

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Environment Committee
24 June 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Black, Dennett, Holborn and Wood
IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk J Haslope

Minute No.
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1. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN** - It was **Resolved** that Councillor Dennett be elected as the Chairman of the Environment Committee.
2. **ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN** - It was **Resolved** that Councillor Black be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Environment Committee.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr J.Abraham submitted apologies.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** – There were none.
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2024 – Resolved** – that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **PUBLIC FORUM** - There was no public speaking
7. **CLERK’S REPORT**
 - 7.1. **Monthly Report** – The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received about removing the sycamore trees on the Riverside Walkway. It was also noted that the planting had been completed in Coronation Gardens and some emergency tree work had been carried out in the Enchanted Woodland area.
 - 7.2. The current financial position was reviewed. No concerns were raised.
8. **OTHER MATTERS**
 - 8.1. **The Triangle** - The complaint about state of The Triangle and the timing of the first cut was discussed. It was agreed that the houses that look out directly onto the area would be canvassed for their views.
 - 8.2. **Trees** – The Clerk reported that Humber Forest are not able to provide funding to plant additional trees in the verges due to the stipulations regarding underground services. All the locations identified are within a 5m buffer zone of existing underground services. It was agreed that the ERYC Tree Officer would be contacted to see if this initiative can go ahead if funded by the Parish Council.
 - 8.3. **Memorial Benches Policy** – The policy was reviewed and approved.
 - 8.4. **Riverside Walkway** – It was noted that the sycamore trees in the copse on the Riverside Walkway had been felled. It was agreed that £95 + VAT would be spent on preventing their regrowth. Finally it was agreed that new trees would be planted over the winter to replace those removed, but the size and variety would need to be considered carefully.
 - 8.5. **Riverside Walkway** – It was noted that the RSPCA Wildlife Group plan to visit the site on 27th June, and members of the committee who are available will join the visit.
 - 8.6. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy** – It was agreed that the Opportunities for Nature Recovery survey would be responded to, highlighting opportunities at Blasket Pond, the Riverside Walkway, the Reed Pond, Long Plantation Woods and the edge of the Riverbank.

The meeting closed at : 10am
Date of next meeting : 22 July 2024

Signed by the Chairman.....Date..... ENV pg.46