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MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7 PM IN THE ARK, KIRKGATE

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

- E151 APOLOGIES – (Item 1)** - apologies for absence were approved for Councillors J Chiswick, I Edmondson, C Metcalfe & R Sweeting.
- E152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – (Item 2)** - To receive and record declarations of interest at this point or at any other point on the agenda - None
- E153 PUBLIC SESSION – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – (Item 3)** - To allow members of the public to speak on any matter as it relates to the town – None
- E154 REIMPOSE STANDING ORDERS – (Item 4)** - None
- E155 CLERKS REPORT – (Item 5)** - Clerk to update members regarding any environmental matters not itemised on this agenda – None
- E156 PLANNING – (Item 6)** - Members noted and commented as required on the following applications received from Selby District Council:-
- a. Planning Applications –**
 - 28/19 - East Wing Highfield Inholmes Lane** – Application for consent to carry out reduction by 1m to 1no Horse Chestnut (T1) and to crown reduce canopy by 3m to 1no Beech (T2) covered by TPO 26/1990
 - RESOLVED – Members had no objection to the above application.**
 - ACTION – Clerk to reply to SDC accordingly**
 - b. Granted Applications –**
 - 14/19 - 16 Manor Road** – Proposed raised roof loft conversion and first floor side extension.
 - 21/19 - The Jackdaw Inn – Stutton Road** – Retrospective application for retention of a static caravan.
 - 22/19 - 19 Fairfield Way** – Proposed two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation
- E157 CORRESPONDENCE – (Item 7)** -
- E157.1 - For members to note and make comments as required:-**
- a.** Residents request for the leasing of Tadcaster Town Council Viaduct Embankment land.
ACTION – Clerk to survey the above site and report back to the next Environment Committee meeting.
 - b.** Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – White Rose Update - Members noted the 17 February update.
 - c.** North Yorkshire County Council – Consultation on a new policy on Developer Contributions for Education – Members to discuss and agree a reply. Closing date 1 April 2020.
RESOLVED – Members to reply individually to the above consultation.
 - d.** Churches Together in Tadcaster – Notice of Procession of Witness in Tadcaster 10 April 2020. Councillors D Mackay and D Bowgett to carry out the road closure for the above event.

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C157.2 – Correspondence tabled at the meeting

a. AGE UK – Letter of thanks for Grant Aid Funding.

- E158 CAR PARKING – (Item 8)** - Members update of parking in the town.
Councillor D Mackay reported that he had made contact with a local business regarding the Parking problems. He suggested that the Council sent a letter to the Head Quarters of the relevant business to explain the car parking problems in an effort to resolve the situation.
- E159 TADCASTER RIVERSIDE WALK – (Item 9)** - Members update of site visit meeting regarding maintenance of the Riverside Walk on 20 February 2020.
Councillor Cobb reported that NYCC were willing to work with the Town Council and Walkers are Welcome to improve parts of the circular walk. From a Right of Way perspective Whilst NYCC were satisfied with the standard of the route, however it was understood why improvements would be a benefit.
The two main areas all parties agreed to concentrate on improving were:-
- **The way marking and sign posting along the route.** The design of signage was to be agreed with Walkers are Welcome.
 - **The surfacing of the Riverside section from Britannia car park/bus station to the A64 kissing gate.** Members agreed that it would be worth waiting to ascertain how this section would be affected by the Environment Agency’s Future Flood Defence plans.
Arrangements had been made for removal of fallen trees along the route.
- E160 RIVERSIDE SURVEY – (Item 10)** - Members update of the Gradiometer Survey carried out on the “Applegarth” field North of the Castle Site and Resistivity Survey of Town Council Land on the Riverside. A report was circulated to members.
The Clerk reported that a date was still to be set for the Geophysical Survey.
ACTION – Clerk to inform members of the above date when set.
- E161 CLIMATE CHANGE – (Item 11)** - Members update of request for information from Selby District Council regarding Policies and Strategies on Climate Change.
The Clerk reported that a reply had not received.
ACTION – Clerk to chase a reply.
- E162 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY – (Item 12)** - Members update of Methane Gas Investigation works on Tadcaster Town Council owned land adjacent to Wetherby Road.
The Clerk informed members that there was nothing to report at present and any information received would be circulated to members.
- E163 LITTER PICK 2020 – (Item 13)** – Councillors S Cobb, M Middlemiss, C Stephenson & F Greig volunteered to help at the Litter Pick on 28 March 2020.
- E164 VE DAY – (Item 14)** - Members update of the 10 May 2020 VE Day 75 event.
The Clerk reported that approximately ½ the stalls and pitches had been taken.
The theme was 1940s, a band was to play in a marquee outside the church, Minster FM were to air throughout the event, Tadcaster Fire Station had agreed for a fire engine to be on site for members of the public to look around and games were to be organised.
Proceeds from the games were to be donated to charity, members suggested The British Legion.
RESOLVED - Proceeds collected at the event be donated to The British Legion.
ACTION – Councillor D Bowgett to arrange the necessary licence for a charity collection on the day.
Union Jack flags were to be placed outside shops.
The Clerk reported that the Councils cost for the event was likely to exceed the allocated 2K budget and suggested that the income received be used to for any excess event costs.
RESOLVED – That the income be used for excess event costs as required.
ACTION – Clerk to deal.

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Councillor D Mackay reported that he would look into using some NYCC Community funding for the event.

E165 RIVERSIDE PROJECT – (Item 15) - Members update.

The Clerk reported that there had been no response to an email sent on 19 February 2020. Members were disappointed at the lack of a response.

ACTION – Clerk to chase.

E166 BENCH OUSTON LANE – (Item 16) - Members update of the usage of a bench on Ouston Lane.

Councillor M Middlemiss reported that she had received information from a resident regarding vandalism to a drain cover in the Ouston Lane area.

Councillor D Mackay reported that he had visited the resident. The above incident had been reported to the police. He felt that the bench should be removed on anti-social behaviour grounds.

RESOLVED – That the bench be surveyed over the summer months

ACTION – Clerk to deal

E167 BENCHES AND BINS – (Item 17) - Members were informed that the audit was to be completed and brought back to the next appropriate meeting.

E168 PLANTING – (Item 18) -

a. Update of Planting in the town. The Clerk reported that bulb planting in the town was ongoing.

b. Glen Goodman Corner – Members discussed a way forward for the area.

RESOLVED – That no further action be taken at the above area.

E169 TELEPHONE KIOSK – (Item 19) - Members update of the kiosks at Kirkgate and Stutton Road.

The Clerk reported that SDC had agreed to the recommendation for the removal by BT of the kiosk at Stutton Road.

The kiosk on Kirkgate was to remain on site due to high usage rates.

E170 EMERGENCY PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE – (Item 20) -

a. Members approved the minutes of the EPSC meeting on 12 November 2019.

b. Members update of a meeting held earlier in the evening.

Councillor Cobb reported that TFAG were to meet with the Environment Agency to discuss the recent high river water levels.

A member of Tadcaster Flood Prevention Group was to arrange a site visit to the Washburn Valley to gain a better understanding of reservoirs systems in the area.

E171 ALLOTMENTS – (Item 21) - To discuss any matters relating to the allotments - none.

E172 FINANCE – (Item 22) - Payment of Accounts – Three Councillors approved and signed the cheques and stubs. Schedule circulated at the meeting:-

			NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	9380	Tadcaster Community Swimming Pool	120.00	0	120.00
2	9381	Darren Simpson Cleaning	120.00	0	120.00
3	9382	Petty Cash	67.89	0	67.89

Direct Debits

		Date	NET	VAT	TOTAL
1	Business Stream Scottish Water	27.02.2020			10.91

E173 TADCASTER TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – (Item 23) – Members put forward suggestions for the next Newsletter from this meeting – None

E174 WEBSITE AND MEDIA ITEMS – (Item 24) - None

E175 MINOR MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – (Item 25) - - None