

HUNDLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON HELD ON 4th May 2016

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

1) There were no apologies.

2) Cllr M Dales declared an interest in the planning application at Retreat Farm.

3) The minutes had already been circulated to the council members and were signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr D Jacklin and seconded by Cllr A Foster.

4) Matters Arising

The vacancy for the post of Parish Councillor has been advertised on the Parish notice boards. The notices will be removed on the 13th of May 2016.

5) Parish Rooms

a) Mr Ford has fitted the new windows and replaced the old window sills. He has also adjusted the other windows so that they open and shut easily.

Mr Ford reported to the Parish Council that the fire door needed to be checked to ensure it complied with fire safety regulations. This will be looked into.

Cllr had approached Mr Hickman to ask him to paint the Parish Rooms when the weather is suitable.

The clerk had received a new quote from the insurance company to increase the buildings value of the Parish Rooms. The Parish Council thought the price was rather excessive so asked the clerk to contact another insurer to compare the price.

b) Environment Check List.

c) Equal Opportunities.

6) Electricity Costs

Scottish Power was contacted and the price was found to be cheaper than the current electricity provider E-ON. It was unanimously agreed to change to Scottish Power. When the clerk contacts Scottish Power she will ask if a smart meter can be fitted to monitor the use of electricity.

The current charge to hirers for heating in the Parish Rooms is £1 for 45 minutes. After a discussion the Parish Council decided to alter this to £1 for 30 minutes. This may mean that the Parish Council will have to purchase more heating tokens so this will be monitored.

7 Village Green and Village

It was reported that the Parish Council notice board was not large enough for all the notices. The Church Wardens who also use the notice board will be asked to reduce the space they use and the Parish Council to get another key cut and use some of this space as well.

A Parishioner had asked why an electric fence had been erected around a field which had previously been used as a footpath. The Council were told that the footpath actually ran around the field. Cllr will bring a map to the next Parish Council meeting to check on this.

8) Finance and Accounts for payment

Cash at Bank	Treasurers Account	£5702.99
	Deposit Account	£2735.82

The following direct debits had been paid:

E.on	£124.17	electricity to 28 th March 2016
Anglian Water	£62.43	water rates to 29 th March 2016

The clerk reported that the Precept of £2160 had been received

9) Planning

An amendment to the planning application for an extension to farm buildings at Retreat Farm was received. This showed that the building height was to be no more than 3 meters. The Parish Council discussed this and decided to support the amendment.

The clerk has checked with ELDC, the e-mail address for Planning applications sent to the Parish Council is:- planning.hundleby.pc@gmail.com.

10) Allotments

There was nothing to report.

11) Correspondence

The Parish Council have received a poster from Victoria Atkins who is the Local Councillor asking that it is put up enable parishioners to contact her. This will be put up in the Parish Rooms.

12) Any Other Business

Councillor reported that the 30 MPH signs which could be attached to dustbins had now been approved by Speedwatch.

Councillor said that local events could be published on the Parish Council website so please notify him and to ensure they are included.

He also informed Councillors that some websites included details of local business to let Parishioners know what was available. These could be included by Hundleby providing a disclaimer is also issued to say the businesses were not authorised by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

14) The next meeting will be on June 15th 2016 at 7.30pm.