

HUNDLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8th February 2017

Councillors present: Mrs P Badley (In the chair), Mr M Badley, Mr M Booth, Dr D Cartwright, Ms J Slaymaker, Mr A Foster, Mr M Dales and Mrs D Jacklin.

Apologies.

All Councillors were present so there were no apologies.

Declaration of Interest.

The clerk declared an interest in item 6.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had already been circulated to the Councillors and were approved, proposed by Cllr M Booth and seconded by Cllr J Slaymaker, they were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Parish Rooms.

A) Cllr had contacted the painter to ask him to paint the inside of the new windows, he will do this as soon as he can.

The new tables for the Parish Rooms had arrived. The Hundleby Social Group presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £396.72 towards the cost. The Chairman thanked the Social Group for their generous donation and asked the clerk to write and acknowledge receipt of the cheque and thank them again.

It was suggested that the large square table in the parish rooms was no longer used. Following a vote in which 5 Cllrs agreed and 2 abstained it was decided to remove the table. A Cllr said he would re- stain the table and send it to auction.

The Fire Risk Assessment was checked and re-adopted for the coming year.

B) Environmental check list. The table has been up-cycled.

C) Nothing to report.

D) The Councillors discussed the hiring charges for the Parish Rooms. The current hiring rates are:

Villagers £7.00 without use of the kitchen and £8.00 with use of the kitchen and for non- village use the costs are £8.00 without the kitchen and £9.00 with. Cllr proposed that the charges remain the same, all Cllrs were in favour.

Clerk's remuneration and job description.

The clerk left the meeting. Following discussion by Cllrs, the clerk was offered a 10% pay increase in line with the Government minimum wage which she accepted.

Village Green and Village.

The clerk had contacted ELDC to ask if the tree on the Village green could be cut down and replaced with a slower growing tree, stating that the roots could damage the drains which run across the green. As the tree is in a conservation area the Parish Council have to apply for permission, this will take 6 weeks. The Chairman took the forms to complete.

Cllr had received a reply from Horncastle Council re information about salt bins. The cost of a bin would be approx. £160.00 and grit/salt cost £45.00 per bag. Cllrs discussed the siting of the bin and it was suggested that it could be at the front of the churchyard, they were also concerned about the storage of the salt. Cllrs wondered if the Church would be willing to contribute towards the cost of the salt and bin. Cllr will ask the Church for their opinion as to the siting of the bin and the possible sharing of costs.

A parishioner had reported that the tree on the island at the top of North Beck Lane needed cutting back and the road sign there appeared to have been hit by a vehicle and was damaged. The Chairman will arrange for these matters to be dealt with.

A car had been abandoned in Main Road Hundley. The police and the Council have been notified.

The wheely bins at 100 Main Road have been left out on the pavement for several weeks causing a hazard for pedestrians. This will be monitored for the next month and discussed again at the next meeting.

Great British Spring Clean.

It had been decided at the last meeting that this would be held in the village on 4th March from 10am. No volunteers had contacted Cllrs. Cllr will print notices to put up in the noticeboards. The Chairman will email ELDC and tell them the date and ask for 25 picker uppers and also ask where the filled bags will be collected.

Highway Problems.

Cllr had received no reply from the Highways department regarding the flooding. He will contact them again.

The Clerk had written to the Council to ask about the reinstatement of the footpath outside the property at the Old Reservoir on Raithby Hill. There had been no reply so the clerk will write again.

Speed watch.

Cllr reported that a camera had been put on the lamp post near Brickyard Lane. This will collect data which will be used to decide whether or not a camera van is necessary.

Cllr had investigated the cost of a vehicle activated sign which would be around £3000. Such a sign would also record data which could be reported to the local council to verify the Parish Councils complaints about speeding vehicles. Cllrs discussed this at length and felt that, although such a sign would be a good idea, the cost was too great for the Parish Council to fully fund. Fund raising events were suggested to part- fund a sign and rental of signs was also to be investigated. Cllr will investigate further and report back to the next meeting.

Finance

e-on had taken £16.78 by direct debit for electricity to 05.01.17.

Anglian Water had taken DD of £44.60 for the ¼ to 05.01.17.

£476.06 had been paid to Gopac for the purchase of new tables.

The balances in the bank were £2723.68 in the Current Account and £2736.86 in the Deposit Account.

Planning.

There were no planning matters to discuss.

Allotments.

Cllr reported that the allotment hedge would be cut during the next month.

Correspondence.

Viking Link notified the council that the purple corridor had been confirmed as the preferred route for the electricity cables and that planning permission would be applied for in summer 2017. It also gave details of common questions asked.

Anglian Water wrote to inform the Parish Council that they were dividing their business up and from April 2017 bills would be issued by Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd. The Parish Council could change their account to another supplier if they wished.

Any other business.

A Cllr had been approached by a local student who is doing his Duke of Edinburgh award. He asked if, as part of his project for this award, he could use the Parish Rooms to host and organise a fund raising event for the award scheme and any proceeds from the event would be donated to the Parish Council. The Cllrs agreed he could use the Rooms without charge, after checking for previous bookings and wished him luck.

The next meeting will be held on 8th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.15.