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MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022 AT 7 PM IN THE BOYS SUNDAY SCHOOL OFF KIRKGATE

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	S Cobb
	COUNCILLORS	D Bowgett, J Chiswick, P Emmott, P Grasby, D Mackay & C Metcalfe
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	Ed Hinton (Environment Agency) & 2 members of the public

- E1 APOLOGIES – (Item 1)** - To receive, record and approve apologies for absence – Councillors F Greig, M Middlemiss, R Sweeting, & C Stephenson.
- E2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2)** - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda - None.
Members agreed to discuss Item 5 at this stage of the meeting.
- E3 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 5) -**
- a.** Environment Agency Representative in attendance to update members regarding the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.
E Hinton reported that the latest TFAS May 2022 newsletter had been produced and had been widely circulated.
Three areas of work had been focused on in the short term to include the permanent flood scheme, interim measures for low points and communications.
A work site had been set up at Tadcaster Albion's, Bore Holes were being drilled along the river which would give a better understanding of below ground.
A hydrological model to mimic the effects of real-life flooding had proved challenging. This needed to be correct and work to all levels. The model was to be ready for October this would then be refined and taken to the second stage.
A resident enquired if Flood and Sewage Systems would be impacted during flooding.
E Hinton explained the above systems.
P Emmott enquired if the new model would be digitalised and how did it differ from the previous model.
E Hinton reported that the model would be digital, the model worked on in 2017 covered a large area and was not appropriate for the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme and required modernisation. The model was to be built by Specialist Consultants and reviewed by the Environment Agency internal Team.
Four Low Point locations had been identified in existing defences; these were to be topped up in the coming weeks.
D Mackay asked if the completion date remained the same.
E Hinton reported that data was to be ready in 2024 and completion during 2026.
A resident felt it was important that communication with the Local Landowner was relayed to everyone involved.
E Hinton reported that all elements of the scheme had been discussed with the Local Landowner and feed back had been positive.

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A resident asked when the Section 19 Report for February 2022 flooding was to be produced. E Hinton – had not yet received a copy, it was thought it would be available in the next two months.

Communications had been improved following feedback. The Client Group had met, a newsletter made available there was an EA presence in The Ark on Tuesday mornings where anyone could ask questions and give ideas.

The Community would be consulted once the scheme had reached an Options stage.

C Metcalfe reported that the scheme sounded positive. He felt a key threat to the scheme could be the current high inflation situation and enquired if a Risk Analysis was in place?

E Hinton reported that high inflation was a large risk factor, numbers were being evaluated and further funding were actively being sought.

b. Tadcaster FAS – May 2022 Newsletter – Members noted.

c. Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme - Client Group – Members noted the minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2022.

d. Members noted a Synopsis and Timeline of flooding in February 2022 received from Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group.

e. Members update received Selby District Council regarding Flood Funding Tadcaster.

A representative from Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group reported that questions seeking further clarification had been raised with Selby District Council as there had been many mixed messages.

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS -

f. Update received from The Environment Agency regarding Methane Gas Emission on Viaduct Walk.

The Clerk reported that further investigation work was to be carried out on 13 June 2022.

Members agreed to discuss Item 12 at this stage of the meeting.

E4 A64 TADCASTER BAR - INTERCHANGE – (Item 12) - Members to discuss past information received regarding A64 Tadcaster Bar interchange.

The correspondent of the above information reported that a presentation for the implementation of a Tadcaster Bar at Islington had been held in 2004 in The Riley Smith Hall. If the scheme had been completed this would have avoided motorists an 18-mile trip between east and west Tadcaster during flooding in 2015. Two slip roads had been proposed east and west bound. The MP had written to Highways England and Selby District Council in 2016. Highways England stated in 2016 that they would continue to work with SDC and NYCC to try and establish a better case for the scheme as recent events had highlighted a clear issue with the resilience of the local road network. It was now 2022 and following further flooding in February 2022 diversions of 18 miles had reoccurred.

Local Road links were to be included in Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The scheme would be inexpensive it was requested that the scheme be revisited.

C Metcalfe reported that he had previously been actively involved in the above scheme and a strong business case had been put forward at the time. Regrettably there had been little housing development in Tadcaster East included in the Local Plan, Employment Land had not been mentioned and the bridge had been widened following its collapse had not made a good business case. However, he couldn't see why the scheme could not be revisited.

P Emmott felt that an interchange was also required off the A162 onto the A64 this would help brewery traffic heading west.

C Metcalfe reported that funding had been secured for the above Interchange in 2017 but had been withdrawn in 2019 owing to objections by a local brewery, which could have led to Court hearings. Due to time implications funding had been withdrawn.

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He felt that the two Interchanges were two schemes and should be dealt with as two cases. The matter required discussion at a Council meeting and North Yorkshire Councillor K Poskitt should be invited to attend.

RESOLVED – That Tadcaster Islington Bar and A64 – A162 Bar be discussed at the Council meeting on 21 June 2022.

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

- E5 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – (Item 3)** - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter as it relates to the town – Members of the public are asked to submit any questions in advance of the meeting to the Clerk.

Members agreed to discuss item 8b at this stage in the meeting.

- E6 North Yorkshire Police Fire & Rescue Service Risk & Recourse Model Consultation – (Item 8b)** - have your say on the proposed changes to Fire & Rescue services in North Yorkshire & York. Members to consider a reply to the 3-month consultation.

- A resident reported that Tadcaster had not been mentioned in the Report. It was felt important that Tadcaster was mentioned as it was the worst hit area in the district for flooding since 2012. Members were disappointed that Tadcaster had not been mentioned in the report.

RESOLVED – The Council to reply to the Consultation stating the Councils concerns that Tadcaster had not mentioned in the report and include and support the above residents' comments.

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

- A resident felt that a previous resident of Tadcaster should be recognised for good causes in the Tadcaster by the placement of a plaque in the town.

ACTION – Clerk to raise as an agenda item at the Council meeting 21 June 2022.

- A resident enquired if the Council had been involved in the Planning Grade II*Listing of the Viaduct.

The Clerk reported that Selby District Council Planning had been approached for approval of the Listing to Grade II* but there had not been a response. No further action could be taken without approval.

- E7 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS (Item 4)**

- E8 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 5) This item was discussed at Minute E3**

a. Environment Agency Representative in attendance to update members regarding the Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Tadcaster FAS – May Newsletter – Members to note.

b. Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme - Client Group – Members to note the minutes of the meeting on 10 May 2022.

c. Members to note a Synopsis and Timeline of flooding in February 2022 received from Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group.

d. Members update received Selby District Council regarding Flood Funding Tadcaster.

e. Update received from The Environment Agency regarding Methane Gas Emission on Viaduct Walk.

- E9 CLERKS REPORT – (Item 6)** - Clerk to update members regarding any environmental matters not itemised on this agenda.

The Queens Jubilee event had been well attended and was a successful day.

- E10 PLANNING – (Item 7)** - Members noted and commented as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council: -

a. Planning Applications

5/22 - 5 Highmoor Cottages – reconfiguration of existing ground floor accommodation, infilling of the front undercroft area and rear single storey extension.

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RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the above application.

ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly

b. Granted Applications

37/21 - 8 Westfield Terrace – Single Storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation.

16/21 - 14 Edgerton Drive – Erection of 1No dwelling on land to the rear side of 14 Edgerton Drive with access from Inholmes Lane.

3/22 - 9 Fir Tree Crescent – Erection of single storey rear extension.

c. Amended Application –

1/22 - 19 Westfield Crescent – Erection of single storey rear extension and an enclosed porch to the front door.

d. Refused Application

2/2256 Station Road – TPO Application for consent to clean out crown and reduce crown by approx. 15% to 1No Sycamore Tree covered by TPO 10 /1987

e. Selby District Council Adoption of Conservation Area Appraisal for Tadcaster – Members to note the Draft Appraisal.

E11 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 8) - for members to note and make comments as required: -

a. YLCA- White Rose Weekly Bulletin – 13 April 2022, 6, 13 & 20 May 2022.

b. North Yorkshire County Council – Local Flood Risk Strategy 2022 – 2027 Consultation end date 12 June 2022 – Discussed at Minute E6.

c. North Yorkshire Police Fire & Rescue Service Risk & Recourse Model Consultation – have your say on the proposed changes to Fire & Rescue services in North Yorkshire & York. Members to consider a reply to the 3-month consultation.

d. The New Council for North Yorkshire - An update on progress towards a new single Council for North Yorkshire.

Members agreed to reply to the above on an individual basis.

E12 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE, POLICES & RISK ASSESSMENTS – (Item 9) -

Members approved the following: -

a. Terms of Reference for the Environment Committee.

b. Terms of Reference Emergency Planning Sub Committee

c. Memorial Bench Policy.

d. Tree Policy.

e. Christmas Market Risk Assessment.

f. Viaduct Risk Assessment.

g. Litter Pick Risk Assessment.

h. Allotment Risk Assessment

E13 EMERGENCY PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE – (Item 10) -

a. Councillor Membership – Councillors elected members to serve on the Emergency Planning Sub Committee.

RESOLVED – Councillors **D Bowgett, S Cobb, D Mackay & R Sweeting** to serve on the above Committee.

b. Election of Chairman - Members to elect a Chairman

RESOLVED – Councillor **R Sweeting** to be Chairman of the above Committee.

c. Members approved the minutes of the 15 March 2022.

d. Members update of meeting held earlier in the evening. This item was discussed at Minute E3.

E14 TADCASTER VEHICULAR ACTIVATED SIGNS – (Item 11) - Members to discuss a resident's request for Vehicular Activated Signs in the town.

The Clerk reported that a resident had requested the installation of speed signs in the town, they were disappointed that Tadcaster was the only town in the area not to have the facility.

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The Deputy Clerk reported that information and the quotes for VAS signs had been sought. Permission for the attachment of VAS equipment to lampposts would be required from NYCC. Entrances to the town had been advised by a VAS contractor.

P Emmott felt there was not the requirement for VAS signs in the town.

C Metcalfe felt that traffic movements were already restricted in the town by parked cars and could not see the benefit.

Members felt that the introduction of VAS in other towns had been successful.

Following a majority vote members agreed the following: -

RESOLVED - That VAS be installed at York Road, Leeds Road & Wighill Lane.

ACTION –

- **Councillors S Cobb, D Bowgett and P Grasby to liaise regarding the lamp locations for the above VAS and report back to the Clerk.**
- **Clerk to seek quotes for the above VAS**

E15 A64 TADCASTER BAR - INTERCHANGE – (Item 12) - Members to discuss past information received regarding A64 Tadcaster Bar interchange - this item was discussed at Minute 4.

E16 PLAY AREAS – (Item 13) - Members update of Selby District Council refurbishment plans for Parklands Drive and Woodland Avenue Play Areas.

Members would like to see assessable equipment, a skate park area, individual swings along side multi ones.

ACTION – Clerk to relay the above comments to SDC.

E17 ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN TADCASTER – (Item 14) - Members to discuss and agree a way forward for Tadcaster Adult Social Care in Tadcaster.

RESOLVED – This item to be deferred to the Council meeting on 21 June 2022.

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

E18 TOWN CENTRE MARKETS – (Item 15) - Members to discuss a report received from Tadcaster CIC. Members felt that a strong proposal for a was required.

RESOLVED – To defer the item to the next appropriate meeting.

ACTION – C Metcalfe to arrange to meet with D Gluck to discuss a proposal for a Tadcaster Market.

E19 LITTER PICK – (Item 16) -

a. Members to consider a date for a litter pick.

RESOLVED – 17 September 2022 or 24 September 2022

ACTION – Clerk to check the availability of the Scouts etc for the above dates.

b. Members to agree Councillor attendance at a Litter Pick Event.

RESOLVED – Councillors D Bowgett, S Cobb and P Grasby to attend the above.

ACTION – Clerk to contact Councillors to check attendance.

E20 ALLOTMENTS – (Item 17)

a. To discuss any matters relating to the allotments.

The Clerk reported there was no waiting list.

Westfield Allotments were looking good.

The maintenance of some allotments following Termination of Agreements was exceeding the agreed £250. Deposits of £20 was being collected from all new Tenants.

Spraying of vacant allotments was being undertaken.

Members agreed for the maintenance of vacant allotments as required.

b. Members approved the Allotment Tenancy Agreement.

c. Westfield Allotments – Members considered a request for a barbeque/firepit in the communal area during the summer months and a communal shed.

RESOLVED - Members agreed the above request.

The Clerk reported that Tenants at Westfield had created a Facebook page.

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Manure heaps and compost heaps were being investigated.

Quotes for Water were to be sought, tenants had agreed to contribute.

d. Sheds, Polytunnel, Green Houses - members to discuss and agree size requirements for tenant requests.

RESOLVED –

- **Members agreed for standard sheds, Greenhouses and polytunnels to be allowed following formal requests to the Council.**

- **Members agreed retrospective permission for placement of the above at plots at Westfield.**

ACTION – Members to visit the Westfield site.

The Clerk reported that the planting of fruit trees and the placing of a Jubilee Plaque were to be carried out on separated occasions.

E21 WEBSITE, NEWLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 18) - To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Facebook and before the media.

D Bowgett reported that he was awaiting a Mayors photo to be put on the Councils Website.

VAS to be put on the Website as appropriate.

E22 MINOR MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – (Item 19) - to bring to the attention of the meeting, or the Clerk any relevant items of business for the next meeting of the **Environment Committee** 4 October 2022 - None.

To consider exclusion of the press and public by virtue of the Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed at agenda items only.