

## MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

- 14.89 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
- 14.90 Public Forum
- None.
- 14.91 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.
- 14.92 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:
- RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 November 2016 be signed as a true record – proposed DB, seconded JH.
- 14.93 Matters arising:
- a) Highway & Street Services issues –
    - i) walkabout update – the Clerk had completed a survey for ERYC about the relative benefits of the walkabout – confirming that this was of immense benefit to the parish as road traffic regulations etc are not general knowledge. However it was noted that due to the delay in the report being issued, little work had been completed to date, and we expect the rest of the work to be completed in spring.
    - ii) Flinton street light upgrade – no date yet provided.
    - iii) Lelley / Sproatley bridle path – no response from Sproatley Parish Council yet, but ERYC have confirmed that they have provided a grant to Sproatley to complete this work.
    - iv) The damaged manhole cover towards Danthorpe has been raised as an issue but it is unclear whether this has been resolved.
    - v) Bridge near the Church – still no response.
    - vi) Road to Lelley has potholes which have been reported, plus near Moor Cottages.
    - vii) Fly tipping continues to be a problem especially at the chipping yard on Aldbrough Lane.
  - b) Parish Clock – the Diocesan Church Buildings Advisor, Mr Phil Thomas, had written to both the Clerk and Chair with a copy letter dated August, which had not been received previously. In the letter Mr Thomas clarifies that the DAC are keen for the Parish to repair the clock and the chime mechanism and not the bells as the Parish had mistakenly understood. Since receiving the letter, the clerk had contacted both companies who had provided a quote for the work on the clock, asking

if they could also do work on the chime. Both have requested a new visit to update the quote and see what work is required for the chime. The clerk is to liaise with the Church about arranging an appointment.

- c) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – nothing significant noted from police reports, apart from some cars broken into in Humbleton. It was noted that hare coursing is a problem in the area but is being taken seriously by the police.
- d) Maintenance schedule –
  - i) Flinton noticeboard – this has now been completed and the keys handed over to the clerk.
  - ii) Village benches – this is ongoing but waiting for better weather.
  - iii) Christmas tree – the clerk updated the Councillors about the feedback from Matt Wood about the tree.
  - iv) Weeds in church – this has been agreed with a contractor when the weather improves.
  - v) Trees on Flinton land – a second quote is currently being prepared.
  - vi) Planter at south entrance to the village – HJ is liaising with the farmer and Chris Craven about moving this forward.
- e) Friends of Humbleton – Christmas Light switch on 3<sup>rd</sup> December was a success – thanks to everyone who attended and supported the night. The next event planned is the Family Sports Day.
- f) Heron’s Trust – no further updates provided.
- g) West Newton & Rathlin Energy – nothing to report.
- h) Phone box – the clerk has formally notified ERYC and BT that we wish to adopt the Flinton phone box, however BT have a backlog and so there is a delay. The clerk applied to British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator for Flinton in January and have been successful. The clerk is trying to secure training with the provider so that we can have a training session locally for the Humbleton defibrillator.
- i) Flinton land lease agreement – it was agreed that this item can be closed as no further action to be taken.
- j) Suggestion box – now fitted in the Humbleton phone box and is for use for any residents to posts comments / concerns.
- k) Community Plan – as requested at the last meeting, a meeting was arranged with other stakeholders – Heron’s Trust, the Recreational Club and the Church to gain their perspective and viewpoint. This was held on 6 December and we requested that they went back to their respective committees and then fed back in early 2017 about their visions and how we can work on a joint plan. The clerk had recently contacted each of the stakeholders to ask for a follow up meeting and was awaiting a response from all parties.
- l) Broadband – there was no update on timing of the installation of a new phone exchange in Humbleton. Aldbrough exchange had been updated, and so the clerk was following up about Flinton. It was noted that certain residents were enquiring about mobile broadband connectivity.

#### 14.94 Correspondence

- South Holderness Internal Drainage Board – notification about a consultation period about extending the responsibility of the local drainage board had been received. It was RESOLVED to support the proposed extension and move the responsibility back into local drainage board hands.
- Thanks for the Christmas gifts from local residents was noted.
- Sproatley Primary School had sent a letter advising the Council that there were exploring the opportunity of converting to an academy.

#### 14.95 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for fee & expenses £459.61 (including vouchers for Christmas gifts and Christmas cards) and HMRC £75 for PAYE.
- b) Payments already made and approved retrospectively – to Matt Havler for Christmas event expenses £89.50; ERYC for the maintenance of the street light on The Green £85.85; Came & Company for insurance for 2017 £275.00; LCM Property Maintenance for the repair of the Flinton bus shelter roof £1,009.00 and Addplant for hire of toilet for the Christmas event £96.00.
- c) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves.

#### 14.96 Planning

Councillor Burton left the meeting as the Maple Garage planning application was discussed. It was RESOLVED not to object to the application.

#### 14.97 Any Other Business

- It was noted that the school bus had been involved in an accident due to the road being icy, and whilst the bus driver and children were fine, it was concerning that school run routes are not being gritted.
- The clerk had approached the Tansterne bio-mass project asking if they would support us in funding any projects in the village. They had responded and requested further details. The clerk agreed to revert when the Council had progressed the community plan.

#### 14.98 Date of next meeting

Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.