

HUNDLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8th NOVEMBER 2017

Councillors present: Mrs P Badley (in the chair), Mr M Badley, Mr M Dale, Mr M Booth, Dr D Cartwright, Mrs D Jacklin and District Cllr B Aron.

1 member of the public attended the meeting.

1. Apologies.

There were apologies from Mr A Foster and Ms J Slaymaker who had to attend other meetings and Councillor Will Grover who was ill. These were accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest.

There were no interests to declare.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had already been circulated to the Councillors, these were approved. Proposed by Cllr M Badley and seconded by Cllr D Jacklin, all voted in favour.

4. Matters Arising.

These were dealt with under the relevant headings.

5. Parish Rooms.

a. General.

The price for heating tokens had been investigated and it was reported that they would cost over £2.00 if purchased locally. To order on line the price would be £1.10 each. It was suggested that 20 tokens would be sufficient at the moment. The Chairman will order these on behalf of the Parish Council.

The rail around the Parish Rooms for decorations was an ongoing item.

Cllr had asked P Sylvester to look at the damaged roof, and had asked him to proceed with this as a matter of urgency. The shed also needed repairing but this will be done at a later date.

Ray Ford had not responded to messages re painting the window sills etc so Cllr will try and contact him.

The cleaner had been asked to monitor the stocks of cleaning materials and purchase replacements when necessary, using the Parish Council account at Tongs.

6. Village Green and Village.

It had been reported that the street light near Cherry Garth wasn't working. The Clerk will report this.

A person had contacted the Parish Council and complained that some hedges had been removed in the local area and footpaths across ploughed field had not been reinstated. The person said that she had also contacted the Footpaths Officer. Councillors discussed this and nobody knew of any hedgerows which had been removed and the person complaining had given no details of locations of missing hedges. The Chairman will send a reply to the complainant and also contact the footpath officer to ask him to investigate.

7. Highways.

Cllr Aron had made enquiries regarding the repainting of the slow signs on Main Road. He will check on the progress of this. Cllr Aron was also asked if the excess gravel left after the resurfacing could be swept up. He will contact Cllr Grover to ask if this could be done.

Cllr Aron asked if any Cllrs had been able to attend the Cluster Meetings about highways issues, no one had been able to attend. The Chairman said that the venues and timing of these meetings were not always convenient.

Cllr Aron also said that from January 2018 an acknowledgement would be sent to Parish Councils when they contacted the highways department about highway issues.

An email had been received explaining that the timings of the street lights were not correct at the moment following the alteration to the clocks. It stated that the timing would soon be corrected.

8. Speed watch.

It was suggested by Cllr Aron that a speed gun could be purchased to check the speed of vehicles through the Village. This would enable the Parish Council to monitor the speed and if there were vehicles who regularly exceeded the speed limit the police may send out a warning letter to the offender and further action could be taken by the police if necessary. It was thought that the cost would be approx. £250.00 and 3 Cllrs could be trained to use them. Enquiries will be made to the Road Safety Partnership.

9. Finance

A. The following bills had been paid;

Anglian Water had been paid £64.91 for the water bill to 27.10.17.

E-on had taken £8.90 by direct debit for the actual bill to 13.09.17.

Cllr advised the Clerk that the Anglian Water bills should be checked carefully as mistakes had been made by Anglian Water following the transfer to business accounts.

B. The balances in the bank were; £4959.51 in the Treasures Account and £2737.90 in the Business Bank Instant Account.

The annual accounts had been given to Cllr to put on the Parish website.

10. Planning.

A Cllr had been notified that a building was being erected in Post Box Lane. It appeared that a brick structure was being built to replace a wooden hut. The Clerk will contact East Lindsey District Council and ask them to investigate.

A planning application had been received before the meeting for another house at the development towards the end of the village In Dunkley's old field. This had been circulated to Cllrs for their

response. Cllr had sent the Parish Council's objections, which were similar to those made for the previous applications for houses on this field.

11. Allotments.

Cllr reported that all allotment rents had been received and banked.

12. Wildlife Grant.

Cllr D Cartwright declared an interest in this and left the meeting.

An application had been made to plant trees in a ½ acre paddock at the side of the public footpath, requesting a Wildlife Grant to help cover the cost of this. The grant administrators were concerned that the trees would replace a wild flower meadow, (the Parish Council were informed that the area was used for hay). The grant administrators also stated that the grant must be applied for by the Parish Council and not by an individual and they will need to check the field in the Spring / Summer to make sure that it does not contain significant wild flowers. Cllrs discussed this and decided to support the application. The application form will be completed and sent off.

13. Hundleby Parish Charities.

The Parish Council was informed about the arrangements for the annual Charity distribution.

14. Carols round the tree.

This event will take place on Thursday 21st December at 6.30.

15. Correspondence.

A person had sent an enquiry to the Parish Council asking if the Parish Councillors had any information on the Gables Workhouse where his great-grandfather had died. The Clerk will reply giving information about the location of the archives at Lincoln and the National Trust workhouse records at Southwell.

14. Any other business.

The Clerk had not yet investigated the purchase of a new minute book. She will do this for the next meeting.

The Christmas tree will be put up on Saturday 16th December. It was decided that this would also be the best time to prune the tree on the Village Green.

Cllr reported that a grit bin had been purchased from the internet to be placed at the end of Church Lane. He will investigate the price of grit to find out whether it would be more economical to purchase a large bag. If the price difference is not too great it was agreed that smaller bags would be purchased for easier storage. The Parish Church had already agreed that they would contribute ½ the cost.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the election department to find out the correct procedure for replacing a councillor who resigns.

15. Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.