

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2001.**

**PRESENT:** M Walker, M Patterson, J Megginson, R Lambert, A Baxter, P Leese, A Potts, M Leese.

In the chair: R Lambert.

**APOLOGIES:** R Butterworth, PC Jackson.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The chairman made a short welcome speech to the annual parish meeting and gave a brief description of the proceedings before inviting questions from the floor.

M Leese asked if there were any plans to paint the grit bins a more suitable colour. The parish council had already agreed that this should be done.

A Potts brought up the matter of tree planting on the village green and told the council that he was not happy with the positioning of trees outside his property. Having previously discussed the position of the trees with the rest of the parish council, the chairman stated that the council was of the opinion that there wasn't a problem with the two trees, a lime and a rowan, near the pond. However, there was some sympathy for the idea of moving the beach tree on the corner. The chairman also mentioned the possibility of providing some hard-standing for a car parking area on the west side of the track leading up to New Row which might mean removing the more established horse chestnut next to the newly planted tree in question.

It was decided to take the meeting outside to look at the trees in question. The parish council agreed to consider the idea of changing the lime for a rowan on the east side of the track. The dead stems of hairy willowherb were also discussed and it was agreed that the council would see if it is possible for the council to trim them. After looking at the position of the beach and the possible car parking area, A Potts was of the opinion that he would rather see the horse chestnut remain and beach tree removed.

The meeting returned to the village hall. P Leese was anxious to stress the general feeling that inappropriate action was not the way to solve the problem. The chairman stressed that the job of the parish council was to represent the majority of people and to keep harmony in the village – not always an easy job and sometimes there had to be compromise on both sides. The Annual Parish Meeting was then brought to a close.

**PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** It was proposed by J Megginson and seconded by M Walker that R Lambert should remain chairman. It was proposed by M Patterson and seconded by P Leese that M Walker should remain as vice chairman. It was proposed by A Baxter and seconded by M Patterson that J Megginson should remain as treasurer.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** the minutes of the last two meetings were then approved and signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**HIGHWAY MATTERS:** M Walker brought up the matter of accidents at the Fimber roundabout. There have been six accidents since February and, although the road signs had been amended to show a stub for the entrance to Fimber Nab Farm, the white lines were badly in need of repainting. Clerk to write again expressing the councils concerns about the roundabout and to

ask for the white lines to be repainted as soon as possible. It was also agreed to ask the council to keep the trees and undergrowth on the picnic site corner cut well back.

Drainage problems were reported on the road between Westfield Farm entrance and the county boundary. The grips on Bridge Farm road have been cleared out but it was felt that this had not completely solved the problem of flooding below the bridge. Flooding also seems to be reoccurring at the roundabout. Clerk to write to ERYC regarding the above.

The repairs to the bank outside Elm Tree Farm were discussed but none of the proposed solutions seemed to be appropriate. It was decided to ask the Highways Department to meet us on site and go through the possibilities in detail. It was also decided to take this opportunity to discuss drainage problems in the parish with the council face to face.

Finally, A Baxter agreed to paint the re-sited grit bins.

**PICNIC SITE:** M Walker reported that PC Jackson was reasonably happy with the current situation. The lady who runs the kiosk locks and unlocks the gates each day. However, she is not able to lock them if someone is still parked when she leaves and PC Jackson has suggested that anyone seeing the gates open at night should stop and pull them closed.

**TREES:** little remained to be said on this subject apart from affirming the parish council's intention of swapping the lime for a rowan and removing the beech tree to another location.

**PLANNING APPLICATION:** the application for a drive way at Lighthouse Cottages was finally approved.

#### **OTHER PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**FOOT AND MOUTH:** a letter was received from ERYC asking the council if they knew of any footpaths that could be re-opened to the public. No response.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** speeding motorcycles was highlighted as a major problem in the village. PC Jackson is aware of the problem and M Walker has been told to contact him when the problem is severe and he will see if he can get a patrol car out to the village. M Walker also mentioned Data-Link, a service that is being set up by HANWAG to help the elderly or infirm. It was felt that no-one in the village would benefit from such a service at present but that the information would be kept on file for possible future use.

**MILLENNIUM BOOK:** P Leese gave a brief progress report. The first two sections are currently at the printers being typeset. The third section is nearing completion and a book launch is being planned for the end of June – hopefully!

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:** the village notice board and benches are in need of attention. It was agreed to ask Alan Yarker from Wetwang for a quote for repair work and repainting, as he has apparently done similar work for Wetwang Parish Council. The pew under the copper beach is, however, very close to the end of its life and it was agreed that, if it was at all possible, it should be replaced with another pew. Members of the council agreed to keep a lookout for a pew at a reasonable price.

Mr Cherril of High Mere has volunteered to trim back suckers and tidy up bank below church. It was agreed that A Baxter would meet Mr Cherril on site and discuss the proposed work. It was felt that it would be nice to try and retain the old allotment hedge lines and plant up the bank with some wild flowers.

**PARKING ON GREEN:** parking on the village green is becoming a problem for many of the council house residents, especially in the winter. After previously discussing the possibility of

making an area of hard-standing to the west of the track leading up to New Row, it was decided to pursue this further and talk to the ERYC.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Emergency planning records were received from ERYC with instructions that one copy should be kept on file for use by the council in an emergency. The instructions will be kept in the parish council files.

A planning application was received with respect to the erection of a cow barn at Towthorpe Manor Farm. The council had no objections.

It was proposed by M Walker and seconded by M Paterson that 131.46 be paid to Cornhill Insurance in respect of premiums from June 2001-June 2002.

Membership subscription to ERNLLCA now due. It was proposed by R Lambert and seconded by J Megginson that the clerk should be left to make the final decision on membership, bearing in mind the use they have been to us over the last year.

The council filled in a short questionnaire supplied by a student regarding her dissertation on the Wolds.

Details of grass cutting schedules for the village were received from ERYC along with a customer satisfaction survey that was duly filled in.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the village hall. R Lambert to bring coffee.