

## MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

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

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: Three

Non-residents: 2 from the Police

Apologies: J Burton (JB)

14.27 Public Forum

a) Police

Following the recent spate of burglaries in Humbleton, 2 police officers attended (Stuart Blanchard and Simon Cook) to offer reassurance to the residents and to update the Councillors. We were reminded that residents need to report any incidents as the number of incidents relates directly to the amount of time spent patrolling the villages. As a result of the recent incidents both marked and unmarked cars have been visiting the villages. 2 further incidents were reported in November including 1 at the recreation club, following 4 incidents in October.

Speeding through the village was discussed and any vehicles noted speeding should have their vehicle registration passed to the Clerk for raising with the police who will visit the individual and remind them of the issues with speeding.

Crime prevention is critical – Marten Hall offered to write an article for the newsletter reminding residents to be aware.

Neighbourhood Watch group re-registered with ERYC by clerk.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

Matthew Havler talked to the Councillors about the Heron's Trust recent presentation which suggested that to access funding (both for Heron and the Council) the parish needed to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan, which needs to reflect the needs and 'wants' of the residents not limited to planning issues, but could cover all manner of things – including broadband; allotments etc. This would need support from the residents but would need to be pulled together by the council. Clerk to find out about funding and to include within the newsletter thoughts about what residents want so that a questionnaire can be planned and distributed.

14.28 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors Caley & Brazier declared an interest in Heron's trust as trustees.

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land.

Councillor Caley declared an interest in Rathlin Energy project.

14.29 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 September and 22 October 2015 be signed as a true record – proposed LB, seconded JH.

14.30 Matters arising:

- a) i) Highway & Street Services issues – MUGA corner still an issue with the erosion on the corner, Clerk to pick up with ERYC.
  - ii) ‘Trode’ from the Old School – budgetary constraints dictate whether possible, now Old School boarded up access to the recreation field an issue using the ‘trode’. Clerk to pick up with ERYC.
  - iii) Speeding – HS noted that husband had written letter to ERYC asking for a 20mph limit instead of 30 mph.
  - vi) Ivy on the Humbleton bus shelter – HJ had removed some of the ivy but was still green – clerk to follow up with ERYC.
  - v) Planter at south entrance to the village – Clerk awaiting response from ERYC about replacing planter.
  - vii) Clerk to report to ERYC that the edge of the road has collapsed in Flinton near John Richardson’s land.
- b) Parish Clock – no change – awaiting response from War Memorials fund
  - c) Emergency plan – Training update being considered by Councillor Caley with provider – c/f to next meeting. First aid training for Marten Hall required – Clerk to find options and see if any funding available and arrange with Marten.
  - d) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – already covered in the public forum.
  - e) Maintenance schedule – weeds an issue but to be discussed for spring.
  - f) Friends of Humbleton – Christmas light switch on 5 December. Permanent tree sourced and planted. Donation from FOH towards cost of new tree, paid for by Parish Council.
  - g) Heron’s Trust – Old School now fenced off. Meeting held 16 October with person to assist in finding suitable grants; identified the need for a neighbourhood plan; very positive meeting. Trustees need to understand how a ‘new community building’ would be self-sustaining regarding maintenance etc.
  - h) Memorial for crash of RAF Lancaster plane from World War Two – notices have now completed their process and will be returned to Diocese of York so can progress.
  - i) West Newton & Rathlin Energy – no meeting since the last council meeting. Protestors have now gone, following notice from ERYC.
  - j) BT phone box adoption – awaiting for electrician quote so funding application can be submitted – this is causing problems due to safety issues.

- k) Flinton land sale – LB left the meeting whilst this was discussed. It was RESOLVED that a lease agreement be drawn up on a rolling annual basis – Clerk to arrange. It was RESOLVED that the land would not be sold.
- l) Christmas gifts – the list had been circulated, and amendments were noted. It was RESOLVED the Clerk should arrange the delivery of coal / vouchers to everyone on the list as Christmas gift to our pensioners.
- m) Burial fees – it was RESOLVED the non-residents fees be increased by 5%. Clerk to circulate to St Peters.
- n) Risk register was reviewed – no changes.

#### 14.31 Correspondence

Nothing significant to note.

#### 14.32 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for fee & expenses £211.52 (including newsletters, ink cartridges and pensioner gift); HMRC £35 for PAYE and M Havler £29.48 for tree supports.
- b) Payments already made and approved retrospectively – purchase of permanent Christmas tree £440.40 (donation from Friends of Humbleton £300).
- b) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting.
- c) Bank reconciliation & bank statements circulated – at 11 November - £3,656.99 Lloyds and £1,803.26 NSI.
- d) Budget 2016/17 - Councillors reviewed the presented budget and RESOLVED to increase the precept by 10%, due to the increasing costs base. Clerk to advise ERYC.

#### 14.33 Planning

Nothing to report

#### 14.34 AOB

- a) Clerk to find out about sourcing a parish suggestion box to be fixed to the phone box in Humbleton.
- b) Street lighting – it was noted that the parish lights were planned to be replaced in January 2016 by ERYC.
- c) Remembrance Sunday wreath – unbeknown to the residents Mary Powell had purchased this every year – it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council should provide this for the annual services in November.
- d) Insurance renewal – Clerk advised that the renewal papers had not yet been received, however we are tied into a LTA for 3 years (ending 31 December 2016), and so the renewal cost

will not be more than £270. RESOLVED that Clerk can arrange payment when received, unless a change in price.

14.35 Date of next meeting

Thursday 11 February 2016 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.