

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Environment Committee
23 October 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Dennett (Chairman) J.Abraham, Black, Holborn and Wood
IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk J Haslope

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21. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – There were none.
22. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** – There were none.
23. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JULY 2023 – Resolved** - that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
24. **PUBLIC FORUM** - There was no public speaking
25. **CLERK'S REPORT**
 - 25.1. **Monthly Report** – The Clerk gave the committee a report about recent correspondence with residents.
 - 25.2. The current financial report was reviewed. No concerns were raised.
26. **OTHER MATTERS**
 - 26.1. **Village Walkabout** – The outcome of the Village Walkabout was reviewed and actions agreed.
 - 26.2. **Heritage Open Day** – The Heritage Open Day event was a great success and the Classic Car display on the Riverside Walkway proved very popular. The organisers have approached the Clerk to request that should the Open Gardens event take place in 2024, they would like to organise another Classic Car display. It was agreed that this would be permitted.
 - 26.3. **Coronation Gardens** – It was **Resolved** that up to £50 would be spent on winter flowering plants and the wording of a new plaque to mark the planting of the Rose and Cherry tree in memory of the late Queen and Prince Philip was agreed.
 - 26.4. **Riverside Walkway Track** – The outcome of meeting between a resident, Cllrs Dennett, J.Abraham and Wood and the ERYC Countryside Access Officer was noted. It was agreed that the suggestion of providing a 'Free Wheel' that could be borrowed by any wheelchair user to improve the accessibility of the Riverside Walkway was a good one. The Clerk will work with the Countryside Access Officer to consider the details required to deliver this solution.
 - 26.5. **Foreshore by Humber Road** – It was noted that residents have reported the rock armour flood defences have been damaged. The matter has been reported to the police but it was agreed that this should also be reported to the EA.
 - 26.6. **Riverside Walkway** – It was agreed that DMS Kilham Ltd would be asked to cut back the scrub around the Reed Pond and on the Riverside Walkway at a cost of £500 +VAT and that Holtby Farm would be asked to cut back the meadow area at a cost of £220 +VAT.
 - 26.7. **New Bin** – The idea of installing a new bin near the Reed Pond was considered. However it was agreed that the biggest problem was with people not picking up after their dog and a new bin would not change that behaviour. The bin at the entrance to the Reed Pond footpath was deemed adequate.
 - 26.8. **Reed Pond** – The recent clearance work by TCV at the Reed Pond was reviewed and it was agreed that next year the debris around the sluice gate should be removed a month before in preparation for the work.

- 26.9. **Biodiversity Duty** – A draft policy was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that extra points should be included and that it also needed to be reviewed by the Playing Field Committee before being finally adopted by the Parish Council.
- 26.10. **ERYC Town and Parish Council Event** – It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr J.Abraham would attend the event at Haltemprice on 24th October and raise the matter of street and gully cleaning with officers.
- 26.11. **Budget 2024/25** – It was noted that at the next meeting the Environment Committee budget for 2024/25 would be set. However in light of the difficulty last year in getting grounds maintenance companies to quote for grass cutting on the Riverside Walkway and in view of the fact that SJK Garden Services will not be increasing prices next year, it was **Resolved** that the Grounds Maintenance contract for the Riverside Walkway and Coronation Gardens would remain with SJK Garden Services.

The meeting closed at : 10.30am
Date of next meeting : 27 November 2023