

MINUTES OF THE DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2023 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DRIFFIELD

Present: Councillors G Helliwell (Chair), A Newall, M Rogers, W Strath, M Strath, A Jones-Stork, M Blakeston, B Smith, admin assistant P Danby, and Town Clerk M Brown

122/23 Public Discussion and Comment:

Supt French attended the meeting to explain that Driffield now had full 24/7 policing made up of 12 constables, and 2 sergeants. The 12 constables whilst new to Driffield are not all new in service. New cars have also been provided.

Now the dark nights are on us, increased foot patrols by the Police would be seen. Supt French reminded the room of the importance of logging issues via any of the channels available, including social media.

It was confirmed that the station will be manned Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a 24hr buzzer is in place on the door. He offered to check the operation of the buzzer personally.

Constable Philips explained 4 assaults, 1 theft, 1 public order offence, 2 ASBO's and 1 act of arson had been logged. Operation Shield was ongoing with extra officers around the town.

The clerk has been given the opportunity for the CCTV to be fully monitored elsewhere and this will be followed up.

123/23 Apologies for absence:

Councillors F Smith, G Lucas

124/23 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Blakeston expressed a non pecuniary interest in items 142/23 and 144/23

125/23 Registration of Gifts or Hospitality:

None

126/23 Questions, Matters of Accuracy and Observations on the Full Town Council minutes of 5 September 2023

There were none

127/23 Adoption of the Full Town Council Minutes of 5 September 2023

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

- 128/23 Clerks update**
- Cleaners where now in position in Cass Hall and the Market Walk offices. The boiler at Cass Hall would be installed on 6 October. The Christmas light switch on event is progressing well. New phone lines will be installed to both Cass Hall and the Police by mid October.
- 129/23 External funding officer update**
- As the role has now finished, no report was given.
- 130/23 Healthy Towns Update**
- Projects are progressing. Please keep an eye on social media for event updates as they are announced.
- 131/23 Driffield Youth Action update**
- It was reported that £32k from the PCC was offered to support more Active Fridays, additional staff, Police support, hire of the leisure centre and teachers. All in all very positive.
- 132/23 To consider the proposals from ERYC regarding nominations for two vacancies on ERYC's Standards Committee**
- It was agreed there was no interest to take this forward
- 133/23 To acknowledge the letter from Foston Parish Council re: Alfred Bean Hospital**
- The CCG is now the ICS. The Healthy Town initiative is not just about Alfred Bean and this is all shown on the respective website. Any queries such as the letter submitted should be referred to the Ward councillor. This was agreed.
- 134/23 To consider a resolution for the formulation of a "safeguarding" policy**
- It was agreed the clerk was to take this forward for presentation to the Council once complete.
- 135/23 To consider a resolution to select a date for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the options appraisal report already emailed regarding No.43.**
- This was agreed to be held at 18.30 on 18 October in the Market Walk offices. Visits to No.43 would be given at 11.00 on the same day.
- 136/23 To consider a resolution to elect a deputy delegate for the Healthy Towns project**
- Cllr W Strath offered to be the deputy. This was agreed with all in favour

137/23 To consider a resolution on cutting of the canal side footpath by Drifffield Town Council

The path is maintained by Beverley Ramblers from Whinhill to Wansford under permission by DNT. Cllr Rogers explained that the landowner at the Drifffield end likely has little interest in maintaining it.

It was agreed the Clerk should ascertain who the landowner was as a starting point to take the issue forward. This was agreed with all in favour.

138/23 Highway Matters

(a) To consider a resolution to again write to ERYC about the continued speeding along Riverside and improved signage.

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting

On a recent visit to Cranwell Road for suitable locations for cycle charging it was noticed how poor the footpath surface was. It was agreed to contact ERYC to see if improvements could be made.

139/23 Adoption of the Personnel Minutes of 5 September 2023

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Rogers

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

140/23 Adoption of the Allotment Committee Minutes of 11 September 2023

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Helliwell

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

141/23 Adoption of the Environment Committee Minutes of 12 September 2023

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

142/23 Adoption of the Events Committee Minutes of 12 September 2023

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

It was noted that this meeting was not “extraordinary”.

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

143/23 Adoption of the Planning Committee Minutes of 12 September 2023

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

144/23 Adoption of the Market Committee Minutes of 27 September 2023

These were presented for adoption by Cllr Newall

The minutes were adopted with all in favour

145/23 Responsible Financial Officers Report:

The RFO report was agreed with all in favour.

146/23 Delegates reports

Cllr Helliwell attended the Beverly bus stop meeting on the 26/09/23. ERYC denied that they ever offered a stop and hail. A temporary stop will be placed on Beverley Road for 6mths. ERYC will then look to consider either a small layby or widening the footpath to improve visibility.

147/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 November at 7pm

148/23 Confidential Items

To consider wages rises for 2 staff members.

This was agreed with all in favour.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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