

**NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**Environment Committee**  
**14 September 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Dennett, Holborn and Mabbett  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk J Haslope

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1. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN** - Councillor Dennett was duly elected as the Chairman of the Environment Committee.
2. **ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN** – It was agreed that this item would be raised at the next meeting
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Black, Blogg, Richardson and Wood submitted apologies
4. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** – There were no declarations.
5. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2020 – 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. **Actions during lockdown.** It was noted that the replacement information board for the Bronze Age boats has been made and installed, the winter planter in Coronation Gardens has been ordered, the survey of the trees in the Allotments and Coronation Gardens was carried out and a memorial plaque has been added to an existing bench on the Riverside Walkway. New flags were bought and fitted during lockdown, but these were of insufficient quality and had already been frayed by the wind.
  - 7.2. **Monthly Report.** Complaints have been received about the amount of weed growth on the roads and footpaths making the village look unsightly. This has been raised with ERYC, who will be carrying out a weed kill before the end of September. Also, it was noted that the Merchant Navy flag had been stolen from the Riverside Walkway.
  - 7.3. The current financial report was reviewed. No concerns were raised.
8. **OTHER MATTERS**
  - 8.1. **Village Risk Assessment.** Due to the current restrictions due to Covid, it was agreed that the Village Walk by the Environment Committee as a group would not take place and instead, the village would be divided into 3 areas and a pair of councillors would review each area. The Clerk will provide a list of items to be reviewed and the map to all and the action items will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.
  - 8.2. **Enchanted Woodland.** The Clerk has received several complaints about the condition of the Enchanted Woodland and the about of tatty items that are contained in it. It was agreed that notices would be put up indicating that the area would be cleared over winter and people should retrieve any of their belongings. Plans are that it will be refreshed during the spring. It was also agreed that the Clerk would try to remove the location pin from Google maps.
  - 8.3. **Tree work.** Three quotations for carrying out the work recommended in the tree survey were received. The decision was taken to recommend to the Parish Council that the quotation from Ferriby Fencing be accepted and the additional work identified by them be carried out for £760 + VAT.

- 8.4. Reed Pond.** The quotation that was received from Sweeting Brothers for unblocking the internal sluice pipe was discussed, but it was agreed that this would not be a long term solution as the cost was prohibitively expensive. It was agreed that if possible a cost for altering the sluice gate would be sought and the matter would be discussed with the owner of the sluice gate. It was also agreed that TCV would be asked to carry out reed clearance work again, although due to the Covid restrictions this would not be open to public volunteering this year, and less might be achieved as a result.
- 8.5. Litter Pickers.** It was agreed that a letter would be sent to all the volunteer litter pickers on the list to ensure that they are still happy to contribute to the village in this way, and to make sure that they had sufficient equipment.

The meeting closed at : 10.20am

Date of next meeting : 12 October 2020