

MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

14.69 Present: Councillors: J Burton (JB) (Chair); L Brazier (LB); H Jackson (HJ); J Hart (JH) & H Stannard (HS)

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: One

Non-residents: One

Apologies: F Caley (FC) & N Broughton (NB)

14.70 Public Forum

Concerns were raised about the children in the village pulling dog waste bags out of the bins near The Green and throwing them at each other and vehicles – this is a health hazard. A warning is to be put into the newsletter to parents.

14.71 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Heron's trust as trustees.

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land.

14.72 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 May and the AGM held on 26 May 2016 be signed as a true record – proposed JH, seconded HS.

14.73 Matters arising:

- a) i) Highway & Street Services issues – MUGA corner still an issue with the erosion on the corner, raised on walkabout with our new contact Ruth Wilson. We have yet to receive the report from the walkabout but feedback from JH and LB was that the walkabout was very thorough.
- ii) 'Trod' from the Old School – the state of the 'trod' is still concerning and was been raised again during the walkabout.
- iii) Ivy on the Humbleton bus shelter – the ivy appears dead, but some damage has occurred to the bus shelter – the Clerk is working with local contractor to repair. The clearance of the hedge which was threatening to overcome the Flinton bus shelter has now been cut back significantly by the landowner, however this has identified the poor state of the roof on the bus shelter. Clerk to discuss with local contractor to repair and fix.

- iv) Clerk has raised concerns to ERYC about the state of the trees at the west entrance to the village, with the tree falling down last autumn and the amount of ivy on the trees. These trees are ERYC responsibility. This was to be added to the walkabout.
 - v) Planter at south entrance to the village – HJ is discussing the site with the local farmer to ensure no concerns.
 - vi) Bridge near the Church – workmen been working round there recently- Clerk to follow up about strengthening works?
 - vii) Walkabout – very thorough walkabout occurred – identified issues included litterbins, repainting markings on the road and some of the signage to be repaired. Full report to be circulated when received by Clerk.
- b) Parish Clock – no change.
 - c) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – new neighbourhood signs for both villages from ERYC – awaiting response. Nothing significant noted from police reports. It was noted that Flinton had had a spell of burglaries in recent weeks.
 - d) Maintenance schedule – weeds in church – clerk to follow up with heavy duty clearing; trees on Flinton land, clerk to follow up.
 - e) Friends of Humbleton – Family Fun Day held on 17th July, it was well supported and was a great afternoon. The next event will be the Christmas light switch on 3rd December at St Peter’s Church.
 - f) Heron’s Trust – it was noted that Lisa Brazier had resigned as trustee. The Chair of Heron’s Trust had not requested a replacement yet, however the Clerk to request a copy of the constitution so that the Parish Council can consider who to appoint as their third person.
 - g) West Newton & Rathlin Energy – last meeting held 21st June, Environment Agency permits approved.
 - h) Phone box – the clerk submitted a grant application to Withernwick Wind Farm, and was successful in obtaining an 80% fund contribution. The funds have been received in our bank account, and the defib ordered and received. We were currently awaiting an installation date by ERYC. Phil Stannard had been painting the phone box, which looks great – thanks to Phil Stannard.
 - i) Flinton land lease agreement – c/f with FC.
 - j) Suggestion box – when the defib is installed, this will be fitted.
 - k) Community Plan – the next meeting is planned on 6 September to discuss the feedback to date and to plan the Halloween event.
 - l) Flinton post box verge – this has now been completed and is a significant improvement.
 - m) Flinton street lighting – clerk had contacted ERYC and read out the response, it was also raised on the walk about as only some lights had been upgraded. The clerk is following this up with the ERYC lighting team and the Street Services team. It was concerning that the lights are on the

opposite side of the road than the footpath, and with the reduction in light glow means the footpath is less well lit.

14.74 Correspondence

- Bus services consultation has been going on over the past few weeks, it was concerning to note that the return bus from town was to be amended so that it did not come through Humbleton itself but run only along the main road from Sproatley to Aldbrough – this means we effectively lose a bus service. Few residents had attended the mobile drop in session despite flyers being dropped, this could be due to the timing of the visit – Thursday lunchtime.
- We had received a letter about the Great British Spring Clean for 2017 – clerk to include details in the newsletter to see if any support from the residents.

14.75 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for fee & expenses £246.45 (including paper and print cartridges for Community plan); HMRC £50 for PAYE and WEL Supplies £1,524.00 for the defibrillator.
- b) Payments already made and approved retrospectively – to Andrew Marvell College for printing memorial service sheets £12.98, Andrew Marvell College for newsletters £16.80, Supplies for 2 litter pickers £26.26, and Andrew Marvell College for printing £3.84 and £5.11 for community development printing.
- c) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting.
- d) Bank reconciliation presented – £5,662.32 Lloyds and £1,816.78 NSI. The bank balance looking very healthy but largely due to the receipt for the defibrillator grant which has yet to be paid out. The clerk noted that a Transparency Grant had been applied for and we received £300 since the last meeting.

14.76 Planning

No updates.

14.77 Any Other Business

- Benches in the village – it was noted during the walk about that the benches in both villages needed work – these are our responsibility – Clerk to organise repair.
- Bus shelter in Flinton, now that the hedge has been cut back by the landowner it has shown the poor state of the roof – Clerk to organise repair.
- Flinton noticeboard is in a very poor stated of repair and McKee had provided a quote for its replacement £362.32 – it was RESOLVED that the Clerk organise its replacement.

- The Christmas Tree needs straightening – Clerk to raise with suitable supplier.
- Danthorpe Road – the road has sunk and is considered dangerous – Clerk to raise with ERYC Highways.
- Bridle path from Lelley to Sproatley – concerns were raised as it is very overgrown – Clerk is to raise with ERYC.
- Clerk’s salary was discussed, after the clerk had left the room. It was RESOLVED that the clerk’s salary be increased to £1,500 pa, ie £375 per quarter.

14.78 Date of next meeting

Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.