

**MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2021 AT 6.45PM IN THE MEETING ROOM, DRIFFIELD  
TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET WALK DRIFFIELD.**

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

**EN/01/21 Election of Chair:**

Cllr S Fletcher was elected chair with all in favour.

**EN/02/21 Election of Vice Chair:**

Cllr M Blakeston was elected vice chair with all in favour.

**EN/03/21 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr G Helliwell, Cllr A Coleman and Cllr M Rogers.

**EN/04/21 Environment and Climate Emergency Plan:**

Kate Parker from Kestrel was now overseeing and preparing our draft plan. Claire had produced a years' worth of utility bills for Kate to analyse in the first instance. Claire also reported that she had renewed contracts with SSE as they were the cheapest but also that at the moment it was wiser to stay with a larger company.

**EN/05/21 Laundry Lane Project:**

ERVAS GreenTeens has completed the painting of the railings and Crown Paints had been very generous giving a free tin of paint to every tin we bought. Awaiting news from Horace Taylor Trust re: request for funding for the interpretation boards and the water pump was currently undergoing refurbishment at D & D Taylor Engineering.

**EN/06/21 General parks update:**

St Margaret's Close: Fiona about to complete a very large consultation exercise and also had succeeded in attracting residents interested in setting up a fundraising group. It was agreed that this group be supported fully in their efforts and that it was to be placed on the full town council agenda that any funds they raise be matched by DTC.

North End Park: consultations were about to start re: potential new play equipment and Fiona and Claire would liaise with those who showed an interest in rekindling the Friends group.

Millennium Green: the Commonplace consultation was complete and consultation days were planned, however in all likelihood these would now take place next Spring.

**EN/07/21 Street Cleansing Issues:**

The issue of street cleansing continued to be problematic, the Tidy Team do their best but it is a long and laborious job to ensure the whole town centre is clear of rubbish, tab ends, weeds and should really be a daily task that simply we do not have the capacity to deliver. After Personnel Claire had contacted ERYC who explained they have two men and two machines but

they were currently off sick and the machines awaited training to use them, and that they only ever really get complaints in the Autumn with the leaves. The pavements are not swept and the weeds continue to thrive.

As the town council have worked hard to encourage more use of the town centre over the last few months, such as Umbrella Plaza, there is little point when people arrive to find rubbish everywhere. Claire reported that Lucy Kilvington with her support worker was expected to start very soon to do a daily sweep and clearance of Umbrella Plaza, which was very greatly welcomed however was not a long term solution with regard to the remaining town centre. Claire was to put a report together to present to Personnel and then onto to the Budget Working Group about how this issue could be resolved.

**EN/08/21 Future Projects:**

**The Beck at Cattle Market, King Street and Becksides:** work with Friends of the Beck, East Yorkshire Chalk Rivers Trust, HTT re: additional seating, railings painting, interpretation boards.

**Cross Hill park & signage:** painting of railings and bollards etc.

**Remembrance Gardens shelter:** partnership with ERYC, Men in Sheds.

**Bus shelters:** town centre bus shelters replaced with those with flowers on top.

**Northern Rail fence on Beverley Road:** try to get the weeds cut down on the railway side – Tom to get a contact.

**EN/09/21 Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Signed: .....

Date: .....