

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY 2003

PRESENT: M Walker, M Patterson, A Baxter, P Leese. Apologies: J Megginson, G Thompson, R Lambert. In the chair: P Leese.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: the minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

RESIGNATION OF CLERK: with much regret, the clerk has decided it is time to stand down and the position of clerk will, therefore, require filling. The chairman asked if everyone to keep their eyes and ears open for a suitable candidate and the clerk would also place a notice on the notice board.

MATTERS ARISING

POLICE MATTERS: no police matters to report as PC Jackson was away on a course and M Walker unable to attend last police liaison committee meeting due to prior engagement.

SPEEDING: A letter has been received from the police in response to our concerns about speeding in the parish. However, councillors were generally unimpressed by the letter and it was agreed that little evidence of their enforcement initiative had been seen so far. No response from a similar letter sent to ERYC as yet. It was decided to follow up the approach from Wetwang Parish Council to see if a multi-parish approach has more effect.

NHW: e-mail system now up and working. P Leese receiving e-mails almost every day and a communication plan has been drawn up for dissemination of information relevant to Fimber. Villagers have been kept informed of this system but it was agreed that a village meeting might be useful once the system is fully operational so that everyone knows what is happening.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: the new bench for under the copper beech tree is being sorted out by the Wright family as previously agreed. We have left it too late to plant bulbs on church bank. A Baxter said he thought he might be able to get hold of a bag of daffodils. Will try to arrange a planting day with volunteers in autumn. Will discuss whether to lay hedge on Church Lane at the next meeting as this is a job that must be done in the winter.

CAR PARKING: we have been promised £500 towards our scheme for stabilizing the village green from the housing department but no further funding in foreseeable future. It has been suggested that we might get some help from the voluntary sector and P Leese to try and find out a bit more.

HIGHWAYS: finally had a response from ERYC about gritting the Driffield school bus route through the village as the bus has experienced problems in the past. Unfortunately, the council are not prepared to grit this route and the only option left is for villagers to do it themselves! All roads in the parish are to be inspected by Dave England of ERYC highways department and an appropriate maintenance/repair

programme decided on. It looks probable that the road from the roundabout to Sledmere will be resurfaced in the next financial year. Mr England is aware of the condition of the Towthorpe road and will decide what is to be done in the next few weeks. The promised drainage work on the Fridaythorpe road is imminent as is the cutting back of trees at the roundabout.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS: the accounts have been submitted to the auditors.

LAND ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH: the clerk and chairman have made some enquiries and it seems that this land was not registered as part of the village common as originally thought. Ownership seems unclear so it was agreed to check its current status with the land registry. If this throws no real light on the matter, then an approach to Mr & Mrs Moore may be the next best step. It was also discovered that the land east of the pond, on which stands the horse chestnut tree, was also unregistered and it was decided to register this as part of the village green as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Planning application for 1 Lighthouse Cottages was approved.

Details of the Community Emergency Plan received from ERYC – details pertaining to Fimber need to be filled in.

Standards Board – video/booklet ‘The Code in Practice’.

DEFRA – Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme.

A letter was also received from ERYC regarding the restructuring of the planning and development control service.

Standards Board – leaflets ‘How do I register and declare interests and register gifts and hospitality?’

East Riding Rural Transport Partnership – strategic review and annual report 2003.

Yorkshire and Humber Assembly – Consultation on draft revised regional planning guidance for Yorkshire and the Humber.

Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 – local access forums. A Baxter agreed to look into a bit further.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Village Hall Committee was eager to carry out repairs and painting work and Alan Yarker of Wetwang was to be approached.

PAYMENTS

Clerk’s salary from August 2002-July 2003 - £100. It was proposed by A Baxter and seconded by M Walker that this be paid. Parish council insurance of £105.04 also needs to be paid and it was proposed by A Baxter and seconded by M Patterson. It was noted that fireworks insurance is not automatically included in the new insurance policy but can be bought separately for about £35 if needed. A refund of £9.14 was received on footway lighting contract.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th October/ 3rd November are possible dates. Clerk to confirm nearer the time.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.