

FIMBER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2003

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

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: M Walker briefed the parish council on events within the NHW group. It is proposed that a meeting will be held every month in Driffield between local NHW groups and the police - M Walker is happy to attend, but perhaps not every month. No progress has been made with the NHW e-mail alert system but M Walker will try to find out about this and the closure of Farmwatch at a future NHW meeting. It was noted that there may have been an attempted theft of the bench overlooking the pond.

CAR PARKING NEAR JUNCTION OUTSIDE PADDOCK GARTH: a complaint about car parking at the above junction had been received by ERYC from the owners of Paddock Garth and ERYC were interested to hear parish council's views. The parish council thought that there was no real safety issue involved here and the Chairman is to write to ERYC with council's view.

SPEEDING: a brief discussion was held about speeding and the clerk to write to police and ERYC.

FLOODING: flooding west of the village on the Fridaythorpe road appears to have been resolved with the ploughing of the potato field. In the long term, ERYC has agreed to take the water from the gully on the south side under the road via a pipe and out on to Westfield Farm land. This will hopefully be done in the next financial year. ERYC have also contacted local farmers concerning run-off from potato fields and have cut out some grips on the road to Fimber roundabout. A fax sent by Chairman to ERYC at the height of the flooding to be filed in the minutes. It was noted that the trees at the roundabout need cutting back.

CAR PARKING: ERYC are prepared to fund the project to provide a stabilized car parking area on the village green but are unable to fund it at the moment. Residents of the council houses are parking with great care and it was decided to wait a little longer to see if the funds do eventually materialize.

CHURCH BANK: R Lambert, A Baxter, and G Thompson to meet this Saturday to get the project underway.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: letter received from Information Commissioner advising us that our parish council model scheme has been accepted as suitable for adoption.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from ERYC regarding changes in the procedures for consultation on planning applications. Public speaking is now allowed at Planning Committees/Sub-Committees and it is proposed to increase the number of applications decided by officers without reference to Committees/Subcommittees from 70% to 90%.

Planning applications were received from: Towthorpe Manor Farm for the erection of a cow barn (no decision yet): 2 Lighthouse Cottages for an amendment to their original application.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

WATER PRESSURE: some households have been experiencing problems with very high water pressure while others have had problems with low pressure! Yorkshire Water has agreed to fit a pressure reducing valve at the roundabout which will reduce pressure to properties in the village but, hopefully, not to higher up properties experiencing problems with low water pressure.

BENCH: it was decided to make a decision about replacing the bench under the copper beech in the spring.

ROAD GRITTING: it was decided to write to ERYC and ask them to include Church Lane and North Street in the gritting route as the school bus was experiencing problems in bad weather.

FIREWORKS: concern has been expressed by the J French and M Hill at the Gables about private firework displays in the village and the potential problems it can cause with livestock. The matter was discussed by the parish council and it was agreed to place a notice on the notice board kindly asking all residents to show courtesy when organising any event with fireworks and to notify anyone that might be affected.

PAYMENTS

Audit Commission £58.75. It was proposed by M Walker and seconded by M Patterson that this be paid.

NEXT MEETING

Monday May 19th, 7.30pm. M Patterson to supply coffee.