

MINUTES OF HUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2019,

held at Maple Garage, Flinton

16.34 Present: Councillors: F Caley (FC) (Chair); J Burton (JB); N Broughton (NB); L Brazier (LB), H Jackson (HJ) & H Stannard (HS)

Apologies: J Hart (JH)

Officer: Mrs Vanessa Nolan

Residents: None

Non-residents: PCso Darren Bainton

16.35 Public Forum

Nothing

16.36 Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the Flinton land. Councillors Caley declared an interest in Heron's Educational Trust. Councillor Caley declared an interest in Rathlin Energy.

16.37 Confirmation of Parish Council Minutes:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting and the AGM held on 29 November 2018 be signed as a true record.

16.38 Matters arising:

a) Highway & Street Services issues –

i) Fly-tipping continues to be a problem – PCso Bainton confirmed that it seems to move around villages. Clerk had contacted ERYC asking for information about the number of fly-tipping incidents under freedom of information regulations.

ii) Pot holes – still an issue but resolved fairly quickly once reported to ERYC. Clerk to enquire about the road markings on Lelley lane that have appeared recently. Clerk to ask about the pot holes in the passing places down Danthorpe Lane also.

iii) Speeding – still a major concern in both villages. Clerk to enquire from ERYC about the 'golden rivers' and the score obtained by the analysis for Flinton completed in recent years for information and to share with PCso Bainton. This can help plan our options, including speed watch by the police and residents if necessary.

iv) Litter pick – clerk to contact the leaders from the last litter pick to see if one is planned for spring in both villages – this would need some volunteers from Flinton.

b) Police Reports / Neighbourhood Watch – quite a few issues in the surrounding areas, but not in our parish, including fuel thefts, burglaries – the biggest increase was of shop theft and theft from vehicles – this was reinforced by PCso Bainton confirming that our parish has few incidents. However PCso Bainton stated that the police had been advising residents to ensure nothing is left in vehicles including glove boxes being empty and open to demonstrate it is empty.

- c) Maintenance schedule –
- i) Trees on Flinton land – this had been delayed due to the contractor being in hospital, but hopefully will be completed soon.
 - ii) Planter at south entrance to the village – ERYC had agreed for us to locate the planter in another location (near the MUGA) but must be at least a metre from the road. Work to wait until spring.
 - iii) Tree on private land in Flinton – concern was raised about a tree in the village – clerk to explore what our options are.
- d) Parish Clock – 3 quotes had been received, and a fourth was outstanding – the values varied considerably which was concerning but no detailed analysis had been completed until all 4 quotes have been received. Then applications for funding will be applied.
- e) Heron’s Trust – Councillor Burton confirmed he had resigned from the Trust. Another representative for the Council was required, RESOLVED to appoint Chris Brazier as the Council’s representative. The meeting to present the proposals for the Old School House was discussed with it being well supported by the residents with lots of feedback. The feedback will be taken into account in the proposals. It was confirmed that a play area for children was on the plans and included in the presentation and was likely to be completed prior to the rest of the work (when finalised). It was noted that any feedback from residents about the proposals – please contact any of the Councillors or Heron’s Trustees.
- f) Community Plan – broadband update – once again the clerk had been in contact with Graham Stuart and ERYC about the broadband issues. The clerk continues to chase Openreach for an update about Flinton broadband, but no response is usually forthcoming unless Graham Stuart is involved which is frustrating. On January the clerk wrote asking for specific answers for:
- Has the 4km of ducting now been surveyed and completed?
 - The additional work mentioned in delaying the Aldbrough infrastructure until the New Year – can you provide more clearly defined timescales – what does ‘the new year’ mean in terms of dates?
 - How long will the re-planning take to incorporate the additional engineering requirements?
- Their response was:
- The 4km has now been completed. The outcome is that 14 blockages were discovered along a 2.6km stretch. A further 700m contains silt, which will need to be fully removed in 3 locations. All of these need to be cleared before it can thread a new fibre optic cable along the 4km. A further 20km of fibre will be threaded along an alternative route to avoid the original blockages. The results of the survey work have been passed to Openreach’s Planning team to determine final cost of the new design. ERYC are awaiting a date for the final cost to be provided which will be discussed on 16 January. Barring unforeseen delays

or additional high cost work, Openreach has set its estimated completed date to be 21st March due to the scale of the additional work to be completed.

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 Heron’s Trust proposals were discussed earlier. The community plan is due to be reviewed in July and so the clerk is to arrange a meeting with the committee members for an update.

- g) Bus shelter on B1238 – the 3 quotes had been provided to the insurance company who were in the process of transferring the funds to our account. Work by the contractor was expected to start next week and re-use bricks and the roof as much as possible. There is a £250 insurance excess we will have to fund, however the clerk has requested that the insurance company update us on where they are with the recovery of this excess from the driver of the incident.
- h) Rathlin Energy (UK) update – the last meeting was 15 January during which new liaison committee members were introduced as was Andy Sloan the drilling engineer for Rathlin Energy (UK). The cellar construction work, started in December 2018, was completed prior to Christmas, on schedule. This was to a depth of 3 – 4 metres and the surrounding concrete pad was now also in place. The conductor setting, as explained at the last meeting, was now well underway. The rig had currently reached a depth of 28 metres. A revised traffic management plan had been submitted to ERYC – the minor changes reflected those associated with the passing of time as the original plan was now almost 6 years old when the operating environment was slightly different. The same route and speed limits had been retained but the requirement to display Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited signage had been removed. Whilst this was of a concern to some of the liaison committee – Rathlin explained it was due as a direct result of the series of protestor / operational incidents affecting drivers / vehicles heading towards / departing from the site. The inappropriate behaviour towards the drivers was becoming more commonplace and the signage, originally implemented for the benefit of local people, was now presenting a risk to the contractors. Rathlin reinforced that all drivers would continue to be briefed in detail about the route to site, speed restrictions, delivery times etc and that vehicles would only enter and exit the site at controlled / timed intervals. Rathlin confirmed they would following the traffic plan and would only digress from it when instructed to do so by Humberside Police. Rathlin also confirmed that any drivers seen driving irresponsibly should take the licence plate and report it in the normal manner, and any such reports would be investigated. Anyone with concerns about drivers should be reported to 0207 268 9860 directly to Rathlin.

Rathlin advised that as soon as a large drilling rig becomes available, work would start on drilling the rest of the well and it would be a 24/7 operation taking between 6 – 8 weeks to complete. Once completed the rig would be demobilised and there would be a hiatus between drilling and testing phase, which would be discussed at a future meeting.

Rathlin confirmed that mitigation measures were being explored to try and reduce noise, plus that whilst lighting was required for the 24/7 operation for safety reasons, mitigation measures would be in place following feedback from West Newton Well A. Anyone with concerns about lighting / noise should contact the emergency helpline (0800 195 9154) immediately so that the site team can respond quickly.

- i) Elections – forms for councillors to nominate themselves for election in May were handed to councillors reminding them that the deadline is 4pm on 3 April 2019. Clerk to circulate the forms electronically and to post on the website and facebook to see if any other residents want to be a councillor.

16.39 Correspondence

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

16.40 Accounts

- a) Payments approved to V Nolan for salary £228 and HMRC £152 for PAYE.
- b) Financial statement of accounts circulated prior to meeting – the accounts are still healthy and we have healthy cash reserves. Current bank balance totals £3,191.50 in two bank accounts.

16.41 Planning

Nothing.

16.42 Any Other Business

None

16.43 Date of next meeting

Thursday 23 May 2019 at 7.30pm at Maple Garage, Flinton following the AGM.