

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

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

Inspector Andy Beadham and PC Richard Meveringham attended the meeting to discuss policing levels in Driffield.

140/22 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Gillian Helliwell and Cllr Kevin Stack.

141/22 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr S Fletcher, Cllr J Fletcher and Cllr P Rounding declared a non-pecuniary interests in Minute Number 160/22 as they are trustees of Driffield Skate Park.

Cllr M Blakeston declared a pecuniary interest in Minute Number 168/22 as he had an expenses claim on the RFO Report.

142/22 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:

There were none.

143/22 Questions, Matters of Accuracy & Observations on the full town council minutes of November 1st 2022:

Minute 132/22: Yellow lines at Lockwood St and St Johns Rd. The clerk confirmed she had received no response to her question regarding who had objected to the proposals.

144/22 Adoption of the full town council minutes of November 1st 2022:

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

145/22 Clerks Update:

The clerk reported on the Christmas Festival and Artisan Market that had taken place that previous weekend.

146/22 External Funding Officer Report:

The clerk gave a verbal update.

157/22 Alfred Bean Healthy Towns Project Group Update:

Cllr M Blakeston said there had been a meeting but he had been unable to attend and would update the council at the next meeting.

158/22 Driffield Youth Action Update:

Cllr P Rounding and the clerk gave a verbal update.

- 159/22 To review and agree the changes to the Standing Orders:**
Agreed with all in favour.
- 160/22 To consider a request for funding from the Small Grant Fund from Driffield Skate Park:**
It was **agreed** with 9 in favour and 3 abstentions that £2000 be donated.
- 161/22 To consider a resolution to fund an additional day's service on the Town bus:**
It was **agreed** with 10 in favour and 2 abstentions to fund the additional day to end of August 2023 at a cost of £5000. The clerk was asked to seek a quotation for the installation of an electric vehicle charger at the depot also.
- 160/22 To consider the Forward Plan:**
The clerk and various councillors had submitted comments to the consultation prior to the closing date of 5th December 2022.
- 161/22 Mayoral Board:**
It was **agreed** with all in favour that Les Shipley insert the remaining names to the existing board.
- 162/22 Manage financial risk:**
It was **agreed** with all in favour that after the elections in May it be ascertained if the internet banking app would permit a councillor signatory to sign off payments.
- 163/22 To receive and agree the Interim Audit Report Financial Year 22/23:**
The report was received and **agreed** with all in favour.
- 164/22 Adoption of the Personnel Committee Minutes of November 1st 2022:**
The minutes were presented by Cllr G Lucas.
The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.
- 165/22 Adoption of the Planning Committee Minutes of November 8th 2022:**
The minutes were presented for adoption of Cllr G Lucas.
The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.
- 166/22 Adoption of the Event Committee Minutes of November 8th 2022:**
The minutes were presented for adoption by Cllr S Starrett.
The minutes were **adopted** with all in favour.
- 167/22 Highways Matters:**

St Johns Road/Lockwood St double yellow lines: It agreed that the Chief Executive be contacted regarding the lines.

168/22 Responsible Financial Officers Report:

The RFO report was agreed with 11 in favour and 1 abstention.

169/22 Temporary closure of the meeting for public discussion and comment:

No comments.

170/22 The Meeting re-opens

171/22 Delegate Reports:

There were none.

172/22 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday January 3rd 2023.

173/22 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.

174/22 To agree nationally agreed pay rises backdated to April 1st 2022:

Agreed with all in favour.

175/22 Staff Retirement:

Arrangements were finalised.

176/22 Number 43 Update:

Cllr A Coleman asked why this item was in confidential. The clerk said she was still trying to put together the team and would go to consultation and full publicity in January when firm proposals and plans were in place.

The update was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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