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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020 AT 7 PM IN THE ARK, KIRKGATE

PRESENT:	CHAIRMAN	M Middlemiss
	COUNCILLORS	S Cobb, D Mackay, C Metcalfe, M Mundy & C Stephenson
	CLERK	J Crowther
	DEPUTY CLERK	J Mottershead
	ALSO PRESENT	D Gluck (TRCIC) & (4 members of the public)

E121 APOLOGIES – (Item 1) - apologies for absence were approved for Councillors D Bowgett, J Chiswick, I Edmondson, F Greig, & R Sweeting.

E122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2) - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda - None

E123 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – (Item 3) - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter as it relates to the town.

- D Gluck asked if SDC were acting on the Regeneration of Tadcaster as he had not received any information from officers.

Councillor C Metcalfe reported that TTC had set up a Working Group to address the issues not addressed by the District Council and to look at future regeneration of the town. He had secured a meeting on 20 January 2020 with SDC Chief Executive to discuss the issues.

- A resident asked if the Crab Garth/Ouston Lane footpath could be cleaned and if the possibilities of resurfacing could be explored.

ACTION – Clerk to report to NYCC.

E124 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS – (Item 4) -

E125 CLERKS REPORT – (Item 5) - Clerk to update members regarding any environmental matters not itemised on this agenda – None

E126 WALKERS ARE WELCOME – (Item 6) - a representative from Walkers are Welcome in attendance to report on the Tadcaster Riverside Walk.

A report "Renovation the Tadcaster Riverside Walk" was circulated to members.

There were 2 main issues regarding the state of the walk which required a solution:-

1. The route was not clearly signed.
2. The footpaths were in a state of disrepair in parts.

Walkers are Welcome was a national scheme which helped to bring visitors to towns and cities. Tadcaster Riverside Walk was messy and unappealing to visitors.

Councillor C Metcalfe thanked Walkers are Welcome for the report.

The Walk was originally commissioned by Selby Groundworks, NYCC and TTC approximately 20 years ago.

He suggested a partnership approach, TTC as the lead and a key funding partner and to include NYCC and Walkers are Welcome.

RESOLVED – A site visit/meeting be arranged with NYCC Footpaths Officer, Walkers are Welcome and TTC to look at feasible ways to improve the route.

ACTION –

- Clerk to deal.
- Councillor C Metcalfe to discuss SDC Growth Funding for Tadcaster with SDC Chief Executive.

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Members agreed to discuss item 18 at this stage in the meeting.

- E127 RIVERSIDE PROJECT – (Item 18)** – The Clerk reported that a reply had not been received from SDC following previous correspondence.
Councillor C Metcalfe reported that he would query the lack of communication at the meeting on 20 January 2020.
- E128 TADCASTER & RURAL COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY – (Item 7) -**
a. Neighbourhood Planning – Update of meeting held on 5 November 2019.
D Gluck reported that a further meeting was to be arranged in the near future.
Outlining villages adjacent to Tadcaster had struggled to agree to be included in the plan, villages could join the plan later.
Potential issues discussed at the meeting included High Street Businesses, sites for housing, heritage of the town and riverside, history of the town and the environment.
- E129 PLANNING – (Item 8) -** Members noted and commented as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council:-
a. Planning Applications –
20/19 - 15 Auster Bank Road – Proposed erection of two and single storey rear extension
RESOLVED – Members had no objection subject to neighbour’s comments.
21/19 – The Jackdaw Stutton Road – Retrospective application for retention of a static caravan.
Members objected to this application for the following reasons:-
RESOLVED - Members objected to this application for the following reasons:-
 - There is no indication in the application as to how long the caravan would stay on the site.
 - It could set a precedent for further static caravans in the town
 - The application could lead to permanent occupancy
 - The caravan is not in keeping and unsightly for the area**22/19 – 19 Fairfield Way** - Proposed two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation.
RESOLVED – Members had no objection subject to neighbour’s comments.
ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly.
b. Granted Applications –
15/19 – 16 Station Estate – Station Road – Retrospective application for erection of a tented structure for the storage of cars.
18/19 – 12 Willow Rise, Tadcaster – Proposed extension to front and rear of the property.
Proposed domestic development front extension and internal alterations.
19/19 – 7 Aspen Way – Application for consent to crown reduce by 30% and crown thin by 20% to 1No Beech tree covered by TPO 2/1984.
- E130 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 9) - members noted and make commented as required:-**
E129.1 Resident email – Speeding concerns Westfield Estate.
The Clerk had advised to complete a NYCC 95 Alive form. Members agreed with the advice.
Members were concerned regarding damaged road surfaces in the Westfield Estate.
ACTION – Clerk to contact NYCC to ascertain if there are plans for resurfacing the Westfield Estate.
E130.2 - YLCA – White Rose Update – December issue
E130.3 - Resident email – Concerns regarding the mobile catering unit adjacent to Tadcaster Bridge.
RESOLVED – Members felt that the mobile catering van was not a negative for the town, but a much needed additional business in Tadcaster.
As the unit was not causing an obstruction and was on private land members had no objection to the siting or presence of the van in the town.
ACTION – Clerk to reply accordingly.

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E130.4 - Resident - Concerns regarding the siting of a bench at Oxtan Lane.

The Clerk reported that a resident had raised concerns regarding youths gathering on the bench, he asked for removal of the bench.

The bench had been requested by walkers in the town. The logical place in the area was adjacent to the Burial Ground. A surplus bench stored behind the Ark had been used. No other concerns had been made to the Council.

ACTION –

- **A resident of Oxtan Lane to survey the area of the bench over a month period and report back to Council.**
- **Councillor D Mackay to ask residents in the area if they are experiencing ASB problems.**
- **Clerk to ask local police to monitor the area.**

E130.5 - Resident email – Small Town High Street Revival – Issues and solutions.

Councillor C Metcalfe felt the Town Council could have no influence on the above issues.

ACTION – Clerk to contact SDC regarding the above and report back with any reply.

E131 CAR PARKING – (Item 10) Members update of parking in the town.

Councillor D Mackay reported that he had received information that by the end of January 2020 Heineken would have a decision regarding future usage of their car park.

Councillor C Stephenson left the meeting.

E132 VIADUCT PRINCIPLE INSPECTION REPORT UPDATE – (Item 11) - Members update of meeting on 9 December 2019.

The Principle Report had shown minimal deterioration since the last survey in 1998.

The two main areas of concern were the deterioration of wooden batons which attached the mesh to the stringcourse and the re pointing of parts of the structure. The Clerk was seeking quotes for the work.

Councillor C Stephenson re-joined the meeting.

Removal of debris and vegetation in the River was also mentioned in the report.

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had informed the Council that it was the property owner's responsibility to carry out the works.

ACTION – Clerk to seek a quote for the removal of debris and vegetation from the river area of the structure.

The Clerk reported that there was a reserve of £107,000 in the Viaduct Reserves and future consideration would be required to replenish reserve.

RESOLVED – Replenishment of the Cemetery Reserve budget be considered by the Committee in due course.

The Clerk reported that the 1998 report had stated that making safe of the stringcourse was required therefore a protective mesh was installed at the time.

Councillor C Metcalfe reported that Planning advice was taken at the time resulting in the action taken by the Council.

The Clerk reported that the report had recommended that a 3 month check of the wooden batons was required, this could be carried out visually.

Members were asked if the Council required a three month inspection.

Councillor M Middlemiss left the meeting.

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RESOLVED – As quotes for the work were being sought the 3 monthly inspections would not be required.

Councillor M Middlemiss re-joined the meeting.

E133 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY – (Item 12) - Members update of the survey.

The Clerk reported that a date had not yet been set for the survey.

ACTION – Clerk to notify members when a date was confirmed.

E134 SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS – (Item 13) - Councillor D Mackay updated members regarding Selby District Council matters as follows:-

- A decision on options for future plans for the old NatWest bank had not yet been agreed.
- New wheelie bins were to be delivered to all households in the district.
- Plans for the future of the Edgerton Lodge site were ongoing.

E135 CLIMATE CHANGE – (Item 14) - Members discussed ways the Council can help with Climate change.

Councillor C Metcalfe felt that the SDC Corporate Plan should include plans to reduce CO2 and look at ways to help climate change as a priority.

TTC should be looking at ways it could reduce its carbon footprint.

Councillor D Mackay was concerned that 2 trees had been felled on the entrance to Station Industrial Estate and was unsure if they had a TPO.

ACTION – Clerk to check with SDC to ascertain if the felled trees had TPOs.

RESOLVED – To contact SDC Chief Executive to ascertain Selby District Councils Policies and Strategies on Climate Change, and if there were plans for this to be included as a priority in the Corporate Plan.

ACTION – Clerk to deal

E136 CHRISTMAS MARKET – (Item 15) - Members discussed plans for 2020.

RESOLVED:-

- Councillor R Sweeting to be Lead Councillor for the 2020 event.
- That the Stall and Pitch prices remain the same as 2019.
- The date for the 2020 event to be 29 November 2020

E137 LITTER PICK 2020 – (Item 16) - Members discussed a date for the 2020 Litter Pick.

Members were asked if they would like to volunteer on the day, Councillors S Cobb, M Middlemiss & C Stephenson volunteered.

RESOLVED – The litter pick be held on 28 March 2020

ACTION –

- Clerk to deal
- Clerk to notify TGS Youth Parliament Councillor of the date.

E138 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 17) -Members noted the following:-

E137.1 - Update of Environment Agency matters in Tadcaster.

E137.2 - Update of Methane Gas Investigation works on Tadcaster Town Council owned land adjacent to Wetherby Road.

The Clerk reported that an Environment Agency representative have offered to attend a meeting to update members if required.

Members felt this would only be necessary if the agency had something specific to report.

E139 RIVERSIDE PROJECT – (Item 18) - Members update. This item was discussed at minute E127.

E140 BENCHES AND BINS – (Item 19) - Members discussed Councillors to complete the Audits.

ACTION - Councillor C Stephenson to carry out the above audit.

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- E141 PLANTING – (Item 20)** - Update - The Clerk reported that planter's at Glen Goodman corner were to be cleared in better weather.

The contractor had offered the Council the chance to purchase 3000 surplus show bulbs at a reduced cost.

RESOLVED – a recommendation for the following be taken to the Council meeting on 11 February 2020.

- Purchase of the above bulbs
- That the cost be spread over Environment headings, or from the Council Reserves.

ACTION – Clerk to deal

- E142 PHONE KIOSK – (Item 21)** - Members update of the kiosks at:-

- **Stutton Road** - The Clerk reported that TTC had no objection to the removal of the kiosk but SDC had opposed the removal as advised by SDC legal department.
- **Kirkgate** – Due to the high use for emergency calls SDC had objected to the removal of the Kiosk. The Kiosk was in a bad state of repair, SDC Planning Enforcement Team were looking into refurbishment.

- E143 ALLOTMENTS – (Item 22)** - To discuss any matters relating to the allotments.

The Clerk reported that 2 plots at Westfield were due to be rotavated and re let.

- E144 FINANCE – Payment of Accounts – (Item 23)** - Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule to be circulated at the meeting.

			NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	9341	Selby District Council	21.00	0	21.00
2	9342	Signfactors	116.60	23.32	139.92
3	9343	Amey	283.63	56.73	340.36
4	9344	Living Landscapes	161.50	0	161.50
5	9345	Julian Hall	26.25	0	26.25
6	9346	Viking			54.28
7	9347	Administration	72.45	0	72.45
8	9348	Administration	184.50	0	184.50
9	9349	Pullan Landscapes	180.00	36.00	216.80
10	9350 – 9354	Administration	5227.58	0	5227.58
11	9355	Julian Hall	41.25	0	41.25
12	9356	B K Parnaby & Sons	1800.00	360.00	2160.00
13	9357	B K Parnaby & Sons	1800.00	360.00	2160.00
14	9358	B K Parnaby & Sons	4744.00	948.80	5692.80
15	9359	B K Parnaby & Sons	2425.50	485.10	2910.60

Direct Debits

		Date	NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	BT	2.01.20	336.95	67.39	404.34
2	Npower	23.12.19	1991.11	398.22	2389.33

- E145 TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – (Item 24)** - suggestions for the next Newsletter: Litter Pick.

- E146 WEBSITE AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 25)** - To suggest appropriate matters from this meeting to place on the website and before the media. Litter Pick.

- E147 MINOR MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – (Item 26)** - Councillor C Stephenson reported that a Lottery Funding application for VE DAY 75 Celebration had been submitted and a reply was due by the end of January. A proposal for £1000 had been accepted.

- E150 RESOLVED –**

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- That the items discussed in Part II be now ratified and approved
- That members of the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting