

Humbleton & Flinton Parish Newsletter

November 2015

Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting was held on 10 September at Maple Garage at 7pm, with one resident in attendance.

Maintenance issues – the ivy growing on the bus shelter in Humbleton could damage the roof – Clerk to take up with ERYC; Humbleton planter at South end of the village now removed – Clerk in discussion with ERYC about moving the location of the planter to opposite side of the road;

Parish Clock application has been made for funding to the War Memorials Fund – awaiting feedback.

Humberstone Police crime reports have again been quiet in our area. Remember that Vanessa Nolan and Francis Caley are the Neighbourhood Watch contacts.

Friends of Humbleton updated the Councillors about the Family Fun Day and it was agreed that the Parish would donate £60 towards the Christmas tree this year.

Heron's Trust – it was noted that despite the notice given at the meeting in May, that the Old School was to be boarded up and fenced in to prevent injury due to broken windows and roof slates, that this has yet to be actioned. Would all residents please be careful and ask children to refrain from playing around the Old School?

Memorial for the World War 2 accident in the village was progressing slowly.

An update on Rathlin was provided by Lisa Brazier and the clerk who attended the recent liaison meeting, which was informative and useful. The protestors were already in situ around the area despite no work expected to start until the New Year. Landowners were acting quickly to ensure land cannot be accessed legally by the protestors and ERYC have served notice on the protestors to move on. Clerk is to keep dialogue going with ERYC for regular updates.

Phone box – work is ongoing regarding funding for a defibrillator but admittedly is slow. Two policies were adopted to help this – Equality and Health & Safety.

Planning – 2 applications have been approved since the June meeting – at The Bungalow, Humbleton (Change of use of land for the keeping of horses / donkeys and the erection of a stable block) and Manor Farm, Flinton (Installation of ground mounted solar panels (600 panels in 4 rows).

The finance report, previously circulated, was discussed and payments approved as follows: Clerk salary and expenses (£219.62). Payments made and retrospectively approved were the repairs to the marquee £233.00. It was noted that Friends of Humbleton had made a donation towards the repairs of the marquee.

The next meeting is 19 November 2015 at Maple Garage at 7pm

We need your help and views

a) What is your view regarding the planter at the south end of the village – do you want a replacement; should it be brick or wood or something else – do you have the skills to assist in replacing this planter?

b) Phone box – what colour do you think the phone box should be – retain the red or another colour? Apart from the defibrillator – do you have any suggestions as to what we could use the phone box for? Do you think we should adopt the Finton phone box?

c) Neighbourhood plan – this is a plan created by the Council based on residents views of what is important to the residents specifically about planning, but also other issues. We are considering creating a plan so that we can move forward on a 'community' building to replace the Old School – however this would need involvement from the residents at some level – would you be willing to get involved? Would you complete a questionnaire and attend a short meeting if required? If it would help to obtain better services in your parish – eg broad band – would you be willing to get involved?

d) World War Two memorial – when this is completed we'd like to hold a service to commemorate those that died in the accident and also to dedicate the plaque – is this something you would like to attend?

e) Are you able to help in any small way – by being involved in the organizing the Friends of Humbleton events; or assisting with grant applications?

f) Neighbourhood Watch – do you know who to contact if you see a problem – 101 for the non-emergency number or Francis Caley or Vanessa Nolan.

g) Highways issues – who do you report pot holes to – either let Vanessa know or report it on Fix My Street website?

Your council and Councillors are here for you, but unless you let them know the issues you are concerned about, we cannot try to solve them.

Neighbourhood Watch

Be aware that whilst Humbleton & Finton remain low risk crime villages, unfortunately there has been a spate of break ins recently, with at least 3 outbuildings and the recreation club container broken into and items stolen including motor cycle, mountain bike and petrol can on one night.

A vehicle was seen earlier in the morning acting suspiciously in the village near The Green, the police did attend but the vehicle had left by then, however it would appear that the vehicle later returned and may have been involved in the break ins. The vehicle was reported to the police and is being investigated. This vehicle has been identified as stolen also.

Will everyone ensure they report any break ins promptly to the police on 101 or any other suspicious activity in the village?

To help us communicate with all the residents about such issues to ensure the message gets out in the village quickly – would you provide a name and mobile number to Vanessa on 07768 520621?

Parish Accounts – External Audit

The results of the external audit – for the year ended 31 March 2015 - came back with a clean bill of health with no recommendations. Anyone wanting to see a copy please see the clerk.

Website

<http://humbletonparishcouncil.eastriding.gov.uk/>

Have you visited our website yet?

What do you think?

Do you have any photos that could be included or ideas?

It is updated regularly and the minutes are posted within 28 days of the meeting.

It is a work in progress but needs feedback to ensure it is providing the information you may need / want to see. Let us know your views by emailing humbleton@btinternet.com or post your comments at Springfields through the letterbox.

Cats fouling

Anyone got any ideas on how to stop the local cats fouling neighbours gardens – this seems to be as bad as the dogs fouling, but obviously cats roam on their own. Anyone with suggestions or solutions please let me know so I can let others know.

Recycling Banks

The paper banks near the Recreation Field are the responsibility of Heron's Trust however ERYC have taken the view that due to the blue bins being used extensively, that the paper bank is to be removed.

Note: this does not affect the bottle banks (yet)!

Parking in Humbleton

I've had several residents complain to me that when walking along the pavement in Humbleton, especially with a pram / buggy it is difficult to use the pavement as some inconsiderate drivers are parking on the pavement.

Please would everyone take care and only park on the roadside, and not on the pavement so that those with children / prams / dogs can walk safely on the pavement.

Calendar of Events

Thursday 19 November	7pm Parish Council Meeting at Maple Garage
Tuesday 24 November	7.30pm Christmas Cooking & Flower Arrangement Evening at Maple Garage
Saturday 28 November	Decorating the Christmas Tree on The Green
Saturday 5 December	6pm Christmas Light Switch on The Green with Santa
Friday 18 December	7.30pm Christmas Carol Service at S Peters Church
Thursday 11 February	7pm Parish Council Meeting at Maple Garage

Please check the notice board / website as the Parish Council meetings can change date.

Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited's Work at West Newton (A&B)

The 14th West Newton community liaison meeting took place on 3 September 2015. The liaison meetings are designed to inform and educate nominated community representatives about Rathlin's work at the West Newton A site (which has been drilled, tested and is currently suspended) and the site at West Newton B, which is now applied for the necessary Environment Agency permits.

Rathlin reminded the committee that it was the first company to have drilled exploratory wells in East Yorkshire since the 1970s. The two wells at Crawberry Hill and West Newton (A) were successfully drilled in 2013 and the testing of conventional hydrocarbon targets in West Newton A well were carried out in 2014. Rathlin explained that the results of West Newton A have been very encouraging with the recovery of natural gas. The next well – West Newton B – will help assess whether this discovery could be the basis of a conventional commercial gas development. This phase was expected to be carried out in 2016.

Rathlin then updated the committee on West Newton B and reminded those present that this had been presented to the community in November 2014 at Aldbrough Village Hall. The planning application submitted in January, had been approved by ERYC in June 2015. Work is not expected to start until 2016 and must be completed within 5 years of the application approval date and within 2 years from the start of construction.

Rathlin reminded the liaison committee that anti-fracking protestors have been demonstrating at sites where no high volume hydraulic fracturing (HVHF) within the Bowland Shale is taking place. Rathlin reminded members that West Newton B stops 1,000m above the Bowland Shale – underlining the company's commitment to not undertaking HVHF.

At the meeting, which was attended by representatives from the parishes of Aldbrough, Burton Constable, Humbleton and Flinton, Ellerby, Sproatley and Withernwick, Rathlin gave a detailed presentation about how, subject to receiving the necessary permits, the company will construct the well at West Newton B and undertake its testing programme. Resident representatives were given the opportunity to ask questions throughout.

Resident representatives raised concerns about the 'protestors' and some of the issues that had occurred at other sites, noting that this had an impact of the cost of policing, removal and clean-up costs associated with 'anti-fracking' protestors. It was acknowledged that the right to protest was lawful, but that it did come at a cost to the local residents, with vehicles going on and off site in the past having to move in convoys – disrupting residents.

Rathlin agreed to meet with Sproatley Primary School about initiatives to help improve the general road safety of pupils at the school. Concerns were raised about the impact on the school buses. Residents were asked to consider what impact the 'protestors' actions have on residents lives.

A copy of the comprehensive notes of the meeting are available on the Rathlin website at: www.rathlin-energy.co.uk. They can be found in the Yorkshire section. Your community representative is Lisa Brazier or your Clerk. If you would like to raise any issues on your behalf at a future liaison committee meeting, please contact either Lisa or Vanessa.

Friends of Humbleton

It seems a while since The Family Fun Day on 19 July - a big thank you to everyone who joined in at - after a wet morning putting up the marquee, the sun shone and we had a lovely afternoon. Lots of children and adults joined in our races including running, skipping, obstacle, welly wanging, wheelbarrow and piggy-back racing. The all-important tug-of-war was won by the men / boys (2-1). Medals were won by all 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed, plus a dip in the goody bag. The tombola had a record number of prizes as did the raffle. A big thank you to all our supporters who kindly donated the raffle prizes. The stalls - lucky dip, bbq, cake stall, drinks & ice creams went down well also.

As usual non-residents outnumbered the residents but we don't mind - honestly we're just glad that everyone comes and has a good afternoon.

For those of you who left after the prize giving, we took down and packed away the marquee for the next event, we then fired up the bbq again, had some homemade drink and had a game of rounders.

It'll be on again next year - so mark the date in your diary now and we'll confirm nearer the time.

Our next event is the Christmas light switch on on 5 December at 6pm - anyone who can help putting the tree up the week before on 28 November is very welcome and any help on the 5 December on the morning putting up the marquee would be appreciated.

Santa has the date in his diary, you can see we've sourced a permanent tree, which will be there for years to come and future generations - the bbq will fired up again, and mulled wine will be available. Tombola prizes can be handed into West View.

Church Notes

Warm greetings from St Peter's Church Humbleton. We have recently had our quinquennial inspection of the church building. Every five years we are required to ask our architect to inspect the building and tell us what needs attention. Some of the wonderful people in the village have helped out with some of things we need to do such as get rid of the dead pigeons on the tower and clean it. Many thanks to those intrepid helpers. There are other jobs to be done but church finance will not allow them at the moment. However the Gift day Appeal in the village in aid of the church did help pay for the annual insurance premium. Many thanks to those who contributed. The church can therefore remain open for services as well as being available for baptisms and weddings and funerals. Humbleton makes a lovely venue for a wedding so anyone interested should contact the vicar on 01964 601381.

Our autumn fundraising got off to a great start with our Elvis concert. This was a wonderful night with dancing in aisles and Elvis proving yet again that he lives. Many thanks to Steve Caprice.

Maple Garage supports us throughout the year by keeping the church grass down and also by hosting an event each November in the garage itself. This year there will be a Christmas cookery and flower demonstration on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Margaret Render or on the door and the price will include a glass of wine and a mince pie. We are already looking ahead to Christmas and the Carol service will take place on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm. The South Holderness Deanery Choir will lead the singing. The Christingle service is at 4.30pm on Sunday 20th December.

An update from Heron's Educational Foundation

If you have small children starting infant school, or older ones going to secondary school, further education or entering higher education now is the time to apply for a grant towards expenses – send a letter to Mrs F Crawford of Cold Harbour Farm, Fitling or Brenda Frear at Lelley.

As you will see the Old School has (as advised in May) been fenced off. Whilst this is a disappointment, the overriding concern to the trustees is safety and as it is now fenced off can parents please ensure that their children abide by the fencing and keep out.

This will mean residents need to use the 'trod' round to the recreation field.

Heron's have advised that in the last week children are ignoring the 'keep out' signs and 'breaking' into the fenced off area – climbing under the fencing. Parents – this has been fenced off for safety reasons – any accidents will be the children's fault, plus any break ins will be reported to the police. If you see children acting inappropriately please let Vanessa know as your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator so action can be taken.

The Autumn Countryside by Harry Buck

As I write these notes towards the end of September, the harvest is almost all gathered in. Once again we have seen a great and speedy change to the local countryside. The speed at which the fields were cleared of crops and very quickly cultivated ready for another year's crop to be sown seems to get faster each year.

Ploughing has always been an interest to me, over my life time I have seen man progress from one furrow and two horses to the massive modern ploughs which are plentiful in the fields today. The big and comfortable difference is horse ploughing on a good day involved walking 11 miles. Today it is much more of a comfortable ride with the introduction of the very modern technology whereby tractors are steered by GPS is wonderful.

Several of my farming friends tell me of a nice increase in the number of hares around the fields. Swallows and housemartins have had another good breeding year.

I had an interesting few minutes as I arrived home after dark recently – it was good to listen to the distant calls of local owls. In a very short period of time I heard a Barn Owl, Tawny Owl and a Little Owl. This was all the more pleasant as we had a good half moon to add to the magic of the countryside in moonlight.

Some stretches of blackthorn have the autumn fruit of sloes, whilst the bramble crop has been very variable – gathering brambles is not as favourable as it used to be – possibly the art of jam making is a dying craft.

Keep well, Keep laughing!

If anyone has any events or information to add for future issues – let Vanessa know. If anyone has anything to be included please give to Vanessa at Springfields.