

MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2017,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

15.88 Present: Councillors: F Caley (FC) (Chair); N Broughton (NB); J Burton (JB); H Jackson (HJ) & J Hart (JH)

Apologies: H Stannard (HS) & L Brazier (LB)

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: One

Non-residents: None

15.89 Public Forum

A burglary occurred on Main Road Humbleton which was discussed, it had been reported to the police – there appears to have been a white van going through the village, walking down drives and looking for ‘stuff’. The 2 men were witnessed but not challenged. Residents need to be aware of suspicious vehicles and actions in both villages and should report them to the police.

15.90 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

15.91 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 September 2017 be signed as a true record.

15.92 Matters arising:

a) Highway & Street Services issues –

i) walkabout update – outstanding items related to highways and were not considered important by the ERYC team and so are unlikely to be resolved in the near future.

ii) fly tipping continues to be a serious problem with the chipping yard being used frequently as a dumping ground, plus waste dumped down Long Lane.

iii) The trees at the west entrance of the village have been pruned and the entrance is now looking better.

b) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report apart from the burglary mentioned earlier.

c) Maintenance schedule –

i) Village benches – ongoing – one part had been repaired, but another part of the same bench had been damaged which is being repaired.

ii) Trees on Flinton land – a second quote is currently awaited from an alternative contractor.

iii) Planter at south entrance to the village – it was agreed that this should now progress as soon as possible – HJ to arrange the footings under the current East Riding sign so that the planter can be finalised before winter.

- d) Friends of Humbleton – Christmas event was held on 2 December and was well supported – Archbishop John Sentamu switched the lights on and Santa visited.
- e) Heron’s Trust – no further update.
- f) West Newton & Rathlin Energy – meeting held with liaison committee on 6 December advising that in quarter 1, 2018 it was likely that work would recommence. It was confirmed that there are no permits for fracking, and that Rathlin are not drilling down far enough to utilise fracking methodology, merely normal drilling. It was worth noting that the same drilling rig is required for drilling which can cause confusion with residents assuming that they are fracking. Rathlin encourage anyone with concerns to contact the Environmental Agency to challenge whether any fracking is occurring as they have nothing to hide.
- g) Phone box – Flinton phone box - the Harrison family have painted the telephone box and it looks great. The clerk is organising the fitting of the defibrillator.
- h) Community Plan – the meeting was held in mid-October and the clerk has been tasked with updating the plan.
- i) Broadband – this is still a problem with some residents in Humbleton being told they cannot access superfast broadband, but their neighbours can – it is very confusing. The clerk has raised this with the East Riding Broadband Project. No update about Flinton yet. It was noted that the drain where the cables run through to Aldbrough appear to be in a poor state of repair which could be causing part of the problem with reliability issues in Flinton.
- j) Bio-mass – no change to date, however there have been some tests run and the adverse side effects have been felt in Aldbrough. There are concerns that these effects will be felt in Flinton as the relief valves get stuck.
- k) Risk register – RESOLVED to review again in 12 months.

15.93 Correspondence

- A letter had been received from Rathlin about the proposed road closures down Pasture Lane and West Newton. Rathlin are applying to ERYC for the road closures so that the traffic operation will be smoother (given the size of the lorries used to transport the rig and the equipment / raw materials for the track construction) as the lorries will be as wide as the local rural roads.
- A letter from ERYC had requested for suggested street names for the name bank. RESOLVED that the clerk propose names based on the local landmarks.
- Insurance renewal – the documentation had been received, we are still in a 3 year long term agreement and so the only price increase is the increase in IPT. RESOLVED to renew the insurance at £280 and the clerk to arrange payment.

15.94 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for fee and expenses £318.98; and HMRC £75 for PAYE.
- b) Payments already made and approved retrospectively – Martinsons £72 for sludging the Green Dyke; The Marvell College £3.98 for printing costs; ERYC £85.85 for the SLA on the street light on The Green; Matt Havler £92.18 for the beer for the Christmas event and Phil Stannard £59.53 for repairs to the shed roof. It was noted that Friends of Humbleton had made a donation of £127 towards the beer and shed roof repairs.
- c) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves.

Precept 2018/19 was discussed – RESOLVED to a 5% increase to £2,235 based on the current cost level and known increases in expenditure. This equates to an increase of £110.

15.95 Planning

The application made by Walnut Cottage was discussed and reviewed. It was RESOLVED that the clerk respond to the application on the planning website stating that the council had no objections to the application.

15.96 Any Other Business

- Christmas gifts lists was reviewed – additional names had been added. RESOLVED to buy a bag of coal for those that wanted otherwise a Sandhills voucher was to be given to the resident.
- Salt bins – clerk to raise with ERYC about the refilling of the bins.
- Council houses – it had been brought to resident's attention that the council houses had had fascia and soffits painted, but were then told that they would be replaced with UPVC – clerk to investigate.

15.97 Date of next meeting

Thursday 22 February 2018 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.