

MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

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

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

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: Three

Non-residents: One

16.84 Public Forum

- Concerns were raised about children playing on The Green with footballs hitting windows; and the amount of rubbish littering the car park. Clerk to discuss options with ERYC, and to remind residents to put rubbish in the bin provided and be thoughtful to neighbours.
- It was noted that a resident had put a public post on facebook about the council, the clerk had responded directly.

16.85 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land and Councillor Caley about Rathlin and Herons Trust.

16.86 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 September 2019 be signed as a true record.

16.87 Matters arising:

a) Highway & Street Services issues –

- i) Fly-tipping continues to be a problem and is reported as identified. The gas bottle discarded on the chipping yard had now been removed. Councillor Caley mentioned that several tyres had been dumped locally in a field gate recently. Also residents from Aldbrough had brought some recycling and placed it next to the bottle banks, which are not for generic recycling – this had been reported but to date the rubbish had not been collected. Clerk to follow this up with ERYC.
- ii) Pot holes – Terry Weaver from ERYC had recently advised that the work on Lelley Road had been delayed until the next financial year 20/21. It was noted that this had been delayed now 2 years, despite it being our road with the most pot holes being reported. Clerk to send information to ERYC Councillor Birch. Regarding the small lane from Aldbrough Lane to Flinton which had grass growing through the middle of the road – the Clerk has raised a formal complaint as this was acknowledged in July and work was expected to be

completed within 28 days – nothing has been done to date. Councillor Jackson raised the issue of the pot hole outside the Old Chapel – Clerk to follow up with ERYC.

- iii) Speeding – the community speeding project has been successful with 11 volunteers (mainly Flinton) being trained. At least one more volunteer is to be recruited in Humbleton to operate. Two checks have been performed to date and those speeding have had their details passed to the police. Regular checks will be performed. Clerk to check the 3rd party insurance is in place with sufficient cover.
- iv) Litter pick – Clerk offered to buy some Hi-Viz and litter picks.
- b) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – quite a few churches were being hit with lead thefts and there had been one incidence of ASB in the six months to September. More recently a road sign to Fitling had been damaged with graffiti and a JCB had been stolen from a local farm, which has since been recovered. Lead thefts from churches remains a problem. Field fires have also been a problem but less so since the rain. Farm Watch have continued to operate with lots of dogmen being reported in the area – it is important to keep logging these calls to get the resources where needed.
- c) Maintenance schedule –
 - i) Trees on Flinton land – this has now been completed and the invoice presented to payment – RESOLVED to pay.
 - ii) Planter at south entrance to the village – the price from the contractor seemed high, so clerk to try and get a comparison quote before a decision is made.
- d) Parish Clock – a scaffolding quote has now been obtained and the clerk is working on a bid application.
- e) Heron’s Trust – things are moving slowly but planning application will be made.
- f) Community Plan –
 - Broadband update – clerk to request information from those not living directly in either village to see what can be done to assist them.
 - Speeding in both villages, but specifically in Flinton – this was covered earlier in the meeting.
 - Community building – this is outside the control of the parish council but both Heron and the Church seem to be independently working on this.
- g) Bus shelter on B1238 – the insurance broker has the witness statements and all the facts and is working to recover our excess of £250.
- h) Rathlin Energy (UK) update – the well test had not been completed and whilst it is now expected that the find is likely to be largely oil instead of gas. One of the issues is that the oil is not, despite encouragement, flowing as expected. This means it needs pumping however the current Environment Agency permits do not allow this, so the permits need updating. This is for West

Newton A & B. When this is completed, then the construction of the access track will start up and further meetings will be held. In the meantime Rathlin have asked for a meeting with the Councillors to update each local parish. The clerk has received a letter advising that Rathlin are applying for road closures on Pasture Lane, Engine Lane and Crook Lane for a period of up to 12 months in the period between January 2020 and July 2021. Concerns about the impact of traffic through Sproatley was raised at the last liaison meeting in terms of volume and also the parking issues meaning congestion. It was also noted that Tansterne Lane may become a road used to bypass Sproatley.

- i) Friends of Humbleton – Christmas light switch on planned for 30th November at 6pm. It was RESOLVED that the council would support the event financially by providing the toilet (£80 plus VAT). Festival lighting permit has been received,
- j) New cemetery plans – the current graveyard is not yet full but does not have many spaces left. Our new cemetery is currently a field and needs sprucing up and getting ready. Clerk to organise in spring someone to tidy up the field, cut the hedges and raise the crowns of the trees, so that the land can dry out, and then to arrange regularly grass cutting. Clerk to explore how we find a sexton to get the graves marked out and where paths would be located.
- k) Senior citizens Christmas gifts – Councillors discussed whether this tradition should continue, and it was RESOLVED to continue with the gifts.
- l) Budget 20/21 – the expected spend was discussed and given that the work to improve the new cemetery will cost us, plus the insurance renewal this year was incurring an administration fee of £50, it was considered necessary to increase the precept to £2,585. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk submit the precept by the due date.
- m) Insurance renewal – our regularly brokers and our long-term service agreement ends this year. The new renewal had come through including an admin fee of £50 to £357.54. However a long term 3 year agreement would reduce it to £342.16. Clerk was awaiting an alternative broker price before deciding. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk sign up for the best value price when received.
- n) Website update – ERYC had updated our website which looked and was more user friendly.
- o) Burial fees – draft charges from 1 January 2020 were presented, however Clerk to compare prices to neighbouring parishes to ensure non-resident prices are not too low.
- p) Risk register was reviewed, and items to be updated:
 - Bus shelter given the number of times the Moor Road shelter has been demolished
 - Drainage near Humbleton bus shelter to be added
 - Phone kiosks in both village to be added
 - Bridle path to Elstronwick to be added

16.88 Correspondence

- Burton Pidsea Wind Farm Community Fund open & invitation to annual meeting on 26th November at Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall at 7.30pm
- HART poster received about community transport – to be included in the newsletter
- Pensions Regulator has sent a reminder about the tri-annual auto re-enrolment – clerk to action
- Dementia Friendly Communities – an email had been received about wanting to organise Dementia Friendly Sessions in local communities for about one hour long – however they would need a suitable local venue – this is a problem as we do not have a suitable venue. Clerk to respond accordingly,
- ERYC newsletter – received by the clerk to be circulated for all councillors
- Arson Alert poster received to be posted in the noticeboard

16.89 Accounts

a) Payments approved to V Nolan for salary & expenses £259.50; HMRC £154.00 for PAYE and ERYC for SLA street lighting £85.85, plus the payment to John Naylor for the tree work in Flinton £500.

b) Payments already made included The Marvell College £2.82 for printing; Information Commissioners Office for Data Protection registration £35; Matt Havler for the new Christmas lights £200.75; X2connect for the glass in the phone kiosk £17.28 and The Great Newsome Brewery £110.20 for the beer for the Christmas event (donation to follow from FOH).

c) Receipts of £170 from Friends of Humbleton towards the new Christmas lights and a VAT refund of £106.24.

d) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves. Current bank balance totals £3,894.49 in two bank accounts.

16.90 Planning

Nothing.

16.91 Any Other Business

- It was noted that there was a notice in Humbleton village advising that the bridlepath from Elstronwick to Humbleton was being explored. This was something the village had tried to get updated on local maps but due to the lack of an Inclosure Award the application had failed. More recently a resident had found an old map (1928) which had clearly shown a bridlepath between the two villages, and this had provided information to restart this application.

16.92 Date of next meeting

Thursday 27 February 2020 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.