

MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

- 16.97 Present: Councillors: J Burton (JB); (Chair); S Wood (SW); L Brazier (LB); H Jackson (HJ) & N Broughton (NB)
- Apologies: F Caley (FC); H Stannard (HS)
- Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan
- Residents: None
- Non-residents: None
- 16.98 Public Forum
- None
- 16.99 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
- None.
- 17.00 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:
- RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meetings held on 21 November 2019 and 6 February 2020 be signed as a true record.
- 17.01 Matters arising:
- a) Highway & Street Services issues –
 - i) Fly-tipping continues to be a problem and is reported as identified.
 - ii) Pot holes –still a problem on Lelley Road, all reported as notified / seen. Road due to be rectified in next financial year (20/21). Road breaking up opposite Maple Garage – clerk to report to ERYC.
 - iii) Speeding – several checks had been done with 10% of vehicle speeding, the highest at 60mph (road is 30mph). 10% had no MOT / insurance in place. All information gathered by volunteers is passed onto the Speedwatch team who feedback accordingly. The aim is to restart once lighter nights in March. Still need volunteers from Humbleton (ideally 4 people to share the testing). Clerk to add to newsletter.
 - iv) Litter pick – Clerk had applied to Burton Pidsea Wind Farm for a grant to purchase litter picks, hivi vests and gloves. This had been successful and awarded £300. The items had been ordered and will be split between Humbleton & Flinton.
 - b) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – Land Rover theft from local farm in February, and thefts from vehicles at Lelley. Lead thefts from churches remains a problem. Farm Watch have continued to operate with lots of dog men and hare coursing being reported in the area – it is important to keep logging these calls to get the resources where needed.

- c) Maintenance schedule – clerk to arrange to get the drain next to Ann Watson Cottages tidied up, and a price for getting the new cemetery tidied up. Pumps had been serviced by Maple Garage and all ok – thank you to Maple.

Planter at south entrance – clerk to obtain a price for just a wall for the plaque.

A request had been put forward from a resident asking for ERYC to provide a mirror on the corner near the White Cottage. Clerk to request from ERYC.

Bench in Flinton – the back panel was broken – clerk to organise the repair.

- d) Parish Clock – no change.
- e) Heron’s Trust – no change.
- f) Community Plan – no change. Speeding & Community building mentioned elsewhere in meeting.
- 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 - no change
- i) Friends of Humbleton – Christmas light switch on 30th November was well supported and a great event. Dates to be agreed for the Family Fun Day in summer.
- j) Insurance renewal – at the last meeting Clerk has presented a long term 3 year agreement costing £342.16 from our current provider. The alternative supplier had come back more expensive and so we renewed with our current supplier.
- k) Burial fees – the clerk presented the new prices based on comparison with other local parishes. RESOLVED to approve new fees.
- l) Risk register updates identified at the last meeting had been added and the register was reviewed.
- m) Grant received – as mentioned earlier a £300 grant was received from Burton Pidsea Wind Farm.
- n) Bird scarers – several residents had commented about the frequency and noise levels of these. It was noted that the farmer was operating within the regulations.
- o) Auto-enrolment – the clerk advised that auto-enrolment was due (it occurs every 3-years) and that the appropriate measures would be actioned.
- p) Bridle path update – the clerk had been requested to find some old records about the applications for the bridle path over recent years so support a new application following the location of an old map dated 1928 that had the bridle path clearly marked.

17.02 Correspondence

- Coronavirus poster had been received reminding everyone to wash their hands.
- Coronavirus information from Neighbourhood Watch had been circulated that day encourages communities to protect the isolated and vulnerable during the outbreak.

- Thank you letters had been received from some residents for their Xmas gifts.

17.03 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for salary & expenses £371.00 HMRC £154.00 for PAYE and Supplies for litter pickers, hivi vests and gloves £445.80.
- b) Payments already made included Matt Havler for new Xmas lights £91.98; The Marvell College for printing £1.96 and AddPlant for the toilet hire at Xmas £96.00.
- c) Receipts of £300 grant from Burton Pidsea Wind Farm and £143.47 for VAT refund.
- d) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves. Current bank balance totals £2,108.49 in two bank accounts.

17.04 Planning

Nothing.

17.05 Any Other Business

- No 15 was still experiencing problems with water flooding when significant rainfall. Clerk advised tenant needs to take this up directly with Housing at ERYC.
- Nigel Broughton said a thank you to everyone in the village who helped trying to find Daisy (dog) recently. She was safely home and somehow had managed to get to Fitling despite being blind and deaf.

17.06 Date of next meeting

Thursday 28 May 2020 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.