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MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7 PM IN THE ARK

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	S Cobb
	COUNCILLORS	D Bowgett, P Emmott, P Grasby, D Mackay & K Poskitt.
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	J Chiswick & 4 members of the public

- E45 APOLOGIES – (Item 1)** - To receive, record and approve apologies for absence, C Metcalfe, M Middlemiss, C Stephenson & R Sweeting
- E46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2)** - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda - None.
- E47 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDER – (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.

K Poskitt Joined the meeting.

Residents raised the following: -

- Were buses in Tadcaster to remain the same following Passenger Transports renewal of contracts.
- Bus timetables at bus stops were out of date.

ACTION – Clerk to notify NYCC Passenger Transport.

The Clerk reported that NYCC services were to remain the same in Tadcaster.

- A member of Tadcaster Walkers Are Welcome reported that they had been working hard and had updates for the Council.

S Cobb reported that the group regularly checked footpaths stiles and the figure of 8 walk, any issues were reported to NYCC.

The Riverside Walk leaflets held at the Ark and online were encouraging walking in the town.

The renovation of the Figure of 8 Walk by NYCC had been delayed due to Covid 19, maintenance was now being undertaken.

ACTION –Walkers are Welcome to forward information to the Clerk for circulation to members.

- The placement of boulders across a bridal way on the east of the river was disappointing. It should not be forgotten that there is a Public Right of Way in the area and public access should be provided.

- Would a dog walking route remain along the riverbank should the Eleven Arches Proposal come to fruition.

K Poskitt reported that the public right of way along the riverbank would always be protected. Should the resident have concerns it was suggested that they contact Eleven Arches.

E48 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS (Item 4) -

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- E49 CLERKS REPORT – (Item 5)** - Clerk to update members regarding any environmental matters not itemised on this agenda.
- The Geophysical exploration of Tadcaster Town Council owned land on the Riverside was to take place week commencing 13 February 2023. The works were to include the possible findings of an ancient bridge.
- E50 PLANNING – (Item 6)** - Members to note and comment as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council: -
- a. Planning Applications –**
- 34/22 - Castle Hill House – 30A Westgate - Change of Use –** of two storey outbuilding to holiday accommodation.
- RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the application.**
- 35/22 - St Mary`s Church – Kirkgate - Listed Building Consent –** to replace decaying concrete louvers with timber as specification – (visible not affected – material change only)
- RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the application.**
- 36/22 - 39 Wharfedale Crescent,** Erection of first floor extension onto existing ground floor extension to form a bedroom with ensuite bathroom.
- RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the application.**
- ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly.**
- b. Granted Applications –**
- 29/22 Edgerton Lodge, Edgerton Drive,** Crown lift by 2.5 metres to 1 No Beech tree (T1), removal of 2 lower branches to 1 No Cedar tree (T3), fell 1 No Elderberry tree (T6) and fell and stump grind to 1 No Yew Tree (T2) protected by TPO 7/1978
- E51 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 7)** - for members to note and make comments as required: -
- a. North Yorkshire County Council –** Passenger Bus Transport – Renewal of contracts for supported local bus services from April 2023.
- b. NALC – Draft Parliamentary Briefing / Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill – House of Lords Second Reading, 17 January 2023 –** Members to note the Briefing.
- c. Riverside School –** Members to discuss email received from Riverside School regarding parking issues in the vicinity of the school.
- The Deputy Clerk reported that there had been several previous complaints regarding parking in the vicinity at school peak times. The Tower Rise and Tower Crescent areas were unadopted highway and private land. It had been advised that the School contacts NYCC as the Highways Authority.
- K Poskitt reported that she had also advised the school to contact NYCC and had given the school the landowners/housing developers details.
- Members were sympathetic but felt that the Town Council were unable to provide any further advice, the reply to reiterate previously supplied information.
- ACTION - Clerk to reply to the school to reiterate NYCC and landowner information.**
- d. YLCA –** White Rose Bulletin – 20 January 2023.
- E52 EMERGENCY PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE – (Item 8)** -
- a.** Members approved the minutes of the 4 October 2022.
- b.** Update of meeting held earlier in the evening.
- Members were informed that the meeting had mainly discussed concerns regarding the non-return valve. Yorkshire Water had reported that there may have been a failing in the valve during flooding in January 2023.
- A Multi Agency Meeting had been held on 24 January 2023 where Surface Water Flooding including a site visit of Bridge Street had taken place .
- Yorkshire Water had assured the meeting that improvements would be forthcoming.

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The Clerk had been actioned to contact NYCC to report the ongoing issue of blocked drains in the town.

E53 SURFACE WATER FLOODING – (Item 9) -

a. Yorkshire Water – Members to note and discuss an email regarding Surface Water Flooding in January 2023.

b. Multi Agency Meeting – Members update of meeting on 24 January 2023 to discuss Surface Water Flooding in January 2023 held between Yorkshire Water the Environment Agency, North Yorkshire County Council.

This item was discussed at Minute E52

E54 SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL – (Item 10) -

a. Bus Station – Update of maintenance to the Bus Station.

The Clerk reported that SDC had advised that the plans would be sent to the Town Council in due course.

b. Resident email - recent works in Britannia Car Park & Parklands Play Area.

The Clerk reported that the gateway to the newly refurbished Parklands Play area was unacceptably muddy and access by pram and wheelchair was difficult/impossible during wet weather. An extension to the pathway to include both gates would help alleviate the problem.

ACTION – Clerk to contact SDC to request that an extension of the above gateway area be completed.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

A resident reported that the remaining notice board in the Britannia Car Park was unsightly and asked if the Town Council could take ownership?

The Clerk reported that there could be plans for the notice board in the above bus station plans.

REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS -

c. Tadcaster Town Centre Survey – Members update of the survey carried out by People & Places in 2020.

The Clerk reported that following repeated requests to SDC and emails to the Chief Executive for a copy of the above survey, it had not been received.

P Emmott reported that the survey had been completed prior to Local Planning consultation and felt that the survey and would highlight what was wrong in Tadcaster.

D Bowgett suggested that the Council made a Freedom of Information request to SDC prior to NYC changes in April 2023.

RESOLVED – The Council to make a FOI request to SDC for information on the above survey.

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

E55 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL – (Item 11) -

a. Parish Charter Consultation – Members discussed and consider a reply to the Consultation – 18 January 2023 – 12 April 2023.

K Poskitt reported that details regarding Community Hub Networks were being considered and were ongoing.

D Bowgett reported that intensions were for three Hubs, Selby, Sherburn in Elmet and Tadcaster. Members discussed Boundaries for the Hubs.

D Bowgett reported that a Boundary Review would not be undertaken until the new North Yorkshire Council was in place.

P Emmott was concerned that North Yorkshire Council would be in place in a few weeks and members were unaware of the responsibilities of the three hubs. He felt NYC response times were unacceptable.

K Poskitt reported that NYC were focusing on Locality. All services would continue with the same officers as previously with no expected disruptions. Improvements to services would follow in due course.

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Community Networks were a new initiative and would take time to establish.

The Website and Phone numbers were to change from 1 April 2023. Council Tax was being calculated.

Green Bin payments for the Selby District would be implemented in line with the rest of North Yorkshire.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

A resident reported that in an NYC Consultation in 2022 a map of the Hubs was on display, Tadcaster was not on the map. There had not been any feedback from the Consultation. He felt NYC should be using information and advice from other Unitary Authorities and NYC Consultation should be a Tick Box exercise.

REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS –

K Poskitt agreed that the NYC Consultation had been a token gesture. She was aiming to arrange a meeting with the Head of NYC Hubs in March 2023, she would keep the Council updated.

b. Parish Council Liaison Drop Ins - Members note the Drop In at Selby District Council 27 February 2023 2 – 5pm.

S Cobb agreed to attend the above Drop In and report back to Council.

E56 TADCASTER RURAL CIC – (Item 12) -

a. Tadcaster Market – The First Market was due to take place on March 18th, 2023.

b. Garden at The Barn – Members update of the project and to discuss Councils S106 funding - D Gluck was absent from the meeting.

c. Refugee Support – Members update – K Poskitt reported that the £1000 donated by the Council had been gratefully received. Work was ongoing with NYCC, funding was being used for the placement of unaccompanied children. The Barn was holding learning classes to include Language and Cooking. There would be regular Council updates.

d. TEMPT – Members update see Item 16 below.

Members agreed to discuss Item 16 at this stage of the meeting.

E57 THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING – (Item 16) - Members update of plans for the King Charles III Coronation 6 May 2023.

TEMPT had attended a small Committee meeting to discuss plans for the Coronation. Plans were for events from 6 May 2023 – 8 May 2023. Open Gardens and a Scarecrow Trail were to be investigated. Businesses and residents would be included in the plans, this was felt to fit in with The Kings principles.

Beacons were not to be lit for this occasion.

E58 LITTER BIN/ DOG BIN AND BENCHES SURVEY – (Item 17) - Members discuss and agreed a way forward for a survey of Litter/Dog Bins and benches in the town.

ACTION – The above surveys to be completed by S Cobb & P Grasby.

E59 LITTER PICK – (Item 14) -

a. Members discussed and considered a date for a litter pick.

P Emmott raised concerns regarding the requirement for a DBS for Litter Pick Volunteers in the town.

K Poskitt reported that she supported litter pick volunteers. There was not a requirement for DBS check as volunteers were not working alone with minors.

RESOLVED – Members agreed for a Council Litter Pick on 25 March 2023.

ACTION – Clerk to deal.

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

RESOLVED – Councillors S Cobb, J Chiswick, P Emmott & K Poskitt volunteered to help at the event.

E60 LITTER BIN – (Item 15) - Members discussed and considered a litter/dog bin on York Road.

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The Clerk reported that a resident on York Road had requested a dog fouling sign and dog bin on York Road due to ongoing dog fouling issues. The resident had been advised to contact Selby District Council Dog Warden and to contact TTC in order that they could make SDC aware of any further instances. SDC had been made aware and had arranged a clean of the area.

There were litter bins at York, and Auster Bank bus stops along York Road.

RESOLVED – That a Dog Fouling sign be placed at an appropriate location on York Road, that stencilling on the pavements in the area be undertaken.

- E61 THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING – (Item 16)** - Members update of plans for the King Charles III Coronation 6 May 2023.

This item was discussed at minute 57.

- E62 CHRISTMAS MARKET – (Item 17)** -

a. Members update of plans for Christmas Market on 3 December 2023 plans were on course and ongoing.

b. Members to discuss and agree stall prices 2023.

RESOLVED – Stall and Pitch charges to remain the same for 2023.

c. Members to agree a Market Manager for Christmas Market 2023.

RESOLVED – R Sweeting to be Christmas Market Manager for the 2023 event.

- E63 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS – (Item 18)** - Members update of Christmas Illuminations meeting held on 17 January 2023.

The Clerk reported that a number of new lights had been included for 2023 including the display at St Mary's Church and the enhancement of street light columns in Kirkgate and Westgate.

Some older lighting was nearing end of life this would be expensive to replace, refurbishment was not a cost effective solution.

The working group had discussed the junction of Wetherby Road and Station Road and agreed that the Christmas Tree was expensive and a new feature to include a back drop of lighting on the large conifers and the possible wrapping of trees was being investigated.

Members agreed to the ideas made by the working group.

K Poskitt would like to see the return of the Switch On Event on the weekend of the Christmas Market on the cobbles on Kirkgate. Members were keen for the above event.

SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS -

A resident felt that the plastic barriers around the tree on the cobbles were unsightly.

The Clerk reported that these had been in situ as the tree and associated electrics had been vandalised on several occasions in previous years. The working group would be open to any ideas for improved barriers.

K Poskitt reported that some residents inferred they would make donations to Tadcaster Illuminations.

- E64 ALLOTMENTS – (Item 19)** -

a. To discuss any matters relating to the allotments.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the collection of rent was ongoing and tenants in arrears would be contacted.

b. Water Supply – Members update of a water supply for Councillor Middlemiss Allotments.

The Clerk reported that funding had been received from NYCC and SDC Community Grants and Councillor M Middlemiss. The Council was awaiting an agreement from SDC before work could commence. The work was to hopefully be completed before the summer months.

- E65 WEBSITE, NEWLETTER AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 20)** - To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website, Facebook and before the media – None.

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E66 MINOR MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – (Item 20) - to bring to the attention of the meeting, or the Clerk any relevant items of business for the next meeting of the **Environment Committee**

P Grasby reported that a large Plum Tree had been felled at a house bordering Butchy`s Field he felt the felling could be in relation to development at the site.

He asked if Vehicular Activated Signs for Tadcaster was to be pursued further.

K Poskitt reported that the Council was awaiting a review by North Yorkshire Council.

The Clerk reported that The Council had previously agreed that data evidence would be required.

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.