

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 19 MAY 2003

PRESENT: G Thompson, R Lambert, P Leese, A Baxter, M Patterson, M Walker, J Megginson. P C Jackson was to try to attend.

R Lambert has decided to stand down as chairman and thanked members of the council for their support over the years and proposed P Leese as chairman, seconded by M Walker. P Leese thanked R Lambert for all his hard work and also all other members of the council for their support and accepted the post. J Megginson proposed M Walker as vice-chairman seconded by M Patterson. A Baxter proposed J Megginson as treasurer seconded by P Leese.

All councillors then filled in their declaration of acceptance of office forms.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: R Lambert, A Baxter, P Leese and G Thompson met earlier in the spring and made a good start with tidying up the bank. Comments seem generally positive but hedge opposite churchyard gate needs cutting back and Graham offered to trim it when he was next hedge cutting in the village. Still more work to be done – bulb planting etc. A Baxter offered bluebells from his wood and also cowslips. J Austin, A Baxter, P Leese and possibly R Lambert offered to go and dig up the bulbs and plant them one afternoon in the near future, possibly around June 7th. Clerk to co-ordinate. May possibly lay the hedge on the far western boundary of the green next winter.

BENCH UNDER COPPER BEECH: Wright family are to replace bench under copper beech in memory of Mr & Mrs Wright. M Walker to contact Philip Wright and try and get project brought to a conclusion.

CAR PARKING: P Leese to approach council yet again and hopefully there will eventually be some funding. Unfortunately, there is little in the way of parish council funds to support the project at the moment.

FIREWORKS: a letter was placed on the village board asking residents to show consideration when organising such events. We will wait and see if this request is responded to.

WATER PRESSURE PROBLEMS: a pressure reducing valve has been fitted to the main water pipe into Fimber and seems to have resolved problems for most of the villagers affected with high pressure. However, A Baxter has noticed a drop in water pressure and feels he has been adversely affected by it. Pressure value has had no effect on properties higher up eg Ling Farm.

FLOODING PROBLEMS: particularly on the Fimber/Fridaythorpe road, seem to have been sorted but we are still awaiting pipe to be put in under road. Keep an eye on situation and contact council if nothing seems to be happening.

NHW: R Lambert proposed and A Baxter seconded that £10 be paid for HANWAG subscription. M Walker gave NHW up-date. E-mail alert system now up and running but so far nothing of note has come up in respect of Fimber. M Walker wasn't able to attend last two HANWAG meetings in Drifffield but will try and get to next one. P Leese filled in e-mail system details: he receives daily e-mails but most of them are about Drifffield related crime. However, need a speedy system to disseminate information around village when something affecting the village comes up. M Patterson suggested a chain of notification and M Patterson and M Walker agreed to fine tune a system whereby each household in the village could be contacted in the event of some important information being received.

POLICE MATTERS: PC Jackson will be away for next three months on a training course but he has confirmed that the police are aware of speeding problems and bikes. There is a mobile camera unit that we may be able to have mobilized in the village if we request it (New Humberside Mobile Camera Unit). Also police are going to try and have more of a presence in the area on Wednesday nights and Saturdays and Sundays when bike traffic is at its heaviest. Should be a police presence this weekend and next weekend. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable and request the presence of the mobile speed unit. It was also agreed that we should write to ERYC and find out whether we can borrow a speed gun so we can take some speed measurements ourselves.

CORRESPONDENCE

Forms for parish council annual audit have been received and the accounts were approved by the parish council.

Cornhill Insurance premiums have risen substantially. Clerk has made enquiries into other schemes and recommended that we should perhaps join the ERYC scheme which appeared to be substantially cheaper. M Patterson and M Walker prospected clerk investigate council scheme further and take out insurance with them if it seems OK.

Grass cutting schedules for the village were received from ERYC and a request was received from Mrs Ruth Lucas that the green be cut for the benefice picnic on June 1 2003.

Planning applications: Towthorpe Manor Farm for a four bay cattle shed – no objections. Approvals were received for 1 & 2 Lighthouse Cottages. Application received from 1 Lighthouse Cottages to build side extension but not back – no objections. Approval of an earlier application for cattle sheds at Towthorpe Manor received.

A precept of £750 was received from ERYC.

Other correspondence included: ERYC deposit draft joint structure plan for Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire; revised draft supplementary planning guidance on the managed release of residential development sites from ERYC; a town/parish council survey 2003 form from ERYC; an information pack from the Countryside Agency

regarding parish plans; a letter regarding the new licensing bill and its implication to village halls from DEFRA; a letter regarding the Rural Bus Challenge Scheme from ERYC stating that Fimber was to be included in the service.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An enquiry was received about the blocking off of right of way beside church. Clerk to research situation and see what light can be thrown on matter and discuss further at next meeting.

J Megginson asked if the clerk could contact ERYC about the state of the Towthorpe road.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 28th July 2003, at 7.30pm. Coffee P Leese.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

