

**Fimber Parish Council Meeting
16th August at 7.30pm**

Present; Peter Leese (Chair), Ray Lambert(RL), John Megginson (JM), May Patterson (MP), Mary Walker (MW), Julie French (Clerk).

Apologies; Andrew Baxter (AB), Graham Thompson (GT) .

Welcome residents; Ian Smith (IS), Jennifer Moore (JM); Lynn Stanway (LS), Ed Lovatt (EL).

Invited Guest; Felicity Temple (FT) – County Councillor of Driffield/Rural Ward.

The first part of the meeting was set aside for residents' questions/matters.

Open meeting

JM asked why the minutes of the last meeting were not read out at the AGM. PL responded that they were read out at the February meeting. JM also queried why it had been difficult to obtain a copy of the November (2003) minutes. PL responded that this was possibly a result of a change of clerks and committed to provide copy at the earliest opportunity.

IS asked whether it would be possible for residents attending the meeting to be provided with copy of the minutes of the last meeting in an advance of the meeting. PL stated that he was absolutely committed to improving accessibility of information. He responded that the minutes of the meeting, the agenda and notice of forthcoming meetings are all placed on the village notice board, though it was accepted that this might not be convenient for all Parishioners but had proved to be an affordable and practical approach to distribution. It was felt that providing all residents with a personal copy of the minutes would be too onerous in terms of time and cost but it was felt that residents wishing to be included on the circulation list (either email or hard copy) should contact the clerk.

FT suggested that a possible solution might be the development of a village 'intranet site' where minutes could be posted along with any other village news. The PC at Tibthorpe has recently developed an intranet site for their village. It was felt that this was worth exploring. FT agreed to provide contact detail.

A further suggestion was that the minutes of the meeting could be published in the Wetwang Tatler.

IS asked what progress had been made about the ongoing problem of speeding motorcyclists. PL responded that this was a later agenda item, but it was a problem that was difficult to tackle without the commitment of the Police and ERYC.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

It was confirmed that a copies of the last minutes had been circulated and signed as a true record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Village Walk through

The Village walk through took place on 11th August and was attended by MW, MP, AB and PL with the Parish Liaison Officer and Felicity Temple. The weather on the day was particularly wet and issues associated with drainage and flooding were experienced first hand. A schedule of proposed works is attached. It was confirmed that ERYC is likely to commence the works in September.

Police Matters

It was noted that there had been a recent fatality at Fimber roundabout involving a motorcyclist. Frustration was expressed that motorbikes continued to be an increasing problem, the police seemingly unable or unwilling to commit resource to address the issue. It was felt that a higher profile police presence such as that recently seen in Fridaythorpe might discourage motorcyclists from racing through the village.

MW reported that PC Frost had been invited to the meeting but had declined due to other commitments. As speeding represents a reoccurring agenda item it was agreed to persist and invite PC Frost to the next meeting. It was agreed that MW contact PC Frost to establish his availability and the next meeting be arranged to accommodate. It was felt, as this item was likely to be of considerable interest to most residents that the first part of the next PC (October 2004) meeting be convened as an open meeting to enable residents to address their concerns to PC Frost directly.

MW attended the Police Liaison Meeting at the Bell Hotel in Driffield on 5th July. Although the predominant focus of the meeting was on Driffield, MW raised the problem of motorcyclists in the Parish. It was reported that there is campaigning to get Special Constables to patrol in both Driffield and Wetwang.

Further consideration was given to the problem; particularly whether there was anything that residents could do to support the police. FT suggested that the PC might want to consider asking the proprietor of Sea View to display a poster/notice in the café requesting motorcyclists to respect the speed limit when riding through the village. PL to contact the proprietor. Other initiatives that it was felt were worth exploring with PC Frost were of a 'self help' nature, i.e. home made posters etc.

Parking on the Village Green

It was agreed that this also continued to be a problem, the wet summer this year had meant that damage to the grass that normally subsided during the summer months had been an ongoing concern. It was acknowledged that the current situation of residents parking on the grass was less than ideal because of the rutting and erosion it caused to the grass, but that there were limited alternatives. The PC acknowledged the predicament in which they found themselves, whilst acknowledging that there was a problem there appeared little they were able to do to improve the situation, the main difficulty being that as the Village Green is common land, the PC was not permitted to do anything to create a more stable foundation for car parking (also verified by Dave England on the Village walk through). It was suggested that further advice be taken to establish absolute certainty as to what is or is not permitted prior to proceeding with any repair or stabilisation works.

Other potential parking options were discussed, including parking at the village hall but it was recognised that these did not offer a pragmatic solution to an ongoing problem.

The Countryside Act

It was observed that the proposed map did not appear to vary significantly from the draft copy. A pack, including a map and accompanying leaflets received from DEFRA is available for residents to view in the entrance to the village hall.

ERNLICA

It was agreed not to join ERNLICA as it was felt that the fees were proportionally too high in relation to the village precept. The perceived benefit in joining was the access to legal advice. FT suggested that the PC might be able to obtain legal advice from the Citizens link.

Broadband Internet

It is understood that a commitment has been made by BT that all villages be linked up for Broadband access by July 2005.

Village Walkabout

- Drain on Fridaythorpe Road – agreement has been reached between ERYC Highways and Andrew Baxter to discharge excess water from the road onto Mr Baxter's land.
- Village Tidy up – a further village tidy up is planned for October, to include bulb planting and general tidying of the bank areas. Further details to be displayed on notice board – it is hoped that yet again as many residents as possible are able to give some of their weekend time in order to partake – their efforts are very much appreciated.

Map of Village

During a recent emergency the ambulance service was directed to the wrong address (3 Burdale Lane - Milner) resulting in a potentially critical delay in reaching the caller's address (Beverley Road Gatehouse - Mason). PL agreed to ascertain from the ambulance service how it navigates to the correct call address. He also agreed to look into the publication of a village map on the village noticeboard to help prevent occurrences of the type referred to above.

Correspondence

Correspondence received since the previous meeting was discussed.

It was agreed that a large amount of correspondence received by the Clerk was informational on a variety of topics; some of which may be of interest to residents. It was decided that a folder containing general information and correspondence be placed in the entrance to the village hall for Residents to peruse.

Communications

PL stated his aspiration that more residents attend the open meeting preceding the main Parish Council and that information on village and related matters be made more accessible. Aspirations included publishing of minutes soon after the meeting and making information available to all residents.

Payments

Payment of electricity bill for street lighting was agreed by MW and seconded by MP.

Any other Business

BT – withdrawal of public telephone from Fimber - Clerk to draft correspondence

Date of next/future meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in October on a date to be decided (once MW was able to ascertain PC Frost's availability).

Date of next meeting once agreed will be displayed on village notice board.

