

**NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**Environment Committee**  
**3 February 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Dennett (Chairman), Black, Blogg, Holborn, Mabbett and Wood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk J Haslope

Minute No.  
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27. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Councillor Richardson submitted apologies
28. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** – There were no declarations
29. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019 – 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 The clerk reported that work to clear the brambles on the YWW had been organised by ERYC and the areas that required cutting back were agreed. It was also agreed that the meadow area did not require cutting back this year as there was very little vegetation to be cleared. A resident has also contacted the clerk regarding woodland tree packs that are available. It was agreed that the woodland area in the allotments would be investigated as a suitable site for new tree planting.
- 31.2 The current financial report was reviewed. No concerns were raised.
32. **OTHER MATTERS**
- 32.1 **Railway Access** – Councillors Blogg, Holborn and Wood along with the Clerk, met the project manager from Story Contracting to further discuss the use of the Riverside Walkway to allow access to the railway line and the creation of a compound for offices, parking and storage. It was agreed that the proposal to renew the track surface with recycled road planings was acceptable and should be included in the access agreement, along with returning the compound area to a grassed surface and replacing any trees that have been removed with native species of sufficient maturity.
- 32.2 **Reed Pond** – It was noted that the water levels in the Reed Pond had dropped slightly. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- 32.3 **Bus Stop** – It was agreed that a local photographer would be approached to provide some pictures that could be displayed on the bus stop noticeboard.
- 32.4 **Tree Planning Applications** – It was agreed to extend the typical responses to tree planning applications to include a response for objecting.
- 32.5 **Coronation Gardens** – Following the success of last year it was agreed to order a new summer planter for 2020 from Plantscape at a cost of £184 + VAT with an additional £100 delivery charge.
- 32.6 **'Happy to chat' Bench** - It was agreed that the Committee would back the idea of setting up a 'Happy to Chat' bench and it was decided that the most appropriate location would be the bench nearest the church and opposite the shops. An article will be included in the Village Newsletter and the Clerk will arrange for a sign to be made.

The meeting closed at: 10am

Date of next meeting: 2 March 2020 9am