

HUNDLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON THE 15th June 2018

Councillors present: Dr D Cartwright, (In the chair), Mrs P Badley, Mrs D Jacklin and Mr P Maddison.

David Mills, the Community Beat Manager and PCSO Teresa Key also attended.

Cllr Cartwright welcomed everyone to the meeting and told the Police Officers what had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Cllr Cartwright explained that the purpose of the meeting was to try and solve the parking issue of cars parking on the pavements at Main Road, this was causing problems for pedestrians, wheelchair users etc. He said that these problems were worse at night when parishioners returned from work. Local PCSO E Latham had previously delivered leaflets to all households asking that cars were parked on the road and not the pavement but this had had a limited response and she had received some abuse while delivering these leaflets.

Officer Mills said that the police powers were very limited regarding parking. He said it was not an offence to park on the pavement but it was an offence to obstruct the pavement so unless cars were causing an obstruction there was nothing that the police could do.

He said that in his opinion the best option was for the police to deliver a letter to all households pointing out the problems that were being caused and asking them to think of the people who needed to use the pavement.

He said was very difficult to prosecute the owners of cars causing an obstruction because a photograph showing the offending vehicle and the car registration plate, the person/ pram/ mobility scooter that cannot pass and also a written statement giving details.

He suggested that if a prosecution was successful it would be a warning to others.

The Officer was told that the problem would worsened when the development of 18 bungalows was completed at the Gables. Cllr suggested that the developer could be approached to see if they would put in a layby at the front of the development, however planning permission would be required and the developer would have to pay the cost of a layby. When the original plans were submitted the parking did not present such a problem.

Cllr Badley volunteered to approach Mr Rowe, the Gables developer and ask regarding street parking along Main Road.

Cllrs said there was also another problem was in this area, from the Gables to the end of the allotments. The farmer who used the turning had to put cones out to prevent vehicles from parking here and allow him to use the track to the allotments. Cllr said that the Parish Council had already asked L C C if yellow lines could be put in front of these turnings but it had not been approved by the County Council and he asked if the police would give their support if The Parish Council put in another request for yellow lines.

It was decided that Mr Ratcliffe should be approached to ask if traffic wardens could patrol in the Village, although they had the same limited powers as the police, it was felt that they might deter those causing an obstruction.

It was suggested that another meeting should be held in a few months' time to discuss progress, in the meantime the PCSO will continue to patrol through the Village as often as she can.

Cllr Cartwright thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

