

## MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

- 16.53 Present: Councillors: F Caley (FC) (Chair); J Burton (JB); N Broughton (NB); L Brazier (LB) & H Jackson (HJ)
- Apologies: H Stannard (HS)
- Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan
- Residents: None
- Non-residents: None
- 16.54 Public Forum
- Nothing
- 16.55 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
- Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land. Councillor Caley declared an interest in Heron's Educational Trust and in Rathlin Energy.
- 16.56 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:
- RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 February 2019 be signed as a true record.
- 16.57 Matters arising:
- a) Highway & Street Services issues –
- i) Fly-tipping continues to be a problem – clerk had had a response about the Freedom of Information request in our parish – the number of incidents in the last 12 months were 3 in Flinton and 10 in Humbleton (prior year 7 and 22 respectively). In East Riding there were 1,647 year to date (2,753 in prior year). It was noted that this equated to 0.7% in our parish this year and 1% in the prior year. Give the small size of our parish, it continues to be a huge concern. ERYC also reporting on the number of prosecutions which had increased from 18 in 2015/16, 13 in 2016/17, to 24 in both 2017/18 and 2018/19 to date.
- The clerk also reported that two residents had been challenged by ERYC employees driving whilst they had been picking litter. The clerk had challenged ERYC as to whether the employees needed training as the residents had been told not to pick up the rubbish. A response is awaited. The gravel chipping-yard remains an area used regularly for fly-tipping despite ERYC placing a bin in the location.
- ii) Pot holes – the Clerk noted that Mike Peeke had retired. The clerk had wished Mike a happy retirement and thanked him on behalf of the parish for all the help over the years, especially the upgraded trod recently. Terry Weaver is our new highways contact. The clerk had contacted highways to find out what the yellow marks on the roads were and was advised that Long Lane, Lelley Road, Main Road, New Lane and Danthorpe Road were

all due to be dressed during this financial year. The yellow marks were the pre-dressed repairs that were required. The councillors welcomed the news as the roads were in poor condition with Lelley Road in a very bad way.

- iii) Speeding – still a major concern in both villages. The clerk had obtained information about the scores for Flinton, which unfortunately ERYC did not feel supported our assertions that speeding was a significant issue. There had only been one accident and it was due to someone not paying attention, not due to speeding. The average speed was 33.7mph which was below the threshold for further analysis. The clerk had requested that ERYC re-consider as the biomass had been built since the original testing and the volume of large vehicles had increase as a result. One visit had been made, but was considered as an insignificant increase in traffic (probably due to the current inoperable state of the biomass station). This had been shared with PCso Bainton to see what the police could do to help. PCso Bainton offered to keep monitoring the speed of traffic in Flinton and to provide a visible presence to help reduce the speeding.
- iv) Litter pick – Humbleton litter picks are arranged by the residents, we would need Flinton residents to organise one also. Clerk offered to buy some Hi-Viz and litter picks, but the Flinton residents need to advise when a pick could be organised.
- b) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – quite a few issues in the surrounding areas, but not in our parish, key focuses for the police has been vehicle crimes, burglary and thefts. My community alert is a free messaging service operated by Humberside Police – sign up at [www.mycommunityalert.co.uk](http://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk). Operation Galileo is a national police operation in relation to hare coursing. Between August 2018 and April 2019, there have been 332 reports of day time hare coursing reflecting a 35% reduction in the same period for the prior year. Work continues to tackle this issue through prevention tactics, gathering intelligence, enforcement and reassurance. One resident in Humbleton had had their vehicle damaged maliciously which had been reported to the Police. Burton Constable had had a significant theft of lead.
- c) Maintenance schedule –
  - i) Trees on Flinton land – this had been followed up again by the clerk and the contractor promised the work would be done shortly.
  - ii) Planter at south entrance to the village – hopefully this will be started shortly.
- d) Parish Clock – all 4 quotes now received, awaiting scaffolding quotes. Then applications for funding will be applied.
- e) Heron’s Trust – Councillor Caley provided a short update – if anyone has any questions, please contact Heron’s Trustees directly for an update.
- f) Community Plan – a meeting was to be arranged with the original steering group to update the plan. Broadband update – several emails have been exchanged with East Riding Broadband project team – the last one 7<sup>th</sup> March advising that the main subcontractor was about to begin

work on the Aldbrough V5012 structure which serves Flinton. All planning work is completed and cost estimates released. Applications have been submitted to begin excavations along the highway, to lay the new cable and clear blockages in the existing ducting. Work to verify the status and location of the network in Flinton has been completed, ready for the new equipment to be installed. This identified that 4 new lengths of fibre optic cable was to be installed in the village in addition to the 26km of fibre already needed, plus that 2 further blockages needed to be cleared. Openreach were now awaiting a start date to begin work on the ground. The estimated completion date had been revised to May 2019.

Speeding in both villages, but specifically in Flinton – this was covered earlier in the meeting. Community building – this is outside the control of the parish council but both Heron and the Church seem to be independently working on this.

- g) Bus shelter on B1238 – work had been now been completed. The £250 insurance excess is still our cost until the insurance company successfully recover it from the driver. It was noted that ERYC (Debbie McGurn) had confirmed on 1 March that because we own the bus shelter, it is up to the parish to decide whether to keep the bus shelter. We would be within our rights to remove it if it keeps getting knocked down by careless drivers.
- h) Rathlin Energy (UK) update – the last meeting was 24<sup>th</sup> April with several new committee members. The operations provided an update about what work had taken place and what the next steps were. This was about the rig mobilisation and the current site layout. It was confirmed that the current rig is smaller than the one used in well A drilling. Several questions were asked about the volumes and understanding the need for hydrochloric acid, which was explained as it was used to clean up the perforations: a standard oil field technique. The environmental permits clearly defined the volumes of acid to be used and stored on site. Questions were asked about what was in place to avoid the technical issues encountered at the first well drilling – the main issue had been the requirement to use a flare for clean-up which was not adequately suited for that purpose. The Environment Agency now acknowledged that the current permit provided for 2 separate flare units, one for well clean-up and one for extended well test.

Community concerns were being dealt with as raised, two local residents had called the office regarding lighting concerns and this had been addressed.

The traffic management plan allowed access to site 24-hours per day, seven days per week, however that the road had been closed on 8<sup>th</sup> April by the police and traffic had been diverted. This had resulted in 2 lorries being released at one time under police construction (otherwise the standard is at 10-minute intervals).

Environmental monitoring continues to be taking place on site including ground water, surface water and air monitoring. Noise monitoring was also in place.

It was noted that when roads are closed this is only following police decision, which was confirmed by the police present at the committee meeting.

Future plans were discussed including what the density of the well sites could look like – the estimated reservoir is approx. 4,000 acres which could translate into 6 or 7 well bores. The aim would be to minimise the number of sites and optimise the number of wells per site. Concerns had been raised by a Friends of the Earth meeting in New Ellerby where examples of American fracking had been shown to the residents. The difference between American and UK planning permission and oil / gas exploration was discussed, confirming that the UK government would determine what future activities would be undertaken. It was mooted that if this develop as expected that residents could be invited on a bus trip to visit the largest onshore gas field in production in Lincolnshire as it would help to reassure residents.

Anyone with concerns about lighting / noise should contact the emergency helpline (0800 195 9154) immediately so that the site team can respond quickly.

#### 16.58 Correspondence

- East Yorkshire Advanced Riders and Drivers had written asking if each parish council could make a contribution to their costs. This was considered and rejected.
- The local village halls network wrote to ask if their details could be passed on to anyone appropriate in the village – clerk to action to Heron.

#### 16.59 Accounts

a) Payments approved to V Nolan for salary & expenses £291 and HMRC £63 for PAYE.

b) Payments already made included L J Pexton (bus shelter re-build) £2,200 and The Marvell College (printing) £0.12.

b) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves. Current bank balance totals £5,048.83 in two bank accounts.

#### 16.60 Planning

Nothing.

#### 16.61 Any Other Business

Family Fun Day to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm.

#### 16.62 Date of next meeting

Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7pm at Maple Garage, Flinton.