

**MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 7TH 2023 AT 7.00pm IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COMMUNITY  
CENTRE, DRIFFIELD.**

**Present:** Councillors, M Blakeston, P Rounding, G Lucas, A Coleman, F Smith, M Garrard, S Fletcher, M Rogers, P Rounding, A Newall, T Watson, G Helliwell and Town Clerks Mrs C. Binnington and Matthew Brown.

ERYC Cllr Michael Lee and Denise Howard also attended.

PCSCO Steve Sharp addressed the council on the recent policing issues giving details on a further reduction in anti social behaviour and the visit of the drug dogs to local public houses.

Michael Lee mentioned the issue of damage being done to the green lanes by four wheel drives and PCSO Sharpe confirmed that the Rural Policing Team were prioritising this issue.

**199/23 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs S Starrett, P Stocker, J Fletcher

**200/23 Declarations of Interest:**

**Minute 211/23** Cllr Coleman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application as he lives next door to the Red Lion pub.

**201/23 Registration of Gifts and Hospitality:**

There were none.

**202/23 Questions, Matters of Accuracy & Observations on the full town council minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023:**

**Minute number 187/23: Puddles.** Cllr Mark Blakeston commented that remedial work to the brick sets at Rafters merely involved the laying of tarmac. Cllr Rounding commented that in his experience this would be a temporary measure.

**Minute number 187/23: Highways officers.** Cllr P Rounding enquired as to whether the highways officers had been invited to the Town Council. The Clerk replied that she had been under the impression that ERYC Cllr M Lee had offered to organise a visit and a walk about. Cllr Lee who was present replied that as yet this had not been arranged

**Minute number 187/23:** Cllr P Rounding commented that the double yellow lines at Lockwood Street/St Johns Road were yet to be installed.

**203/23 Adoption of the full town council minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023:**

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

**204/23 Adoption of the SPECIAL town council minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023:**

It was confirmed by Cllr Rogers that the works on Aldi cannot start until the new carpark is built.

The minutes were **adopted** with 11 in favour and 1 abstention.

**205/23 Clerks Update**

The clerk informed the council that the Shared Prosperity Bid for Number 43 had been successful. Information was given on the new road closure charges now being imposed by the ERYC. The clerk was asked to investigate the reasons for this further.

6 volunteers have stepped forward for the community speed watch.

**206/23 External Funding Officer Report:**

Written report attached to the minutes.

**207/23 Healthy Towns Project Group Update:**

Cllr M Blakeston gave a report on the last meetings progress.

**208/23 Driffield Youth Action Update:**

Due to staff illness, Cllr Rounding gave a verbal report on the continuing progress of the DYA.

**209/23 Thank you from the Royal British Legion:**

A letter of thanks was sent from the RBL by Chairman David Southall thanking the Town Council for its donation to the Centenary Celebration Weekend. This was read out by the Clerk. The included programme will be archived.

**210/23 Pricing of Summer Hanging Baskets**

It was **agreed** with all in favour that for the 2023 season the hanging baskets would be priced at £45+VAT each.

**211/23 Consideration of planning application 23/00022/PLF. Sand N Property Developments Ltd. Conversion of Red Lion to flats at Middle Street North, Driffield**

Cllr Stack proposed that the plans be welcomed.

The plans were **agreed** with 11 in favour and one abstention.

**212/23 Adoption of Personnel Committee Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were presented by Cllr G Lucas

The clerk confirmed that an advert for the assistant was now on the website and online.

Cllr Coleman wished it to be noted that he had not agreed to the hours and pay scales of the admin assistant.

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

**213/23 Adoption of Planning Committee Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were presented by Cllr G Lucas

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

**214/23 Adoption of Events Committee Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were presented by Cllr G Lucas

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

**215/23 Adoption of Environment Committee Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were presented by Cllr A Coleman

Cllr Coleman asked if the meeting with a local solar installation company had proceeded. Matthew (TC) confirmed that it had and that they are awaiting bill details before a quote can be received.

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

**216/23 Adoption of CCTV Committee Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were presented by Cllr P Rounding

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

**217/23 Adoption of Property & Assets Committee Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were presented by Cllr F Smith

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

**218/23 Highway Matters**

Cllr Rounding previously asked why in Beverley disabled badge holders appear to park for free in ERYC car parks. Investigation confirmed that ERYC off street car parts are chargeable. Saturday Market and Norwood in Beverley are classed as on street parking which blue badge holders are exempt from paying.

Cllr Watson queried the lack of streetlights around the Riverhead area of the new dentist and at the York Road end of Westgate.

**219/23 Responsible Financial Officers Report:**

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

**220/23 Delegate Reports:**

Cllr Blakeston confirmed that the Wold Rangers Way walking festival (17-24 June) has had lots of interest from as far away as Cornwall. If any businesses want to get involved with this initiative now is the time.

**221/23**

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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