

MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD 2023 AT 7.00pm IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COMMUNITY CENTRE, DRIFFIELD.

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

The Mayor welcomed the new town clerk to the meeting, Mr Matthew Brown.

PC Martin Phillips attended to answer questions and give information on the latest police work particularly around anti social behaviour. The town council thanked PC Phillips and his team for their work over the Christmas period.

ERYC Cllr Michael Lee attended with Denise Howard, prospective ERYC councillor and gave some information on latest developments at the ERYC and that he was available to assist and answer any queries.

Mr Paul Symons, resident, voiced concerns about speeding on York Road and gave information about projects to reduce speeding he had experienced in Newton Aycliffe.

177/23 Apologies for Absence:

None. No apologies had been received from Cllr K Stack.

178/23 Declarations of Interest:

There were none.

179/23 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:

There were none.

180/23 Questions, Matters of Accuracy & Observations on the full town council minutes of December 6th 2022:

There were none.

181/23 Adoption of the full town council minutes of December 6th 2022:

The minutes were adopted with all in favour.

182/23 Clerks Update:

The clerk reported that the Scrambling Event had taken place and had been very well attended, the Mayor interjected to thank the Town Crier Brian Fairfield and Mrs Barbara Fairfield for their dedication to the event.

The equipment at St Margaret's Close Play Area had now been installed and the tree work was to commence on Wednesday January 4th.

183/23 External Funding Officer Report:

Written report attached to the minutes.

It was **agreed** with all in favour that Fiona submit a bid to UKSPF for the Feasibility Preparation Work for the Number 43 Project.

184/23 Alfred Bean Healthy Towns Project Group Update:

Cllr M Blakeston informed the meeting he had the dates for the 2023 schedule and would report accordingly.

185/23 Driffield Youth Action Update:

A written report attached to the minutes.

186/23 Adoption of the Personnel Committee Minutes of November 1st 2022:

The minutes were presented by Cllr G Lucas.

Cllr A Coleman commented that he had also said in the meeting that adequate cover for the clerk needed to be arranged.

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

187/23 Highways Matters:

St Johns Road/Lockwood St double yellow lines: Cllr P Rounding commented that he was delighted that the double yellow lines were to be installed imminently.

Pothole and Salt bin at Spellowgate: Cllr M Rogers reported a large pothole on the road to Cowlam on Spellowgate and the need for more salt piles towards Cowlam.

Blocked drains: issues being dealt with at North Street adjacent to the former Rose and Crown public house, corner of Harper Street and Wansford Road.

Potholes at The Mount: Cllr M Rogers reported he was dealing with complaints about poor remedial work by ERYC on potholes at The Mount.

Puddles etc: Cllr M Blakeston reported that he had sent photographs of large puddles adjacent to Sokells and also severe trip hazard block sets adjacent to Rafters to the clerk, who had forwarded them to Andrew Addison.

Highways Officers: Cllr P Rounding asked if the head of ERYC Highways could be invited to the town council meeting to discuss all these issues. Cllr M Lee (ERYC) interjected at this point and said that he thought regular highway officer walkabouts with town councillors would be a good idea.

188/23 Responsible Financial Officers Report:

Cllr A Coleman asked for information appertaining to the amounts paid to Hampton Lovett, the clerk explained that the business rates for the Skerne Park and Market Walk were due to rise considerably in the following financial year and that the money was to pay for an appeal on the charges.

The RFO report was **agreed** with all in favour.

189/23 Temporary closure of the meeting for public discussion and comment:

No comments.

190/23 The Meeting re-opens

191/23 Delegate Reports:

There were none.

192/23 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday February 7th 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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