

Humbleton & Flinton Parish Newsletter

March 2018

Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting was held on 22 February at Maple Garage at 7pm, with no residents in attendance.

The minutes are on the website as part of the transparency regulations but the highlights are mentioned below:

Maintenance – the railings near the west entrance of Humbleton are to be repaired but probably in the next financial year (by ERYC after 1 April).

Flinton defib – ERYC are to provide a quote for fitting.

Heron's Trust – no update as yet.

Rathlin – no update as yet.

Police reports / neighbourhood watch – nothing significant has been reported in our parish, however surrounding villages are experiencing an increasing number of thefts involving white vans and scrap. There has been more recently a blue van going through the village peering down driveways - please be aware and report to the police if anyone is acting suspiciously – try to note their vehicle registration too.

Planter at south end of the village – two residents have kindly offered to help with the footings of the planter so hopefully this can be in place for spring planting.

The finance report, previously circulated, was discussed and payments approved as follows: Clerk salary (£300); HMRC £75. Payments made and retrospectively approved were Addplant £96 for toilet hire for the Christmas event; J Mckee £157.12 for repairing the Humbleton noticeboard; LCM Property £78 for repairing the benches in Humbleton; The Marvell College for printing newsletters £10.90 and Vanessa Nolan £180 for reimbursing the purchase of the Christmas vouchers.

Planning application – no update to date.

AOB – dog fouling is an increasing problem; parking at The Green also an issue with residents not being considerate – there is room for 13 vehicles; concerns were raised about the hedge cutting and the waste ending up on the roads resulting in regular punctures for residents;

The next meeting is 24 May 2018 at Maple Garage at with the AGM starting at 7pm.

Pot Holes

Please keep reporting either to the Clerk or directly to ERYC about the number of pot holes – ERYC usually are quick to repair them, but you will all see the increasing number of pot holes on all the roads not just in our parish. It is not just the pot holes in the road, but the 'gullies' alongside the road are problems too. Be careful when trying to avoid pot holes and the oncoming traffic that you don't hit a gully and damage your car / tyre / alloy etc – it can be an expensive repair! However the more reports, then ERYC have to take it more seriously.

NHS – Changes to Urgent Treatment Services

From Wednesday 4th April 2018, if you have a minor injury the place to go is changing. Three new Urgent Treatment Centres are opening in Beverley, Bridlington & Goole, along with two 8-to-8 Centres in Driffield and Withernsea. These new services are replacing the Minor Injury Units in Bridlington, Beverley, Driffield, Goole, Hornsea and Withernsea.

If you have an urgent injury that is not serious, life or limb threatening, then your nearest Urgent Treatment Centre or 8-to-8 Centre can provide assessment, advice and/or treatment.

You can walk into an Urgent Treatment Centre.

However you do need to book an 8-to-8 appointment by ringing NHS 111.

Dog Fouling

Once again this is an increasing problem – not only are owners failing to clear up after their pet on the recreation field – imagine if you had to play rugby or football and fell over near the goalposts right into a pile of dog poo – you would not be happy and given the health risks it can cause – blindness especially to children is just one side effect. Would you think that was acceptable if it was you?

As a village we use the recreation field on Sports Day, but if residents fail to clean up after their pets then there is a risk that the Sports Day would have to be cancelled – this is a drastic move but it would be irresponsible for us to hold such an event on such a risky area of land if it continues to be treated as a dog's toilet.

The field alongside the recreation field is private land, and the landowner has kindly allowed dog owners to walk their dogs on it, but it is on the condition that the dog poo is picked up – at the moment you cannot walk anywhere without walking in the poo that has not been picked up. This also means those walking their dogs are then walking the dog poo home on their shoes / boots and either onto the road or the footpaths – so spreading the muck further.

Someone in the village with a small white terrier-type of dog is walking their dog near the church in the mistaken belief that letting their dog foul near the church and the vicarage is acceptable – IT IS NOT! It is **NOT** acceptable to let your dog foul anywhere and then not clear it up!! This has been reported to the dog warden for them to take up with the person concerned.

Fly Tipping

If you drive around our parish you will have seen the increase in the amount of fly tipping from general waste, to sofas and gas bottles. This seems to be a problem in society generally with people thinking it is acceptable to dump their waste on someone else's land out of sight.

If you see any fly tipping, please report it to ERYC promptly so that it can be cleared up. If you manage to witness anyone actually dumping rubbish – do not approach nor challenge them – instead if you can get a registration plate and either report it to ERYC or pass to any of the councillors, the clerk or Chris Wilkinson (who is the parish's resident fly tipping point of contact) ERYC will hopefully catch the culprit.

ERYC have confirmed that recently they have tracked down two individuals who had been dumping waste around our parish resulting in a warning. So if we want it to stop – please report it – the small lane from Aldbrough Road to Flinton seems to be a new spot for rubbish dumping as very little traffic goes down so they are unlikely to be witnessed.

Broadband

This continues to be a source of irritation – whilst Humbleton supposedly has 'superfast' broadband Flinton plans are still waiting to be evaluated.

It is strange how some residents in Humbleton are told they cannot access superfast broadband, whilst their neighbours on either side have upgraded. Several residents in Humbleton are complaining to BT about the speed and reliability of the 'superfast' broadband. Part of the problem is that whilst the cables to the main cabinet (near Springfields) have been updated, the cables from the cabinet to individual properties have not been updated.

It was reported in the rural services network a few weeks ago that CofE churches are working with the government to use spires to boost broadband connectivity.

As a rural community and as part of the community plan includes broadband as a key issue, we should be exploring ways of improving our broadband – maybe this is one way. Whilst it is still recent news it is worth exploring how we can benefit.

Notes from St Peter's

It was great to have the Archbishop at the Village Lighting of the Christmas tree Evening and he thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone especially the children. He also enjoyed his beefburger! During the run up to Christmas the Memory Tree in church raised £20 for Dove House.

The next celebration will be at Easter when communion will take place at 10am on 1st April. Service time have changed slightly at Humbleton with services now taking place on the first and third Sunday in the month at 10 am. The church itself will be open on Sunday afternoons wherever possible during the summer months.

Improving the building for community use

Following a bequest towards the installation of a sound system, St Peter's is hoping to install a sound system with loop for the hard of hearing in the near future. We will need to apply for funding to cover the whole costs. We also need to apply for funding towards the installation of a toilet and small kitchen area in church. All these innovations will make the church much more accessible for community use. Any help with fundraising or grant applications would be very welcome as the church's income does not stretch much beyond high insurance and heating costs.

Royal Wedding Celebration

There will be a Royal Wedding celebration on Saturday May 26th from 1pm onwards in church. There will be the usual teas and stalls as well as a royal themed fancy dress competition for children. All weddings are important so we would be happy to borrow photos of family weddings (particularly those held at St Peter's) for the day as well as bridal outfits.

Elvis

We are hoping to tempt Elvis from Memphis in the autumn – so watch out for a date for a not to be missed night.

Plastic Challenge

What is your reaction to the amount of plastic we use each day – are you trying to reduce the amount of plastic you use daily in packaging etc. Have you thought about using the local milkman to order your milk which is delivered in bottles three times a week – see <http://www.milkandmore.co.uk/home>? You can manage your account online and change your order very easily. You can also order loads of other groceries if you forget to buy something and don't want to pop out.

Calendar of Events

Thursday 24 May
Saturday 26 May
Sunday 29 July

AGM and Parish Council Meeting
Royal Wedding Celebration in St Peter's
Family Fun Day on Recreation Field

Please check the website as the Parish Council meetings can change date.

Our spring countryside by Harry Buck

I am writing these notes just when the snow has cleared from our area, what has gone is well rid off!

Some of the field crops have suffered from the severe frosts, most will get over this damage as we get the spring like weather, ground conditions are poor for getting fertilizer applied, but things will improve given time.

One interesting thing I noticed about ten days before we got the severe weather was several big flocks of wild geese flying low on a few days – I mentioned this to a senior person who it was a sign of snow to come. I often wonder are there weather signs that we may have lost sight of.

I am pleased to say I have got back in the garden a pair of thrushes who I think will be breeding nearby. For four years there has been thrushes come back to the garden each spring – also a pair of French Partridges are here, showing interest in nesting in the garden as they did last year.

Just along the woodland two Buzzards are spending a lot of time flying over and across the tree tops – are they looking to nest nearby?

It's good to see lots of snowdrops flowering very well – soon after they finish flowering is a good time to divide big clumps to increase the crop for future years.

Let's now hope we get a good summer, soon we should be looking for the returning swallows!

Keep well, Keep laughing

Neighbourhood Alert

Fake "Phishing" emails that look genuine are causing people in our area to fall victim to scammers. Scam Emails branded to look like they are from Banks, HMIC and the DVLA are some of the most common seen in our area. If it doesn't look genuine it probably isn't.

False claims of Telephone Preference Service:

Fraudsters are cold-calling victims, falsely stating that they are calling from one of the well-known UK telecommunication service providers. They call victims claiming to provide a 'Telephone Preference Service' - an enhanced call-barring service, which includes barring international call centres.

The fraudsters ask victims to confirm/provide their bank account details, informing them that there is a one-off charge for the service. Victims instead see monthly debits deducted from their accounts, which they have not authorised. The fraudsters often target elderly victims.

In all instances, direct debits are set up without following proper procedure. The victim is not sent written confirmation of the direct debit instruction, which is supposed to be sent within three days.

On occasions when victims attempted to call back, the telephone number provided by the fraudster was either unable to be reached or the victim's direct debit cancellation request was refused. In 2017 there were 493 Action Fraud Reports relating to this specific fraud.



If anyone has any events or information to add for future issues – let Vanessa know.

Website: <http://humbletonparishcouncil.eastriding.gov.uk/>