



Howden Town Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday February 8th 2022 at 7.15pm at the Shire Hall Howden.

Present: Councillors Drury, Morris, Hart, Roberts, Howard

Clerk: S Hardcastle

Chair: Councillor Drury

2022-01-AM: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies were received from Councillor Chiswell. Accepted.

2022-02-AM: Declaration of Interest –

2022-02.1-AM Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

None

2022-02.2-AM For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

2022-03-AM: Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday November 11th 2021 – to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday November 11th were agreed and approved as a true record.

2022-04-AM: Derwent Park. To receive an update from the Clerk and make any recommendations to Council.

The Clerk reported that reported anti-social behaviour had not been as bad during the winter months. The Anti-Social Behavioural team at ERYC had responded to the Clerk's email and it was suggested the Clerk get back in touch with them and ask their advice on provisions moving forwards. Councillor Drury noted the bins were in a state of disrepair and it was agreed to look at some vandal-proof alternatives. The bench in the play area has been vandalised and becoming dangerous. Agreed to ask the handyman to remove the bench if safe to do so.

2022-05-AM: Howden Marsh LNR. To receive an update from the Clerk and make any recommendations to Council.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting the tree works on the Marsh have been completed. Councillor Roberts confirmed there is already regrowth and bird life has increased hugely due to the new habitat. Agreed that some branches around the boardwalk need cutting back and a working party to agree a date to do this work. Councillor Drury noted that on his site visit to the Marsh there were piles of old wood left on the picnic area. Investigations to be made as to who has left these and request be made to move them. Councillor Howard noted the comments on social media regarding works on the Marsh. Even though it was advertised in advance it was felt a more visual approach may be a way to reach more people. Agreed that he would facilitate a video for social media when works are to be undertaken giving Councillors a chance to explain what is happening and try and reach more people in a more



pro-active way. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Roberts for fixing and updating the information boards at the entrances to the Marsh. Councillor Roberts spoke about the possibility of land at the north of the Marsh coming up for sale. Committee agreed in principle for Councillor Roberts to investigate this further in respect of extending the Marsh. Councillor Roberts to report back at a later meeting.

2022-06-AM: Streets and Amenities. To receive an update from the Clerk and to agree any short or long-term actions.

Agreed the 'chatty bench' would be installed on the Market Cross soon. This would then be advertised to residents. Agreed to purchase a new cleaning barrow for the road sweeper following his request. The Clerk will work with him to ensure it is fit for purpose and as per financial regulations will purchase this if it comes in under £500. Councillor Drury noted some trees need cutting back on the open space at Shelford Avenue. Agreed to facilitate this within Committee.

2022-07-AM: Site Safety Sheets. To receive a report from the Clerk and agree any actions.

The Clerk thanked members of the Committee for completing these sheets regularly and reiterated the importance of them for insurance reasons.

2022-08-AM: Litter Picks. To discuss requested Howden Litter Picks and agree any actions.

Noted the Howden Ladies group had started a series of litter picks. Agreed to write to them to thank them and rather than double up dates to look at further dates for a Council led one at a future meeting.

2022-09-AM: Correspondence.

The Chair reported a conversation had taken place with the Commuted Sums team at ERYC. No funds are available through S106 money yet but members to start thinking of what could potentially be applied for. Noted these funds are ringfenced for children/sports provision.

2022-10-AM: In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 a motion to be passed to exclude members of the public and press due to the confidential nature of the following agenda item.

Motion passed.

2022-11-AM: Changing Places. To receive tender document report and tenders received. To agree approved contractor and recommend to Council.

No decision was made on a contractor. Agreed to ask further questions of Company B and look at the option of further grants should the Central Government grant applied for through ERYC not come to fruition. The Clerk to feedback as and when she receives information and an extra Committee meeting be called if needs be.

2022-12-AM: In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 a motion to be passed to allow members of the public and press.

Motion passed.

2022-13-AM: Date of Next Meeting: TBC.



The meeting closed at 8.58pm.