

## MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

- 14.79 Present: Councillors: F Caley (FC); N Broughton (NB); J Burton (JB) (Chair); L Brazier (LB); H Jackson (HJ); J Hart (JH) & H Stannard (HS)
- Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan
- Residents: None
- Non-residents: None
- 14.80 Public Forum
- None.
- 14.81 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
- Councillors Burton and Caley declared an interest in Heron's trust as trustees.
- Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land.
- 14.82 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:
- RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 1 September 2016 be signed as a true record – proposed LB, seconded HS.
- 14.83 Matters arising:
- a) Dog fouling & children – Clerk has raised this with ERYC Parish Liaison but had no suggestions to date.
  - b) Highway & Street Services issues –
    - i) the report from the walkabout has now been received and circulated – as previously discussed Ruth Wilson was very thorough and useful, however there has been no feedback about the timescales for the identified work, and it is expected that this will now be delayed until Spring 2017. ERYC asked Clerk to contact Heron's trusts about the trees and the requirement to raise the crowns alongside the 'trod' – this has been completed and confirmed to ERYC.
    - ii) Sunken road between Danthorpe and Humbleton has now been fixed.
    - iii) Lelley pot holes repaired.
    - iv) The damaged manhole cover towards Danthorpe has been raised as an issue – but has not yet been resolved.
    - v) Flinton lighting – the rest of the new lights are to be fitted in 2017.
    - vi) Bridge near the Church – workmen been working round there recently- Clerk to follow up about strengthening works – still no response – Clerk to follow up.
    - v) Lelley / Sproatley bridlepath cleared – response still outstanding from ERYC – clerk to follow up.
  - c) Parish Clock – no change.

- d) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – new neighbourhood signs for both villages from ERYC – awaiting response. Nothing significant noted from police reports, however it was noted that farmers are noting an increase in poaching, burglaries and fly-tipping. It was stressed that residents should report anything suspicious promptly as it means police resources will be focussed on those areas with reported problems. It was noted that Moor Cottages had had a burglary in recent weeks.
- e) Maintenance schedule –
- i) Flinton bus shelter – quote provided at £840.83 to replace the roof completely with new fibreglass roof. It was RESOLVED to accept the quote and instructed the Clerk to organise works.
  - ii) Flinton notice board – this was approved in June, but despite several messages to the contractor, nothing has been done to date. Clerk to follow up.
  - iii) Village benches – it was identified during the walkabout in June that some of the benches need some work and re-staining, but that the benches are our responsibility. Clerk to find a contractor and get a price for repairing the benches.
  - iv) Christmas tree – the tree is looking good, but it was agreed that the Clerk should speak to Matt Wood about the health of the tree to ensure it is being looked after appropriately, especially as it seems to have a lean.
  - v) Weeds in church – Clerk to follow up with heavy duty clearing.
  - vi) Trees on Flinton land - Clerk to follow up – awaiting for a quote.
  - vii) Planter at south entrance to the village – HJ is discussing the site with the local farmer to ensure no concerns.
- f) Friends of Humbleton – Christmas Light switch on event planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> December on The Green and then to St Peter’s Church. The aim is to hire a toilet again, use the BBQ and purchase some beer. It is hoped it will be well supported as in prior years.
- g) Heron’s Trust – The Chair had provided a copy of the constitution however it was confusing as there were 2 versions, and the Clerk has asked for clarification. No-one has requested a replacement for our 3<sup>rd</sup> trustee.
- h) West Newton & Rathlin Energy – nothing to report.
- i) Phone box – ERYC installed the defib and it is now operational. The clerk is trying to secure training with the provider so that we can have a training session locally. BT is proposing to remove the Flinton phone box, it was RESOLVED to adopt the phone box and install another defib. We have had 2 volunteers (Cally & Wayne Harrison) from Flinton to paint the phone box if we successfully adopt it.
- j) Flinton land lease agreement – c/f with FC.
- k) Suggestion box – this is to be fitted shortly.
- l) Community Plan – the Halloween event was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October and was a great success with lots of residents attending. A summary meeting has been held with Peter Dudley summarising the results to date which was discussed – there were no real surprises. It was agreed that the next step

was to arrange meetings with other stakeholders – Heron’s Trust, the Recreational Club, Ann Watson Trust and the Church to gain their perspective and viewpoint.

- m) Christmas gifts – the list had been circulated with no changes. It was RESOLVED to organise coal for those who wanted coal or purchase gift vouchers from Sandhills as usual.
- n) The proposed 2017/18 budget had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed. It was RESOLVED to submit a precept with a 5% increase on the prior year due to rising costs.
- o) The proposed changes to the burial fees with effect from 1 January 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were discussed. It was RESOLVED to increase the fees for non-residents by 5% with effect from 1 January 2017 and the Clerk was to circulate such increases to the Church.
- p) The risk register had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed as part of the annual review. It was RESOLVED to maintain the register as it currently stands.

#### 14.84 Correspondence

- Broadband – whilst this has been identified as an issue within the Community Plan, it had been noted that the East Riding Broadband Project had cut certain upgrades to superfast broadband, which included the proposed upgrade in Humbleton expected in 2017. The clerk had contacted both BT and Graham Stuart to express our disappointment and to get an update. Graham Stuart had replied after some investigation and confirmed that Humbleton, subject to the usual caveats, will be upgraded by mid-2017 and will have a superfast cabinet in the village. This is good news, but has to be confirmed operationally. The Clerk will continue to find out about upgrades for Flinton also.

#### 14.85 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for fee & expenses £358.57 (including donation to Church for use for HumbletonFest and Christmas cards) and HMRC £75 for PAYE.
- b) Payments already made and approved retrospectively – to ERYC for fitting the defibrillator £346.89; Matt Havler for HumbletonFest expenses £215.32; Vanessa Nolan for HumbletonFest expenses £71.70; The Marvell College for printing newsletters £12.53 and Addplant for hire of toilet for HumbletonFest £96.00.
- c) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and despite the unbudgeted expenditure on the bus shelter in Flinton we will have healthy cash reserves.

#### 14.86 Planning

No updates.

#### 14.87 Any Other Business

- The East Coast Community Fund was identified by HJ as a potential source of funding and passed the details to the Clerk for information.

- The Tansterne bio-mass project was identified as a potential business who could provide some funding for some of the projects – eg Flinton defib – Clerk to source contacts.

14.88 Date of next meeting

Thursday 9 February 2017 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.