

**FIMBER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm**  
**Fimber Village Hall**

**Present:**

Chair: Cllr Jennifer Horsley (JH)  
 Cllr Graham Thompson (GT); Cllr Mary Walker (MW), Cllr Peter Leese (PL)

In attendance: Laura Waites (LW) (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Lovatt

Apologies: Cllr Jayne Austin (JA), Cllr Ray Lambert (RL), Cllr Trevor Howcroft (TH).

No	Item/Details	Action
1.1119	<p><b>Open Forum</b>  JH welcomed all to the open forum and made introductions. The open forum was attended by Mr and Mrs Lovatt, who raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A serious speeding matter and accident which had occurred at their property. A written statement regarding the incident was circulated.</li> <li>2) The narrow width of the grass verge near their house especially near the bend which is a safety hazard when cutting back hedges.</li> </ol> <p>It was agreed that Mrs Lovatt would forward more details including photographs to LW. LW will send details to ERYC. LW will let Mrs Lovatt have correspondence from ERYC on speeding and traffic matters raised.</p> <p>The parish council outlined how they were addressing other traffic and speeding matters raised recently including the investigation of traffic calming measures, signage and the proactive work that is being done with local PCOs and the police. It was noted that the police have been deploying more speed monitoring vehicles to the area recently. It was agreed that better signage on the approach to the bend in the village would be an improvement and could help address the issue raised by Mr and Mrs Lovatt, including moving the 30mph signs further from the village and making them more prominent. Although the road through the village is a category B Road it is a main through road to the coast and York.</p>	LW
	<b>Meeting of the Parish Council</b>	
2.1119	<p><b>Introduction</b>  JH opened the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that TH be formally co-opted to the Parish Council following consideration of his expression of interest; proposed by GT and seconded by JH (all agreed).</p> <p>It was agreed that JH would continue as Chair until the next meeting in February 2020; proposed by GT and seconded by MW (all agreed).</p>	
3.1119	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from RL, JA and TH; consented.	
4.1119	<b>Declaration of interests</b> JH gave a reminder of the need to declare interests in any items on the agenda; none raised.	
5.1119	<b>Confidentiality</b> JH gave a reminder of the need for confidentiality and to highlight any items on the agenda to be minuted confidentially. None raised	
6.1119	<b>Urgent Other Business</b> JH asked if there was any other urgent business for this meeting; none raised.	
7.1119	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held in August 2019 were agreed as a correct record; proposed by GT and seconded by MW (all agreed).	

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8.1119	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>5.0819 <u>Traffic and Highways</u> - LW is exploring getting meetings with Ward Councillors / council Officers to consider recent issues raised concerning road safety and the condition of Towthorpe Road.</p> <p>MW is also following up on reporting the condition of Towthorpe Road.</p> <p>LW to report the signs on the Sledmere – Fimber Road (on bends where there is a sudden dip) and the pothole</p> <p>5.0819 <u>Trees</u> - GT has arranged for works on tree stumps on the green to be carried out by a local tree surgeon at a cost of £290 (to be covered in the payments item). The works are now complete and the area has been made safe.</p> <p>MW reported that the electricity board has pruned a tree to make it safe from wires.</p> <p>5.0819 <u>Street Lighting</u> – the £15 ERYC charge for checks to be done on streetlights was agreed – LW to confirm that work can be done to the two streetlights requiring checks. LW to check that EON are basing electricity charges on the new energy efficient lights following works last year to upgrade the streetlights.</p> <p>5.0819 <u>Picnic Area</u> – JH has reported issues with the temporary fencing and will report this again as there has been no action. LW to investigate if the gates can be locked when the site is not open due to reports of unsavoury activity. Both issues could impact on the image of the site and affect revenue.</p>	LW MW LW LW JH
9.1119	<p><b>Governance</b></p> <p>LW to circulate copies of the register of interests for all councillors to complete. An update to the code of conduct is to be done following new guidance from ERYC; the revised version will be circulated for approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Lovatt left the meeting at this point.</p>	LW
10.1119	<p><b>Payments</b></p> <p>The following payments were approved; proposed by JH and seconded by GT (all agreed):</p> <p>£290 – Tree stump removal £257.60 - Insurance £166.67 – EON electricity £400 – Clerk salary £100 – PAYE £234.50 – Streetlighting SLA</p>	
11.1119	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>Mw reported on current balances:</p> <p>£632 – account for emergency costs (election etc.). It was agreed that £500 was to be earmarked for emergency and £132 could be used as required</p> <p>£3200.04 – was the balance b/f in the working account before the payments agreed above were made.</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be no change to the precept for 2020/21, it will be based on last year's precept amount of £1650; proposed by GT and seconded by JH (all agreed).</p>	
12.1119	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>No planning matters were raised.</p>	
13.1119	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The homelessness count taken on 19 November is to be a nil return for Fimber.</p> <p>There were no other key items of correspondence to report.</p>	
13.1119	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>None raised</p>	
14.1119	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>12 February 2020, 7.30pm</p>	