explained that if any events could be organised on the Saturday to make it worth considering promoting two days of events then it probably would have to be called 'Yorkshire Day Weekend', this can be discussed further.

The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.

32/22 Highway Matters:

Pot hole repairs at The Mount and Mill Falls were coming out.

Cllr P Rounding said clearly Driffield was not treated the same way as other East Riding towns with regard to highway and pavement maintenance and that DTC should go to the Ombudsman or a higher echelon of power.

After some discussion it was decided to take photographs of every road and pavement impairment and send them to the East Riding.

33/22 Responsible Financial Officers Report and Bank Reconciliations.

The Responsible Officers Report and bank reconciliations were **agreed** with all in favour.

Cllr P Rounding asked what expenditure had been on Misc Buildings, as the clerk had still not informed him.

34/22 Delegate Reports:

Community Centre Management Committee: Cllr P Rounding reported on the recent meeting and that users were returning after the pandemic, however finances had been hit during COVID but grants were awaited. The wall in the Council Chamber was about to be repaired. They are to contact groups that used to meet to see if they will return.

Driffield Youth Action: Cllr P Rounding reported that Fiona had prepared the job description and it was hoped that the post would be advertised soon for the development worker.

Rural Partnership: Cllr M Blakeston reported that he was now a member and that at a recent meeting Stephen Hunt, head of Planning at ERYC, had said that the application for AONB was still on course and was being met favourably by all parties.

35/22 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 1st 2022 at 7.00pm.

36/22 Confidential Items:

In view of the confidential nature of the following items it was **agreed** with all in favour to exclude the press and public.

37/22 Adoption of the Personnel Minutes of January 11th 2022:

Cllr P Rounding presented the minutes for adoption.

Minute 06/22: Recruitment of Tidy Team member – Cllr Rounding reported that Personnel wished to commence with this process immediately. Minute 06/22: Notice on contract cleaners (weekdays) at public conveniences – Cllr P Rounding reported that as it had been agreed the TT would take over these duties with the arrival of a new member that notice be served.

| The minutes were <u>agreed</u> with all in favour. | |
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| The meeting closed at 8.05pm. | |
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