

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2000

PRESENT: Mary Walker, May Patterson, Ray Lambert, Andrew Baxter, Roy Butterworth, Peter Leese. In the chair: Ray Lambert.

APOLOGIES: John Megginson.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last two meetings were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

SPEEDING/TRAFFIC CALMING/VILLAGE SIGNS: The proposals as outlined at previous meetings are going to go ahead and it was decided that no further details needed to be discussed at this stage. The work should be carried out within the next three months. Neighbourhood Watch signs should also be reattached to new signs. Once work is completed the overall effect will be evaluated and then a decision can be made about whether or not to proceed with brick sign fixtures. Clerk to find out more details about insurance, siting of brick wall fixtures, etc.

FIMBER PICNIC AREA: Gates have now been erected and are being locked every night, an arrangement that seems to be working well so far. The site is, however, looking a mess. Clerk to write to council regarding site maintenance and to affirm that the locking up arrangement seems to be working.

HIGHWAY MATTERS: A discussion took place about the drainage problems at the roundabout on the B1251. Clerk to write once more regarding the above and to also mention that the pipe taking water off the B1251 into the pond should be cleared as soon as possible to help alleviate the problem.

Lorries passing through the village were also discussed but, as a recent survey showed there to be a decrease in the amount of heavy traffic passing through, it was felt that there was no more to be done here.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS:

GRIT BINS: Two grit bins have now been sited on Burdale Lane in response to our request. However, it was felt that both could do to be re-sited. It was felt that the top one would be better sited in the lay-by as its current position causes problems with wide vehicles and passing vehicles, and the bottom one should be dug into the bank on the other side of the road as it is too close to the junction at present. Clerk to write to council and request re-siting after consultation with us first. Andrew Baxter also volunteered to paint them green.

LITTER BIN: The litter bin next to the village notice board needs replacing. Clerk to write to council to arrange as soon as possible.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS: A discussion took place about ideas to celebrate the millennium and see what, if anything, the parish council was prepared to initiate. It was felt that a small book about the village and a village photograph would be

appropriate and a small initial committee of Jenny Lambert, Peter Leese, Patrick Mallon and Jayne Austin was set up to start the ball rolling and see if any funding would be available in the form of grants. It was also noted that approximately a dozen new kneelers for the church were being provided by various villagers.

CORRESPONDENCE

CANADA HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATION: It was noted that the parish council realized that they had made a mistake in assuming that this property was in their parish. However, the council have been notified and the chairman would also have a word with the chair of Sledmere Parish Council.

DRIFFIELD MAGISTRATES COURT: A review of local magistrates' courts is taking place which could result in the closure of the Driffield court. Andrew Baxter to write a letter in support of keeping Driffield open.

SITES OF INTEREST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION: The council have written regarding sites of interest within Fimber parish. The council studied the information given and clerk to write to the council to tell them that, as far as it is possible for them to ascertain, all the sites still exist but contacting the landowners themselves might provide more definite information. The council could not think of any sites of interest in the parish that were missing off the list.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ROAD SIGNS: It was noted that the road signs were in need of cleaning. The clerk to write to council and request that this is done.

MINUTES BOOK: It was decided that a new minutes book should be started to correspond to the new millennium. It was proposed by Andrew Baxter and seconded by Roy Butterworth that the clerk should purchase an appropriate book up to the value of £50.

NEXT MEETING

Monday April 17 2000 and 7.30pm.