

MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023,

Held at Maple Garage, Flinton

18.63 Present: Councillors: F Caley; H Stannard, C Scott, L Brazier & H Jackson

Apologies : C Scott, J Burton

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: None

Non-residents: None

18.64 Public Forum

None

18.65 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Caley declared an interest in Rathlin and Heron's Trust.

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in council owned land in Flinton.

18.66 Matters Arising

- Vandalism – Cricket screen and the netting has been damaged. The cricket green has also been damaged by electric scooters.
- Potholes – near Manor Farm again – clerk to report; sewerage smells again near Orchard Cottage especially when lots of rain – clerk to report.
- Police reports - main issue locally is making off without payment for fuel at garages.
- Maintenance schedule – ivy on bus shelters to be removed – clerk to organise.
- King's Coronation – bench arrived, waiting for suitable place to locate. Clerk to discuss with ERYC following June walkabout and the rotten bench on The Green.
- Village walkabout completed – rotten bench on The Green identified, unlikely to be replaced, some highways issues identified, but little which could be rectified by the Street Team. Any additional items identified post walkabout have been logged on the portal.
- Risk register – updated and reviewed.
- Insurance renewal – waiting for quotes from our broker, noted that the damage to the bus shelter may affect our premium. RESOLVED Clerk to progress with reasonable quote for renewal.
- Insurance claim – awaiting an update from the claims – RESOLVED not to rebuild the shelter and instead take the insurance monies – the shelter has been knocked down 3 times in recent years and to move it involves planning applications and expense, when it is rarely used.

- Christmas gifts – the list was circulated prior to the meeting. RESOLVED to purchase 5 x coal for those still wanting and the rest £15 gift voucher (per household) for local business. Agreed to contact residents this year and see if we continue this tradition.
- Bridle path Humbleton to Elstronwick – clerk to contact ERYC and see if there is any way forward.
- Christmas light switch on 25th November, all welcome – RESOLVED to purchase the beer for the event, which will be held in the Church.

18.67 Correspondence

None

18.68 Accounts

a) Approved the following payments:

Information Commission - £35.00

Great Newsome Brewery £120.27

Vanessa Nolan £385.00

ERYC Street lighting SLA on The Green £62.09

A J Gallagher – insurance renewal £549.88

b) Bank balance - £6,934.73.

c) Updated financial report for 23/24 was circulated prior to the meeting.

d) Budget for 24/25 circulated prior to the meeting, was discussed, and RESOLVED to maintain the precept at the same level £2,725.00. Clerk to submit appropriate paperwork.

e) Burial fees – RESOLVED to increase fees as per the schedule provided.

18.69 Planning

a) Biomass – updated application had been received for a slightly smaller waste area and RESOLVED to object to the application as the issues remain as our previous comments – including transport issues, employment creation, tree planting, greenwashing, issues with Solar21 and its future to support, lack of power generation to date.

b) Barn conversion in Flinton – updates were on the planning portal, but nothing received to date.

c) Manor Farm, Humbleton – no update received to date.

18.70 Any Other Business

None

18.71 Date of next meeting

Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7pm.