

## MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

15.77 Present: Councillors: J Burton (JB) (Chair); L Brazier (LB); H Jackson (HJ) & J Hart (JH)  
Apologies: F Caley (FC); N Broughton (NB); H Stannard (HS)  
Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan  
Residents: Two  
Non-residents: One

### 15.78 Public Forum

Concern was raised about the thefts within the village from the council house being done up by the council. It was noted that it had been included in the newsletter. If anyone knows of any information that they are willing to share with the authorities, then please see the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

The footpath from Sproatley to Lelley was also discussed, it was good to hear that Sproatley Parish Council had cut back the overgrown shrubbery, however it was noted that this would be in future ERYC responsibility and as access was an issue, this may be a short-lived resolution.

### 15.79 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land.

### 15.80 Election of Officers

Councillor Francis Caley was elected as Chair, with Councillor John Burton elected as Vice-Chair.

### 15.81 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting and AGM held on 25 May 2017 be signed as a true record – proposed JH, seconded HJ.

### 15.82 Matters arising:

#### a) Highway & Street Services issues –

i) walkabout update – all the street scene items were completed; however several other items had been raised at the time which were outstanding – these were mainly relating to Highways and the clerk was waiting for an update from Mike Peeke, ERYC Highways.

ii) It was noted that the road from the Main Road up to the Church was in a bad way, eroded by the large vehicles speeding down the road – clerk to raise with Highways.

iii) The trees at the west entrance of the village are in a bad way, especially with part of the trees have broken and fallen into the road. It was noted that this has been raised with ERYC on several occasions but no action taken. Clerk to raise with ERYC again.

iv) Lighting in Flinton – the replacement lights had now been completed, however one of the lights down Tansterne Road had had to be moved due to a resident refusing to move their vehicle. This had caused some concern but another resident who had written to ERYC and was now wanting

Humbleton Parish Council to get involved. The clerk had written to ERYC and had recently received a response. ERYC had confirmed that due to the refusal of the resident to move their vehicle they had had to move the light to an alternative position. In their view this was in a better position than the old position, and whilst they appreciated the resident's concerns about moving the light without suitable consultations, given the move affected so few residents and the project was going on throughout the whole of East Riding, that it had not been practical to consult. The new location was considered more suitable than the old position, and ERYC view is that they will not be moving the light from its current location. ERYC confirmed that the lighting is only for the footpath and is not there to provide general lighting for resident's gardens.

v) Sproatley: Lelley bridlepath had been discussed earlier and it was noted that ERYC will be taking back responsibility of keeping open footpaths.

vi) Fly tipping continues to be a problem especially at the chipping yard on Aldbrough Lane. It was noted that ERYC had placed a green bin at the location to help minimise littering.

- b) Parish Clock – no update to date.
- c) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report, except there had been concerns in the village of new residents housing one or two ponies in their garden – this had been reported to ERYC and the RSPCA were involved. It had been mentioned earlier about the theft of a fence and shed from one Humbleton council house.
- d) Maintenance schedule –
  - i) Village benches – this will be completed before the next meeting.
  - ii) Weeds in church – this had been completed by the family at Walnut Cottage – thank you was noted by the councillors.
  - iii) Trees on Flinton land – a second quote is currently awaited from an alternative contractor.
  - iv) Planter at south entrance to the village – it was agreed that this should now progress as soon as possible – HJ to arrange the footings under the current East Riding sign so that the planter can be finalised before winter.
- e) Friends of Humbleton – Family Fun Day on 23 July was well supported and the weather was good making it an enjoyable and fun afternoon. The next event is the Christmas light switch on 2 December. The council RESOLVED to hire a toilet for the event.
- f) Heron's Trust – no further update.
- g) West Newton & Rathlin Energy – nothing to report.
- h) Phone box – Flinton phone box - the Harrison family have the paint and are going to clean up the box before the defibrillator can be fitted. Weblinks for the training had been circulated in the newsletter.
- i) Community Plan – first draft has been completed and circulated, the next meeting to discuss will be mid-October.

- j) Broadband – Humbleton cabinet now operational. Flinton upgrade is still under discussion with no plans identified to date – other alternatives are being explored by BT.
- k) Bio-mass funding – this is to be discussed further when the community plan has been developed. It was noted that testing will start end of September and when it comes on line in March 2018 the level of traffic especially large vehicles will increase significantly.

#### 15.83 Correspondence

- It was noted that a Freedom of Information had been requested and responded to within the regulations pertaining to Rathlin and communications.

#### 15.84 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for fee £300.00; HMRC £75 for PAYE and £9.31 for The Marvell College for printing the newsletters.
- b) Payments already made and approved retrospectively – Npower £32.47 for power for Christmas lighting.
- c) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves. It was noted that the clerk had applied for the Transparency Grant again and had received £360 towards the cost of maintaining the Transparency Regulations online. It was noted that this would probably be the last year we are able to claim.

#### 15.85 Planning

No update.

#### 15.86 Any Other Business

- Radio 1 Weekend held in May - Tom Dooley had written an article for the newsletter which had been circulated.
- Npower – the clerk had disputed the invoice issued by Npower and as a result of the error by Npower they had issued a goodwill gesture of £75 which will sit on the account until next year. It was worth noting that Npower had issued incorrect invoices for the last 4 years despite having a contract in place.
- Recreation club – it was noted that the tennis court had been well used during the good weather. The cricket all-weather pitch was to be removed due to its age and the replacement cost was prohibitive. The field was still suitable for cricket and the practice nets were still suitable for practicing.

#### 15.87 Date of next meeting

Thursday 23 November 2017 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.