

# Humbleton & Flinton Parish Newsletter

June 2015

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council AGM & meeting was held on 28 May at Maple Garage at 7pm, with one resident in attendance plus an ERYC Councillor – John Holtby. The AGM was held first noting that 5 Councillors had been re-elected uncontested on 7 May. Mr John Burton and Mr Nigel Broughton were co-opted as Councillors. Mr Francis Caley was elected as Chair and Mr John Burton as Vice-Chair.

The annual return was discussed and approved – a surplus of £600 in the year – however the bill for the Christmas coal had yet to be received and paid. Internal audit had reviewed the return and made a couple of suggestions for improvements which will be adopted.

The Chair recapped the last 12 months activities including the walk about in the parish, the updated asset register and the risk register. The memorial for World War Two is ongoing, and the phone box in Humbleton is in the final throes of adoption. The parish clock was still an issue due to funding. It was resolved to add the Flinton land review to the agenda for the next meeting.

The Parish meeting was then convened. Sewerage issues in Flinton were agreed since the last meeting with ERYC to be Yorkshire Water responsibility so ERYC will follow this up.

It was noted that the Humbleton planters had been replanted, and that the one at the South entrance had been damaged. Once it has been removed a replacement would be considered depending on whether the name plate needed replacing.

The churchyard has been sprayed again but still has a lot of hemlock growing round the gravestones – it was agreed we need to find a solution to clear it up.

The bridle path between Lelley and Maple Garage, specifically responsibility for maintaining has been raised with ERYC to ensure this is completed during the year.

The missing brown cycle loop sign reported as damaged and missing to ERYC, who are trying to source a new supplier.

Thanks to Phil Stannard and Matt Havler for tidying up the verges on the west entrance to the village. It is appreciated so that the entrance to the village looks tidier.

A Friends of Humbleton update regarding the state of the marquee and the proposed permanent Christmas tree was discussed.

Heron's Trust – notice was given that the Old School was to be boarded up and fenced in to prevent injury due to broken windows and roof slates. This is disappointing as we lose one of the few community assets in the village. It was resolved that the Clerk raise the issue of the 'trod' again with ERYC as this will become the main access to the sports field when the school access is closed.

Humberside Police crime reports have been very quiet since the last meeting.

Discussions are ongoing with Community Heartbeat Trust about the type of defibrillator required to install in the phone box. An application to the Local Grant Fund will be made so that the purchase of the defibrillator can be made. The proposed adoption of Finton phone box is awaiting a response from BT.

The proposed RAF WW2 memorial pricing from another supplier is more reasonable. The Clerk is to contact Susan Walker about getting the appropriate approval from the York Diocese.

The finance report, previously circulated, was discussed and payments approved as follows: C Garbutt for clearing a dyke (£50); J Naylor for clearing the churchyard (£200); Clerk salary and expenses (£172.47) and HMRC (PAYE) (£60).

No planning items were tabled for discussion.

The clerk was tasked with finding out about website hosting as a result of the new transparency regulations.

The next meeting is 10 September 2015 at Maple Garage at 7pm.

### **Parish Meeting held 16 June at 7pm**

The meeting was fully attended by all Councillors, and appropriate declarations of interest declared.

It was resolved that the domain name [www.humbleton.org.uk](http://www.humbleton.org.uk) be purchased for 10 years for a cost of approx. £50, so that the regulations of the transparency code could be fulfilled.

Planning items:

- a) The Bungalow, Humbleton was applying for a stable block on the property – this was discussed and several observations were noted. The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's response supporting the application with some observations.
- b) Manor Farm, Finton was applying for a ground solar array for use in the dryers – this was discussed and Mr Caley answered several questions before leaving for the Council to discuss. The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's response supporting the application.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

There have been several instances in the area of keys being stolen when kept downstairs, resulting in resident's cars being stolen. The police are recommending that keys are taken upstairs at night to prevent such opportunistic robberies.

Farm watch has been quiet over recent months.

We understand that there is a rough sleeper in Finton.

Please let Vanessa or Francis (neighbourhood watch contacts) know if there is anything you are concerned about, or you know of a crime.

Lottery scams are prevalent at the moment particularly preying on the over 60s. The criminals tend to ask for a small amount of money to 'release your lottery win' – and then they will keep coming back for more money. Remember if you didn't enter the lottery you can't win it.

## Parish Council Elections

The results of the local parish council election is that Francis Caley, Jane Hart, Helena Stannard, Lisa Brazier and Harry Jackson were re-elected uncontested. Deg Burton and Nigel Broughton were co-opted at the meeting of 28 May to be Councillors so we have a full quota.

### Website

As part of new regulations for Local Councils and the removal of the requirement for an external audit for year ending 31 March 2016, councils have to comply with new transparency regulations which means that all agendas, minutes and financial information have to be displayed on a website. This has meant we have had to purchase a website and are in the process of populating it with information.

Our website is [www.humbleton.org.uk](http://www.humbleton.org.uk) – please check it out and watch as it grows. Obviously there is a learning curve as I learn how to update and maintain the website but I'd appreciate any information – historic, current or future that we can include on the website. As we have to maintain the website it should be with useful information. If anyone has any photos they are willing to share with me either regarding past events or just of the villages, please send them to me at [humbleton@btinternet.com](mailto:humbleton@btinternet.com).

### Phone Box

We have applied to adopt the phone box in Humbleton and are in the final stages. By the time this is finalized we will own the phone box. As mentioned earlier we intend to purchase a defibrillator which is ongoing.

However whilst BT have done some repairs to the box itself, including repairing the interior light, it would be nice to see it looking a little more loved than it is currently.

Is there anyone who would consider sparing a little time to clean the external of the phone box – ideally it could do with a lick of paint, but I need to find the 'regulation paint' so we can retain the phone box in its usual colour. If anyone has any other ideas of what we could use the box for, please let the Clerk or Councillors know. Other adoptees have used theirs for a variety of innovative uses including library, art installations, map and tourist information points (don't think there is any call for that in Humbleton) and even a pub (maybe more useful for us!).

It goes without saying that as it is now our responsibility, we need to be vigilant to ensure it is not damaged or vandalized – your assistance is appreciated.

### Bottle Banks

The bottle banks near the Recreation Field are the responsibility of Heron's Trust however it has been noted that they have not been emptied for a while – this has been reported to the Trustees who are organizing a collection. Please let the Clerk know if you notice they are full again as this does generate some money for the Trust.

### Village Issues

We have noticed that ERYC are not emptying the communal bins as often as usual, and this has been reported, asking for an explanation and to confirm that regular collections will continue.

Please report any concerns, however small, to your Clerk or Councillors so it can be followed up promptly.

Likewise if you see any fly tipping or pot holes please let us know so we can get it repaired / fixed.

## Calendar of Events

Sunday 19 July	1pm Family Fun Day on the Sports fields
Thursday 10 September	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 28 August	Elvis at Humbleton Church
Friday 25 September	10 – 12pm Macmillan Coffee morning at Humbleton Church
Sunday 4 October	12.30pm Harvest lunch at Humbleton Church
Thursday 19 November	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 November	7.30pm Christmas Cooking & Flower Arrangement Evening
Saturday 5 December	6pm Christmas Light Switch on The Green (to be confirmed)
Friday 18 December	7.30pm Christmas Carol Service

Please check the notice board / website as the Parish Council meetings can change date.

### Rathlin Energy (UK) Limited's Work at West Newton (A&B)

The 13th West Newton community liaison meeting took place on 12 May 2015. The liaison meetings are designed to inform and educate nominated community representatives about Rathlin's work at the West Newton A site (which has been drilled, tested and is currently suspended) and the proposed site at West Newton B. Please note: since the last meeting, East Riding of Yorkshire Council has approved Rathlin's planning application to drill and test the West Newton B well – which is now subject to receiving the necessary Environment Agency permits.

Rathlin reminded the liaison committee that anti-fracking protestors have been demonstrating at sites where no high volume hydraulic fracturing (HVHF) within the Bowland Shale is taking place. Rathlin reminded members that West Newton B stops 1,000m above the Bowland Shale – underlining the company's commitment to not undertaking HVHF.

At the meeting, which was attended by representatives from the parishes of Aldbrough, Burton Constable, Humbleton and Finton, Ellerby, Sproatley and Withernwick, Rathlin gave a detailed presentation about the work that had been delivered at West Newton A and how, subject to receiving the necessary permits, the company will construct the well at West Newton B and undertake its testing programme. Resident representatives were given the opportunity to ask questions throughout.

A copy of the comprehensive notes of the meeting are available on the Rathlin website at: [www.rathlin-energy.co.uk](http://www.rathlin-energy.co.uk). They can be found in the Yorkshire section. If you have any questions about what is being proposed the company will happily speak with you. To request a call back, please email: [fielduk@rathlinenergy.co.uk](mailto:fielduk@rathlinenergy.co.uk). Your community representative on the liaison committee is Lisa Brazier or your Clerk. If you would like to raise any issues on your behalf at a future liaison committee meeting, please contact either Lisa or Vanessa.

## Friends of Humbleton

The Family Fun Day is confirmed for Sunday 19 July at 1pm – all welcome. You should have all received a flyer about it – we hope to see you on the day.

As the flyer states tombola and raffle prizes are required and should be delivered to West View, Humbleton. Cake stall donations are required on the day – baked or bought are much appreciated.

To make a success of this event (and others) - we are asking for help in putting up& taking down the marquee which is fairly easy with many hands. We would appreciate anyone who can help set up the marquee or the tables and chairs meet at the Recreation Club at 9am on 19 July.

We'd like to thank Angela and Mally who have been a part of Friends of Humbleton for many years, but due to work commitments have had to leave the formal committee. If anyone else wants to join us – we lead on 2 events during the year, please contact any of us to discuss.

ERYC have agreed we can replace our 'temporary' Christmas tree with a more permanent solution – we are now in discussion with a supplier to find a suitable tree.

Our next meeting will be in October to discuss the Christmas Event in December – talk to Helena, Kathryn, Vicky, or Vanessa if you want to get involved. The date has not yet been confirmed but we look forward to seeing you.

## Church Notes

Warm greetings from St Peter's Church Humbleton. We are struggling at the moment to maintain services every Sunday but we will post notices on the door if they have to be cancelled. Everyone is welcome to worship at other churches in the benefice. If anyone would like the benefice newsletter which gives details of church services by email contact the vicar at [susanwalkerfe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanwalkerfe@hotmail.co.uk).

We had a lovely sunny day for the VE day Tea party on the May Day holiday, and had the parish registers from Beverley on show for people to look up their families. Despite the lack of numbers the tea party raised a much needed £180. We are struggling at the moment to raise sufficient funds to keep the church open.

Humbleton makes a lovely venue for a wedding so anyone interested should contact the vicar on 01964 601381.

### Activities

Fund raising activities - we always need to plan some fund raising activities as we find it hard to cover the costs of keeping the church open for the benefit of the village.

28<sup>th</sup> August - Elvis at Humbleton Church – tickets are £6 and include wine & nibbles

25<sup>th</sup> September - 10-12pm Macmillan Coffee Morning Humbleton Church

4<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest lunch at Humbleton Church, followed by Songs of Praise, tickets cost £10 for a 3 course lunch with wine – book early to avoid disappointment

24<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm Christmas Cooking & Flower Arrangement Evening at Maple Garage

18<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm Christmas Carol Service

## An update from Heron's Educational Foundation

If you have small children starting infant school in September, or older ones going to secondary school, further education or entering higher education now is the time to apply for a grant towards expenses – send a letter to Mrs F Crawford of Cold Harbour Farm, Fitling or Brenda Frear at Lelley.

Heron's members have been asking for some time for someone to join them – at last Mr Matthew Havler of Humbleton is a welcome addition to the team. The state of the Old School is of a concern to all the trustees of the trust. Despite spending money on new windows and replacing the guttering a few years ago, the place is a disgrace, with broken windows and damaged guttering. The greatest danger are that the slates are unstable and unsafe. Despite requests for ball games to be played only on the field, this has been ignored and the results are clear to see with broken windows etc. The trustees are mindful of their responsibility to the public for safety whilst around the Old School. In its current state the risk is just too high, and therefore we have had to agree reluctantly to board up the Old School and shut off the yard entrance to the field. We are currently sourcing contractors to carry out this work – and apologise for the inconvenience.

We had hoped to be well on the way to providing a new community space for all to use, but this is still some way off. We have invested £3,000 increasing the net height around the hard play area was to tennis can be played without having to retrieve the balls from the road or field. The trustees of Heron's trust would welcome more input and participation from residents to move the new hall forward.

## Early summer in Our Countryside by Harry Buck

As I write, the countryside is as good as we will ever see it, many shades of green are there due to the variety of crops grown locally, even the oil seed rape has filled in seasonably well. A week ago some of the oil seed rape fields looked a bit poor, but most will have something to harvest.

Winter wheat and winter barley show signs of being on target, the greatest worry in some areas is the invasion of the black grass growing in the crops, possibly due to the present day farming patterns.

Vining peas will have benefited from the recent rains but too much rain can ruin crops as we saw several years ago. Several stretches of road side verges have got good mixtures of colour – the white hemlock returns year after year, then by way of contrast the pink campion (soldiers' buttons) is well in bloom. Also the yellow charlock (runch or wild mustard) adds another variation to the wild plants of this area. What interests me greatly is that all this roadside herbage grows each year without fertilizer or crop rotation, just Mother Nature's way of doing things.

I'm sure the thrush population has very slightly increased near where I live – these birds are the tops when it comes to singing with such a variety of notes right up to their bed time.

Mature hawthorn hedges have produced good sprays of white blossom which in turn will give us good amounts of berries for next winter.

Keep well, Keep laughing!

**If anyone has any events or information to add for future issues – let Vanessa know. If anyone has anything to be included please give to Vanessa at Springfields.**