

FIMBER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2004, 7.30pm

PRESENT

R Lambert, G Thompson, J Megginson, P Leese, M Patterson. Apologies: M Walker, J French and A Baxter. In the chair: P Leese. J Austin to take minutes.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS 'ADVERSE POSSESSION' ISSUE

Mr Moore has approached the parish council wanting them to pay half of his solicitor's bill for the matters relating to the piece of land next to the church. However, this was considered to be inappropriate. It was also decided that a polite letter to Mr & Mrs Moore regarding the gentleman's agreement not to obstruct open views from the churchyard be sent. P Leese to organise.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PARISH MEETING.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was proposed by G Thompson and seconded by M Patterson the P Leese continue as Chairman. It was proposed by M Patterson and seconded by R Lambert that M Walker continue as Vice- chair. It was proposed by R Lambert and seconded by P Leese that J Megginson continue as Treasurer.

OPEN MEETING

The chairman gave a brief welcome speech to Mrs J Moore, Mr I Smith and Mr G Milner who joined the meeting at this point and made a presentation to the retiring clerk, J Austin.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SESSION

P Leese expressed the wish of the parish council to be as open as possible and thanked the people who had turned up for the meeting.

G Milner brought up the sign at the junction of Burdale Lane and Bridge Farm Road. Some letters are missing from the sign and there is evidence that someone has shot at the sign with a gun. It was agreed that the sign, and indeed signs in the village generally, needed some attention. P Leese volunteered to take a walk round the village and make a note of the repairs needed and contact the council to ask them to carry out the necessary work.

I Smith asked about the problems of speeding and what the parish council was able to do about it. R Lambert outlined the position and gave details of the recent joint

parish councils/police meeting at Wetwang. He also mentioned that he was left with the impression that generally the police thought the Fimber 30mph limit was too difficult to enforce due to the geographical layout and was low priority due to the lack of a serious accident record. However, there were a few strands of hope: a) Golden River - this could be employed in the village to gauge the extent of the speeding problem but the parish council want to be consulted over the timing and siting of the machine. b) Self-help - police seem to approve of home-made signs etc at the entrance to villages and the general community (eg school children) can be involved, hopefully raising awareness of the speeding issue. G Milner asked whether rumble strips could be used and R Lambert thought that it would be a good idea to get the local police constable along to a meeting along with as many members of the public as possible to discuss a strategy. M Walker to try and arrange something for next meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MATTERS ARISING

VILLAGE GREEN - P Leese is continuing to pursue the registration of land at the east end of the village green.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE - new bench now in position under the copper beech. Thanks go to R Lambert and M Lucas for fixing it in place and it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to M Lucas. It is now proposed to dedicate the bench to Mr & Mrs Wright at the open service on June 6th. It was also suggested that the Duke family may wish the bench in the village hall grounds to be similarly dedicated.

Church bank is now looking a lot better after the tremendous effort on the tidy-up day last autumn. A Baxter still to lay hedge along Church Lane.

A couple of trees in the village are causing concern and it was decided to write to the council and ask them to come out and inspect them.

The telephone kiosk also needs painting. Clerk to contact BT and find out who is responsible for this.

J Moore brought up the problem of nettles on church bank and G Thompson volunteered to spray them. It was thought that another village tidy-up would be a good idea next autumn and the matter should be discussed at the next meeting.

PARKING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN - P Leese outlined the situation so far. Funding a major problem with favoured schemes so the current idea is to provide some hard-standing for about six cars between the two horse chestnuts on the west side of New Row track. Estimated costs are £300 if labour is provided by the villagers. G Milner suggested that the green could be fenced off once parking was sorted out. P Leese to try and secure the £500 promised us by the council so the hard standing could be provided as soon as possible.

BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTION - I Smith kindly outlined the current situation. BT have all but abandoned their policy of provided the service to areas that managed to reach the 'trigger point' number of subscribers. Instead, they are now committed to achieving 99.6% coverage of the UK by July 2005. We should know soon whether Fimber will be included but there is a slight chance we might still go without due our distance from the Wetwang exchange. If we do not get the BT upgrade there is still the option of satellite provision

COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY LEGISLATION - North Yorkshire have now produced their provisional map and appeals are underway. East Yorkshire is still at the draft stage and the provisional map should be out on June 7th. Appeals will then follow.

ERNLLCA MEMEBERSHIP - It was decided that, because of the high cost involved, a decision to join ERNLLA would be deferred till further notice.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DRAIN ON FRIDAYTHORPE ROAD - despite promise from council of imminent installation of a drain to stop the Fridaythorpe road flooding last summer, nothing seems to have happened. Clerk to get in touch with Dave England at ERYC and find out what happened.

NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed but provisionally the last Monday in July. G Thompson to provide coffee.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.