

**MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DRIFFIELD**

**Present:** Councillors G Helliwell, F Smith, G Lucas, T Watson, A Newall, M Rogers, C Bekker, S Fletcher, B Strath, A Jones-Stork, S Starrett, M Blakeston, B Smith, admin assistant P Danby, and Town Clerk M Brown

**91/23 Public Discussion and Comment:**

With regards to the planned bus stop on Beverley Road, 4 attending residents objected to the fact it had been rejected. It was felt that the elderly would greatly benefit from the stop and the walk was too far.

3 attending residents felt a further bus stop on Beverley Road would be unsafe. A stop would mean traffic backing up and more cyclists using the footpath. A telegraph pole in the proposed area also obstructed the eyeline making visibility a challenge.

Cllr Helliwell had completed the walk suggested to the nearest bus stop, and informed the room it was 7 minutes and not the suggested 4.

In light of the discussion, Cllr Rogers reminded all residents to please attend any future public meetings on the matters to raise and debate any concerns.

**92/23 Apologies for absence:**

Councillors P Rounding, K Stack, M Strath and the Police

**93/23 Declarations of Interest:**

None

**94/23 Registration of Gifts or Hospitality:**

None

**95/23 Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Full Town Council minutes of 4 July 2023**

There were none

**96/23 Adoption of the Full Town Council Minutes of 4 July 2023**

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**97/23 Clerks update**

Updates on numerous letters and emails to ERYC were given along with the ongoing work to add Cllr Newall as a bank signatory and install fibre at Cass Hall and the Police station.

**98/23 External funding officer update**

The clerk gave a verbal update prepared by Fiona Turner. Cllr Rogers wished to thank Fiona for all her hard work and this was echoed by all the Cllrs. It was agreed the clerk should purchase a card and flowers as a “thank you”.

**99/23 Healthy Towns Update**

No meeting has been held since the email that was sent to all Cllrs on 28/07/23.

**100/23 Driffield Youth Action update**

Due to Cllr Roundings absence, no report was given. Cllr Helliwell informed the council that many children were attending and that DYA was going from strength to strength

**101/23 To consider a resolution to sponsor Driffield Police with the purchase of 2x standard mountain cycles**

Whilst he could see a value, Cllr Blakeston was disappointed that the Council was being asked to fund these bikes and reminded the Council that this would not be in the budget which was echoed by Cllr Rogers. The ERYC precept already covers the Police.

It was agreed that we should write to the PCC on the Police's behalf to see if they are able to assist.

**102/23 To consider a resolution to sponsor a new Sunday league football team**

As we already sponsor Great Driffield AFC it was agreed to keep sponsorship exclusive to them and not take this request forward. The Cllrs did wish the new team good luck in their efforts.

**103/23 An update on “The Big Picture”**

The Clerk confirmed that all permissions with the building owners for the mural to be applied where confirmed – pending final approval of the artwork. This was now under discussion. There was disappointment over the artists not wanting to depict anything to do with conflict which the Clerk offered to discuss with him directly as Alamein Barracks was such an important link to Driffield's heritage.

**104/23 To consider a resolution to join “The Rural/Market Town Group”**

As none of the Cllrs were aware of the group, it was agreed not to take this forward

**105/23 To consider the proposals from ERYC regarding a new bus stop on Beverley Road and possible public meeting**

This is an emotive subject with all sides having valid points. Cllr Rogers thought the consultation offered by ERYC was needed whilst Cllr Blakeston thought the “stop and

hail” initially offered by EYMS was a more viable option less likely to lead to disappointment on one side.

It was agreed to contact ERYC and support a “stop and hail” solution

**106/23      To consider a resolution to not having a summer recess**

Cllr Newall felt there was too long between meetings during summer. Cllr Rogers stated that we are an agricultural town and that staff need time to break and have a catch up. ERYC also make use of this recess. Cllr’s Smith and Lucas echoed this feeling. It was agreed to leave the summer recess as is.

**107/23      To consider a resolution to increase the number of members on committees and ensure all committees and elect councillors for any available spaces**

Concern was raised that the number of members on committees was too small and that some on committees did not attend. On checking the scheme of delegation, the Clerk confirmed that almost all committees had spaces and that these could be filled at the next committee meetings as they happen. This was agreed.

**108/23      To ensure clarity on the signing of invoices prior to payment**

The clerk confirmed that without 2 authorised signatures, no invoices would be paid. The Clerk stated that there would always be invoices requiring signing, so to please call in on a regular basis to ensure this is done

**109/23      To consider a resolution on the updating of deeds relating to Fawcett Gardens**

This was agreed

**110/23      To consider the proposals given by ERYC on increasing the number of councillors**

Cllrs where happy to co-opt if necessary and the proposals where agreed.

**111/23      Highway Matters**

**(a) To consider a consultation on proposals regarding the traffic issues around Driffield Junior School**

Cllr Blakeston reported that ERYC are looking to reinstate a lollypop person and are working with parking enforcement officers to enforce parking restrictions outside the Police Station.

**(b) To consider a proposal to write to ERYC regarding the parking at the Community Centre**

Cllr Rounding emailed his concerns over the abuse of parking at the community centre that was impacting those using the facilities. It was agreed a letter should be sent to ERYC suggesting to improve signage

**(b) To consider a resolution to write to ERYC regarding the state of the road following repair from Drifffield Spellowgate to Cowlam**

Cllr Rogers stated the repair to the road by a “Roadmaster” was left a “total mess” and was below standard. This was causing concern to farmers, bikers and other road users. It was agreed a letter should be sent asking for further works to be carried out.

**112/23 Adoption of the Personnel Committee Minutes of 4 July 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Rogers

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**113/23 Adoption of the Planning Committee Minutes of 11 July 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Lucas

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**114/23 Adoption of the Events Committee Minutes of 11 July 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**115/23 Adoption of the Environment Committee Minutes of 11 July 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Watson

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**116/23 Adoption of the Allotment Committee Minutes of 10 July 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Helliwell

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**117/23 Adoption of the Extraordinary Events Committee Minutes of 1 August 2023**

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

**118/23 Responsible Financial Officers Report:**

Cllr Newall asked why no VAT was on line 201. The Clerk was to correct this error. Part of line 202 was to be refunded from the appropriate funds. It was suggested to add the ICO payment to Direct Debit for 2024.

The RFO report was agreed with all in favour.

**119/23 Delegates reports**

There were none.

**120/23 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 3 October at 7pm

**121/23 Confidential Items**

To consider two quotations for the replacement boiler for Cass Hall.

Of the quotes received, the contract was awarded to Finesse

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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