

## MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 9 JULY 2020,

Held by Zoom Conference

17.07 Present: Councillors: F Caley (FC); (Chair); H Stannard (HS); L Brazier (LB); H Jackson (HJ) & N Broughton (NB)

Apologies: J Burton (JB) and S Wood (SW)

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: Two

Non-residents: None

### 17.08 Public Forum

Fly tipping – questions were raised about how to deter this – it was noted that there had been a noticeable interest during lockdown. Reminded to take photographic evidence where possible, and safe to do so, and to keep reporting to ERYC.

It was noted that the new chipping yard mast had a surveillance camera installed – clerk to find out if working and where does the feed go – could it help in deterring fly tipping?

Clerk to ask ERYC about hidden cameras to try and reduce fly tipping.

Sewerage smell again is ‘ripe’ near the Beck – Yorkshire Water attend regularly which implies a known problem – Clerk to follow up.

Rubbish within the village – clerk to follow up in the newsletter reminding residents to put their rubbish in their appropriate bins and not the village public bins – need to encourage recycling.

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

Councillors F Caley and L Brazier declared an interest in the planning application.

Councillor F Caley declared an interest in Rathlin Energy.

Councillor L Brazier declared an interest in Flinton land.

### 17.10 Planning Application

Councillors Caley and Braziers excused themselves from this agenda item. It is noted that Councillor Caley is appointed to the Heron Educational Trust by the Council as trustee, and that Councillor Brazier’s husband is a trustee. However for transparency, they are excused from this agenda item.

Views were requested from all those present, including residents relating to the application and what concerns they had.

Comments raised were:

- The community space is a good idea, as the village has lost any public space at the moment.

- Concerns about whether the trust were fulfilling their objects regarding children and young people in the parish.
- Pleased to see the ecological survey and the wildlife considered within the application, specifically bats.
- Concerns about the size of the play area – it was confirmed that this is 100 m<sup>2</sup> size, which was considered reasonable.
- Concerns were identified about the height of the nets – some 40 – 50 feet high, and difficult to visualise from the current plans. Concerns that they will be an eyesore and the tallest thing in the village.
- Parking could be a problem – minimal spaces for the accommodation are provided – how will the trust prevent parking on the pavement or verges going forward? It was suggested that parking restrictions within rental agreements be encouraged, and any overflow to utilise the recreation field car park.
- Concerns about walking round (on the new trod) over the new car park entrance – could result in a pedestrian / vehicle issue.
- Concerns were raised about the access to the community space parking – blind spots on both sides, with despite a 30 mph limit, fast moving traffic, lorries and large farm traffic. Several said it was not the ideal place for an entrance.
- The design of the dwellings were visually good and sympathetic to the village and surrounding properties, retaining key features.
- Play equipment on the play area – can the residents be involved in this to ensure age appropriate – it was confirmed that this is expected to be used by 0 – 11 age group and Heron would encourage involvement by the residents and would probably have 4 – 5 play items included. It was noted it may be possible to put other play equipment on the wider area in the future.
- It was noted that Heron trust had been around a long time, and that this was a huge undertaking, having taken professional advice and that a lot of work had gone on behind the scenes to get to this stage, including architects, planners and other experts to pull together this plan. The redevelopment was for the village and the trust to leave a lasting legacy. Residents had been involved in consultations and those concerns incorporated where possible. This included moving the play area to be near parents and away from the road; parking moved to a dedicated area; designed to encourage multi-use of the facilities and sports. Sport England and the ECB had been involved in the plans.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of a scoreboard – this will be considered at a later date but is not a specific planning issue.
- Concerns were raised about the maintenance of the walkway and the hedges.

- The walkway at the north end of the project (currently blocked off) will if reinstated cause parking problems by visitors using the verges and pavements – it was suggested this walkway be removed.
- Concerns were raised about the maintenance of the high netting. It was noted that all new netting on cricket pitches were to be of specific ECB requirements and that the netting is moveable but not retractable.
- Concerns were raised about the storage of the current equipment used on the recreation field – it was noted that this either will involve relocating the containers or a further application at a later date for a maintenance shed / area.
- Concerns were raised about the sewerage – the application seemed to contradict itself as there is no main sewerage at the south end of the village. It was noted that the plans had been updated to create a new biological application which meets EU regulations and is an improvement.
- It was noted that the proposed location of the playground will result in some trees being removed – and the need to consider water mains / pipework underground. It was noted that a site map of all underground utilities had been planned and would be renewed and re-laid.
- It was noted that there is still an old electric supply near the car park (old hut).
- Ongoing maintenance of the development was raised – and how it would be managed to ensure it is maintained and looked after including the rental properties. It was noted that part of the bid for external support includes a sound business plan to ensure the development is well looked after.
- It was noted that Heron and the trustees had put in a lot of hard work to get the project to this stage and that was to be recognised as a significant achievement, especially as the Old School has been in poor condition for many years. This development is a huge benefit to the village, the residents and to the wider community.
- It was RESOLVED to support the application, but the clerk should add in the concerns raised.

There was a break to hold the AGM.

Meeting was reconvened after the AGM

17.17 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meetings held on 5 March 2020 be recorded as a true record.

17.18 Matters arising:

a) Highway & Street Services issues –

- i) Fly-tipping continues to be a problem and is reported as identified. This has increased significantly during COVID-19 but residents are good at reporting – we need this reporting to continue so that ERYC see it is a problem.
- ii) Pot holes –still a problem on Lelley Road, all reported as notified / seen. Road due to be rectified in next financial year (20/21) – clerk to get an update. Road breaking up opposite Maple Garage – work has been done to rectify and make good. Road sign on the B1238 has fallen off – clerk to report. Sign on Long Lane damaged – clerk to report.
- iii) Speeding – the restart in March was delayed due to the pandemic. Additional volunteers have been found for Humbleton – training to be arranged by the Braziers.

b) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – nothing significant in our villages, however wildlife coursing continues to be a problem in the area. Newsletter to encourage reporting anything suspicious seen. It was noted that several arrests has been made for lead thefts from churches recently.

c) Maintenance schedule – clerk to arrange to get the drain next to Ann Watson Cottages tidied up, and a price for getting the new cemetery tidied up – these had been delayed to the pandemic.

Planter at south entrance – clerk to obtain a price for just a wall for the plaque.

A request had been put forward from a resident asking for ERYC to provide a mirror on the corner near the White Cottage – this has been requested – awaiting a response.

Bench in Flinton – the back panel was broken – now fixed – thank you to Caleys for the repair during the pandemic.

d) Parish Clock – no change.

e) Heron's Trust – planning application made and discussed earlier.

f) Community Plan – no change. Broadband, speeding & Community building mentioned elsewhere in meeting.

g) Bus shelter on B1238 – the insurance company successfully recovered our excess of £250 and it was paid to us in May (accident December 2018).

h) Rathlin Energy (UK) update - no change.

- i) Friends of Humbleton – Family Fun Day cancelled due to the pandemic. Next event will be Christmas Light Switch on subject to pandemic.
- j) Bridle path update – no change.
- k) Asset register – the printer had died during the pandemic and so has been written off.

#### 17.19 Correspondence

- Nothing further to items already discussed.

#### 17.20 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for salary & expenses £310.39 HMRC £154.00 for PAYE.
- b) Payments already made included The Marvell College for printing £0.79 and Npower for power supply £37.91.
- c) Receipts of £2,585 precept, £25 for Flinton rent and £250 for insurance excess recovered.
- d) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves. Current bank balance totals £4,465.71 in two bank accounts.

#### 17.21 Planning

Old School development discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### 17.22 Any Other Business

- Pavements – reminder to residents to keep hedges trimmed to ensure pavements are accessible.
- Village rubbish bins – reminder to residents to take their rubbish home and to recycle where possible – the village bins get full very quickly.
- The west end of the village periodically suffers from a smell from the water and drainage – to advise clerk when next a problem as needs promptly reporting before a rain downpour ‘cleans’ it away.
- Biomass plant – essential upgrades were ongoing – potentially operational by 2021.

#### 17.22 Date of next meeting

Thursday 5th September 2020 at 7pm by Zoom Conference.