

# Humbleton & Flinton

# Parish Newsletter

April 2019

## Parish Council News

On 28 February, the Parish Council held its meeting at Maple Garage at 7pm, with no residents in attendance but PCSO Darren Bainton attended.

The minutes are on the website as part of the transparency regulations but the highlights mentioned below:

Fly tipping continues to be a problem, not just in our parish but around the area. PCSO Bainton confirmed that the offenders seem to move villages so catching them is harder. The clerk has submitted a Freedom of Information request to EYRC asking for statistics in our area.

Speeding in both villages continues to be a concern, and discussion with PCSO Bainton ensued. The clerk was tasked with finding out the results from the traffic survey done in Flinton a couple of years ago. This is so plans can be considered as how best to tackle the ongoing speeding issues.

It was proposed that a litter pick be arranged in both villages to help clear up. The council is happy to purchase litter pickers and hi-viz vests but whilst there are some volunteers in Humbleton, a similar group of residents are required in Flinton – if anyone is keen to get involved, please let the clerk know so dates can be arranged.

Parking on the footpaths remains an issue in Humbleton with residents / visitors parking on the footpaths – this is an obstruction and residents are reminded to keep the footpaths clear at all times.

Police reports / neighbourhood watch – nothing significant has been reported in our parish, however fly tipping continues to be a problem as mentioned above. However there have been quite a few burglaries including vehicular – the police are advising not to leave anything in your car, and even leave the glove box open and empty to deter thieves from breaking in.

Southern entrance planter – we now have agreed with EYRC where the location of the replacement planter and bricks have been sourced so work will commence.

Parish clock – 3 quotes have now been received and the fourth is outstanding, The price differential is quite wide and extra quotes will be required for scaffolding before we can then apply for funding to get this project underway.

Councillor Burton confirmed that he had resigned from Heron's Educational Trust, after many years' service. Thanks were given to Councillor Burton for his work on the Trust. It was resolved that Chris Brazier be appointed as the Parish Council's replacement on the trust board.

Community plan update – the speeding issues were mentioned earlier. Broadband was a second issue and the clerk had been in touch with our MP Graham Stuart and EYRC about the ongoing issues specifically for upgrading Flinton. In January, the clerk wrote asking for specific answers – see later in the newsletter.

An update on finance was provided including the payments made since the last meeting and the state of the bank balance. The funding for the next financial year (precept) was submitted on time and will be paid by the end of April. The work on the bus shelter would be a large payment when finished and the excess of £250 will be stood by the parish until the person who caused the damage is followed up by the insurance company – this was reported to the police.

Next meeting is at the end of May including the AGM and will be after the election held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

## Bus Shelter on the B1238

The bus shelter that was 'wiped out' in December by a driver has been in the hands of the insurance company with 3 quotes being provided to the insurance company who were in the process of transferring the funds to our account. Work by the contractor was completed in March re-using bricks and the roof as much as possible. There is a £250 insurance excess we will have to fund, however the clerk has requested that the insurance company update us on where they are with the recovery of this excess from the driver of the incident.

## Dog Fouling

Once again, we have a situation where an inconsiderate dog owner is using the public / private amenities (including the recreation field) and failing to clean up after their dog. Details have now been provided to the dog warden, as this is not only irresponsible, it is illegal. It is hoped that this individual receives a visit and a fine.

Every dog owner has a responsibility to clear up after his or her dog – without exception.

## Facebook

The Humbleton Hub has been set up on facebook as a closed group. If you are on facebook and want to join in – it is a private group but if you ask to join the group and are a resident then you will be accepted. Go and have a look and is currently used to add events, add photos and report issues. We would encourage all residents to get involved.

## Rathlin Energy - update

Rathlin Energy (UK) update – the last meeting was 15 January during which new liaison committee members were introduced as was Andy Sloan the drilling engineer for Rathlin Energy (UK). The cellar construction work, started in December 2018, was completed prior to Christmas, on schedule. This was to a depth of 3 – 4 metres and the surrounding concrete pad was now also in place. The conductor setting, as explained at the last meeting, was now well underway. The rig had currently reached a depth of 28 metres. A revised traffic management plan had been submitted to ERYC – the minor changes reflected those associated with the passing of time as the original plan was now almost 6 years old when the operating environment was slightly different. The same route and speed limits had been retained but the requirement to display Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited signage had been removed. Whilst this was of a concern to some of the liaison committee – Rathlin explained it was due as a direct result of the series of protestor / operational incidents affecting drivers / vehicles heading towards / departing from the site. The inappropriate behaviour towards the drivers was becoming more commonplace and the signage, originally implemented for the benefit of local people, was now presenting a risk to the contractors. Rathlin reinforced that all drivers would continue to be briefed in detail about the route to site, speed restrictions; delivery times etc and that vehicles would only enter and exit the site at controlled / timed intervals. Rathlin confirmed they would following the traffic plan and would only digress from it when instructed to do so by Humberside Police. Rathlin also confirmed that any drivers seen driving irresponsibly should take the licence plate and report it in the normal manner, and any such reports would be investigated. Anyone with concerns about drivers should be reported to 0207 268 9860 directly to Rathlin.

Rathlin advised that as soon as a large drilling rig becomes available, work would start on drilling the rest of the well and it would be a 24/7 operation taking between 6 – 8 weeks to complete. Once completed the rig would be demobilised and there would be a hiatus between drilling and testing phase, which would be discussed at a future meeting.

Rathlin confirmed that mitigation measures were being explored to try and reduce noise, plus that whilst lighting was required for the 24/7 operation for safety reasons, mitigation measures would be in place following feedback from West Newton Well A. Anyone with concerns about lighting / noise should contact the emergency helpline (0800 195 9154) immediately so that the site team can respond quickly.



## Elections 2019

Six of our seven councilors were nominated as councillors and have been returned uncontested – so no parish election will be required this year. Francis Caley, John Burton, Nigel Broughton, Harry Jackson, Lisa Brazier, and Helena Stannard are now your councillors.

However that means we are one councilor short. Therefore, in the first meeting after the local elections, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, one item of business will be to co-opt the seventh councilor. If anyone would like to be considered, then please put this in writing and drop into my letterbox stating why you would like to be considered and what skills / qualities you would bring to the role. The deadline for submitting these are by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## Notes from St Peter's Church

In recent years, it has been great to have the church used by the community for McMillan Coffee mornings, Halloween parties and the annual Christmas celebration after the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

We have even had refreshments served in the church after weddings and funerals. The church has also used the church for concerts, harvest lunches and fundraisers. East Riding use the church as a polling centre.

We are blessed by the fact that the church is light, spacious, and not too cold even in winter. All these events have taken place despite the fact that the only running water is outside the church and there is no toilet facility. Plans have been drawn up to install a toilet in the church as well as a tiny kitchen and server area. These have been approved by the Diocese' special building committee and we now in the process of trying to find funding to complete the project. Toilets in Grade one-listed buildings do not come cheap, as they have to be done in an appropriate manner and to a very high standard. To make matters worse, the walls in places are 6 foot thick and this makes it difficult to pass pipes through it. The church has applied to various fund-granting bodies and we will not know for some time if we are likely to be successful. It is likely that we will have to raise a large sum of money ourselves.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us fund raise or has some good ideas about how we might do so. Suggestions please to the Vicar on 01964 601381 or to Brenda Frear.

Do remember that in the summertime the church is open at weekends whenever possible. If not just, apply to Janet Beadle at Forge Cottage for a key.

## Calendar of Events

Thursday 23 May  
Sunday 14 July

Parish AGM and Meeting at Maple Garage at 7pm  
Family Fun Day on Recreation Field at 1pm

Please check the website / facebook page as the Parish Council meetings can change date.

## Heron's Educational Trust

The Heron's Trust would like to thank the local community that attended the open day to see the exciting plans we have for the old school, the new community & sports building and the children's play area.

It was pleasing to see so many of the villagers showing interest in what is going on. We had 70+ visitors throughout the day on Saturday 2nd February. Thank you to the 25 people for taking the time to complete the feedback forms. All of the information and comments made have been taken into consideration with the writing of our latest plans – it was insightful and highlighted some good points that we had to reconsider and make relevant changes. We listened to what you had to say and it has helped us.

It is important that we keep the community involved with our progress, as it will hopefully affect everyone in a positive way.

So where are we now with the project?

We are awaiting the final drawings from the Architect, taking into account the changes/ amendments as per lots of your comments/suggestions, and then we will be ready for taking the drawings to planning for review. From this we will tender the works required and will look to have relevant funds in place for each part of the development.

The physical building work and the creation of the children's play area is hopefully starting later this year – subject to planning and funding.

We will keep you posted as the project develops. Thanks again, The Heron's Trust.

## Community Plan Update

In January, the clerk wrote asking for specific answers regarding the broadband:

- Has the 4km of ducting now been surveyed and completed?
- The additional work mentioned in delaying the Aldbrough infrastructure until the New Year – can you provide more clearly defined timescales – what does 'the new year' mean in terms of dates?
- How long will the re-planning take to incorporate the additional engineering requirements?

Their response was that the 4km had now been completed. The outcome is that 14 blockages were discovered along a 2.6km stretch. A further 700m contains silt, which will need to be fully removed in 3 locations. All of these need to be cleared before it can thread a new fibre optic cable along the 4km. A further 20km of fibre will be threaded along an alternative route to avoid the original blockages. The results of the survey work have been passed to Openreach's Planning team to determine final cost of the new design. ERYC are awaiting a date for the final cost to be provided which will be discussed on 16 January. Barring unforeseen delays or additional high cost work, Openreach has set its estimated completed date to be 21<sup>st</sup> March due to the scale of the additional work to be completed.

As you can things are moving – but at a snail's pace!

We are intending to hold a Community Plan meeting with the steering group in June – date to be advised.

**If anyone has any events or information to add for future issues – let Vanessa know.**

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