

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Environment Committee
25 November 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Dennett (Chairman), J.Abraham, Black, Holborn and Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk J Haslope

Minute No.
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27. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – There were none.

28. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** – There were none.

29. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2024 – Resolved** – that the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. **PUBLIC FORUM** – There was no public speaking

31. **CLERK'S REPORT**

31.1. **Monthly Report** – The Clerk gave the Committee details of recent correspondence with the ERYC Health & Wellbeing Coordinator and noted that the siting for the new grit bin had been approved by the Winter Services team. However due to the fact that the location selected is in a conservation area, planning approval is required. It was therefore agreed to spend £72 to complete the planning enquiry.

31.2. The current financial position was reviewed. No concerns were raised.

32. **OTHER MATTERS**

32.1. **Memorial Tree** – A request to plant a memorial tree was discussed and it was agreed that no plaques may be installed, however a tree could be planted in a location specified by the Clerk, or a contribution could be made to the whips that are being planted across the site.

32.2. **Forest School** – A request to use the Riverside Walkway to deliver Forest School lessons was discussed and it was agreed that in principle the idea would be approved. The Clerk will contact the provider to understand the details involved, and any issues will be referred back to the committee.

32.3. **Riverside Walkway** – Following the woodland clearance work it was **Resolved** that 210 trees of different varieties will be purchased from Mires Beck at a cost of £225 + VAT. The total installation cost will be £275 which includes the protector tubes and planting by SJK Garden Services.

32.4. **Verge Trees** – The committee reviewed a list of suitable tree species and it was **Resolved** that 6 Prunus Kanzan trees will be purchased for Riverview Avenue and a total of 21 Upright Hornbeam will be purchased for Derwent Ave, Priory Ave, Highfield Way and Corby Park. The trees will be purchased from Henleys Nursery at a total cost of £1140 + VAT.

32.5. **Rock Armour** – The condition of the rock armour near the sluice gate and the correspondence from EA on the matter was discussed. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed at the Parish Council meeting.

32.6. **Blasket Pond** – It was agreed that TCV should be contacted and asked to review the condition of Blasket Pond and to suggest a maintenance plan.

32.7. **Grounds Maintenance** – The existing contractor provided a quotation for the next 3 years which was discussed. Based on the historic difficulties in getting quotations for the area and knowing that the existing contractor has always offered the cheapest quote and carries out the work to a high standard, it was **Resolved** to extend the contract to a 3 year term and to award it to SJK Garden Services for a total cost of £3000 in 2025/26, rising by 5% a year after that.

32.8. **Budget for 2025/26** – The different elements of the budget were reviewed. It was **Resolved** that the bid to the Parish Council for 2024/25 would be £12,000. This amount includes costs of upgrading the parish noticeboard in Coronation Gardens and new signage on the Riverside Walkway.

The meeting closed at : 10.15 am

Date of next meeting : 27 January 2025

Signed by the Chairman.....Date..... ENV pg.50