

**MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> 2022 AT 6.30PM IN THE MEETING ROOM, DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET WALK DRIFFIELD.**

**Present:** Cllrs G Lucas, T Watson, A Coleman, G Helliwell, F Smith, M Blakeston, R Livingstone and Claire Binnington Town Clerk

**EN/01/22 Election of Chair:**

Cllr A Coleman was elected with all in favour.

**EN/02/22 Election of Vice Chair:**

Cllr F Smith was elected with all in favour.

**EN/03/22 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Spencer Fletcher.

**EN/04/22 Environment Policy:**

The policy will be finalised and approved as soon as possible.

Biodiversity Policy: to be drawn up.

Use of glyphosate: a full review of the use of Round Up has been undertaken with consultations with suppliers, ERYC and our Health and Safety consultant. Presently there is no other effective alternative than Round Up however close monitoring will continue to see when a suitable product does come on the market.

**EN/05/22 Water butt at Skerne Park Depot:**

Cllr A Coleman had produced a report on the possible installation of a 10,000 litre water tank to collect rain water for the watering of the summer hanging baskets. There were concerns regarding planning permission, whether sufficient water would actually be produced and if permission would be needed from the water companies. An electric pump would also be needed to extract the water. Further investigations would be made and reported back to the next meeting.

**EN/06/22 Flower bed at Anderson St/Wansford Road corner:**

It was agreed that a flower bed made possibly with railway sleepers be erected in time for the winter bedding season, at an approximate cost of between £200-300. Claire to ascertain in ERYC needed to give permission.

**EN/07/22 Laundry Lane Project:**

The water pump had now been sandblasted. Claire was still to await news from Horace Taylor Trust regarding the interpretation boards, she suggested that DTC make their own moving forwards.

**EN/08/22 General Update:**

Funding had been secured for St Margaret's Close Play Area. The multi unit was to remain however needed restoration by the Tidy Team, this would be done at the same time as the installation of the new equipment, probably in September.

The new bus shelters had arrived and would be installed as soon as the instructions had arrived. Nicola, the Local Growth Co-ordinator, had successfully secured some funding to replace the bus shelter at George Street also.

The beck at King Street/Queen Street had been cleared of rubbish and an application to spray was to be submitted to the Environment Agency with the help of Alan Mullinger of the East Yorkshire Chalk Rivers Trust. It was intended that the railings here would also be painted and when completed a bench installed near the bridge at Beckside.

Finger posts – The Tidy Team had taken the finger posts for sandblasting and were re-painting the posts.

Fence at railway on Middle Street South: signage had proved to be impossible to install due to practicalities and cost.

**EN/09/22      Date of Next Meeting:**

Date to be confirmed in July.

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Date: .....