

**MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6TH 2022 AT 7.00pm IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COMMUNITY
CENTRE, DRIFFIELD.**

Present: Councillors J Fletcher, M Blakeston, G Lucas, R Livingstone, G Helliwell, A Coleman, F Smith, P Stocker, M Garrard, S Fletcher, K Stack, M Rogers, S Starrett, T Watson and the Town Clerk Mrs C. Binnington.

Mr K Jones, Mr T Keenan and Ms G Small attended the meeting to request support from the town council to apply to the ERYC for a 20mph speed limit to be imposed at Manorfield Avenue and Manorfield Road. Mr Jones distributed the ROSPA Road Safety Guidance information to councillors.

74/22 Apologies for Absence:

There were none (Cllr A Croft on approved absence)

75/22 Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

76/22 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:

There were none.

77/22 Questions, Matters of Accuracy & Observations on the full town council and AGM minutes of July 5th 2022:

There were none.

Adoption of the full town council minutes of July 5th 2022:

The minutes were **adopted** with 14 in favour and 1 abstention.

78/22 Clerks Update:

The clerk read out a letter from the Bowls Club thanking the council for their donation to the Bowls Festival.

79/22 TCO Report:

The report was received and acknowledged.

80/22 Alfred Bean Healthy Towns Project Group Update:

Cllr M Blakeston reported gave an update on the recent changes and new organisation created to oversee health in the region.

81/22 Driffield Youth Action Update:

Referred to Confidential.

82/22 Warm Spaces:

Cllr G Helliwell suggested that perhaps Driffield & Wolds Create Community could create a 'warm space' at Cass Hall so this was referred to them.

- 83/22 Community Speed Project:**
- Cllr G Helliwell and Cllr A Coleman offered to spear head this project. An appeal will be made to the wider public for volunteers and arrangements will be made from there.
- 84/22 Bus Campaign:**
- It was **agreed** with all in favour that the campaign to reinstate the 45 bus route between Pocklington and Driffield on Tuesdays and Thursdays and changes to the new 145 bus to Lund be fully supported by the council.
- 85/22 Adoption of the Market Committee Minutes of July 28th 2022:**
- Cllr S Fletcher presented the minutes for adoption.
- The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.
- 86/22 Adoption of the Property & Assets Committee Minutes of 2022:**
- Cllr F Smith presented the minutes for adoption.
- The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.
- 87/22 Highways Matters:**
- 20 mph at Manorfield Ave/Manorfield Road:** It was **agreed** with all in favour that ERYC be contacted to request the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit, light boards to alert drivers and any other suitable traffic calming measures thought appropriate.
- Bollard at Washington Street:** It was **agreed** with all in favour that the ERYC be requested to reinstate the bollard to prevent cars parking directly on the junction.
- Councillors asked when the double yellow lines at Lockwood St/St Johns Road would be installed – TC to email highways to find out.
- 88/22 Responsible Financial Officers Report:**
- The RFO report was **agreed** with all in favour.
- 89/22 Temporary closure of the meeting for public discussion and comment:**
- No comments.
- 90/22 The Meeting re-opens**
- 91/22 Delegate Reports:**
- Cllr G Helliwell reported that she had represented Driffield as Deputy Mayor at the Yorkshire Day celebrations at Keighley.
- 92/22 Date of Next Meeting:**
- Tuesday October 5th 2022.

93/22 Confidential Items:

It was **agreed** with all in favour that in view of the sensitive nature of the following agenda items the press and public be excluded.

94/22 Town Bus:

It was **agreed** with all in favour that the original budget set of £15,000 not be exceeded and that the appropriate tender received that matched or came under this amount be approved.

85/22 Staff Contracts:

Andrew Wilson – Tidy Team supervisor
David Dale – Tidy Team/Retained fireman
TCO reduction in hours noted.

The contracts were **agreed** with all in favour.

The clerk informed the council of Mr Chris Brotherton's impending retirement in January 2023. The council asked the Clerk to write a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Mr Brotherton for 26 years of sterling service.

86/22 Number 43:

The clerk had emailed out all documentation that day appertaining to the purchase of Number 43 and reported that exchange and completion was imminent. It was **agreed** with all in favour that the Public Works Loan be drawn down forthwith.

87/22 Recruitment Update:

The clerk reported that the Personnel Committee had gone through the draft job description/person spec and various avenues of advertising. When the pack was finalised it would be approved by Personnel.

It was **agreed** with 14 in favour and 2 against that the presentations from the shortlisted candidates does take place in the Council Chamber.

It was **agreed** with all in favour that Cllr M Blakeston join the Personnel Committee in the shortlisting and interview process.

88/22 Driffield Youth Action Update:

Cllr M Rogers voiced his grave concern that the report contained information appertaining to a member of staff who had left. Considerable discussion ensued in which the trustees gave some background to the situation. The clerk, who had been assisting the Trustees throughout this recent process assured the town council that everything was now on track and she was confident that Driffield Youth Action would move forward in a very positive and productive manner.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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