

To: all Fimber Parish Councillors

From: Peter Leese
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Dear Colleagues,

PARISH MEETING - MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2004

A Happy New Year to you all! The next parish meeting will take place on Monday 2 February 2004 at 7.30pm. Jayne is still soldiering on as clerk for the time being as we have not yet managed to get together with Julie French who is our preferred successor to Jayne. Jayne is swamped with family responsibilities and Julie is inundated with work in her job as a personnel manager, so I have taken responsibility for issuing the meeting agenda and the minutes of the last meeting – excuse the quality of printing! I have given you below an update/progress report on some of the issues we discussed at the November meeting.

LAND ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH

Following our discussion at the parish meeting I decided to seek further legal advice from ERNLLCA before writing to Jennifer and Keith to confirm their willingness to take out a restrictive covenant barring them or any future owner from blocking the view from the churchyard. I eventually received a reply from them on Dec 18th but as we are not members of ERNLCCA I suppose we were lucky to get a reply at all! I am advised that it would not be feasible for the Parish Council and the Moores to enter into an agreement since neither party has any legal rights over the land: the Moores will have to wait 12 years from the date the adverse possession took place before applying to the Land Registry to be registered as legal owners. Therefore they are unable to assert any rights over the land by agreeing not to plant trees on the land.

ERNLLCA have therefore suggested that we reach an agreement in principle with the Moores on the matter but this, of course, is not legally enforceable. At the end of the 12 years it might then be possible to enter into a formal legal agreement with the Moores or whoever is the owner at the time.

We owe the Moores a speedy reply but I am holding off doing this until the end of this week in order to give you an opportunity to comment if you wish to do so. If I do not hear from you by Sunday 18th January then I will go ahead to inform the Moores of the position.

REGISTRATION OF LAND AT EAST END OF VILLAGE GREEN

I have gone ahead with an application to register the small triangle of land as common land and this is being dealt with.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE MATTERS

A joint meeting of local parishes was held at Wetwang on November 10th to discuss problems of speeding, nuisance/vandalism, etc. Seven parishes were represented and we were all of the same view that our problems are not taken seriously enough. We all would like to see a stronger police presence in our villages to act as deterrence to would be miscreants, and to encourage villagers to share information and ideas for combating crime and anti-social behaviour.

After the meeting the Wetwang parish clerk sent a letter to Insp Frost of Driffield Police asking for a meeting to air our views and to agree a working relationship with the police force. Insp Frost has now agreed and a meeting is scheduled for early to mid-February. I shall not be around during February but we need to be represented.