MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2024 AT 7.15 PM AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, WENDOVER PADDOCK, HUMBERSTON

PRESENTATION OF ALLOTMENT COMPETITON TROPHY AND PRIZES TO WINNERS FOR 2024 COMPETITION MADE PRIOR TO THE MEETING COMMENCING

Present:Cllr. Shawhulme (Chairman)Cllrs. Rudd, Sharp, Duff, Hudson, Hodgins and Clark.

Apologies: None received.

Absent: Cllr Thompson

In Attendance: Cllrs. Harness and Dawkins, Ward Cllrs., NELC Anthony Snell and Lani Lamming, Highways NELC

There was 1 member of the public present.

24/84 To receive and accept apologies for absence

None.

24/85 Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct

Clerk reminded Cllr. Hudson of a declared prejudicial interest in planning application for land off Humberston Avenue due to residency and Cllr. Hodgins declared a prejudicial interest in highways matter regarding Humberston Avenue due to residency. Noted.

24/86 To approve minutes of previous meetings –

<u>Village Council minutes and Planning Committee minutes from July 2024</u>. Minutes as circulated approved and signed by the Chairman. **RESOLVED:** That minutes be accepted as true record of the meetings held

24/87 Police Report

<u>To receive police report for information and agree any necessary actions from report.</u> Received, projected at meeting and noted.

24/88 Highways/footpaths/traffic issues

a) <u>To receive any highways/footpaths/traffic issues for consideration and agree any necessary actions</u> Nothing to report yet from NELC re feedback on some highways issues. Noted.

b) <u>To receive visit from NELC re proposed traffic restrictions on Humberston Avenue for consultation</u> NELC present re consultation on parking restrictions on one side of Humberston Avenue and also for a mural on the bus shelter. Parking restrictions request as a result of difficulties with bus access from Stagecoach.

Formal consultation going out shortly and VC would be in support of some form of control at this stage but not sure whether this would solve the problem and would like NELC to look at cycle lane provision and possibility of 20 mph zone outside of school.

Mural in bus stop – NELC to arrange site visit for all parties. Members requested a rural/green scene if possible.

RESOLVED: That VC agreed to mural on brick bus shelter as long as design appropriate etc. and also Initially in favour of parking restrictions of some sort but would ask that NELC also look At cycle lane provision and lower speed zone outside of school.

24/89 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Reference: DM/0347/24/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) as granted on application DM/1090/22/FUL to amend house type and garage for plot 8 - amended site plan and garage details July

2024

Location: 36 Humberston Avenue Humberston *No objections.*

Planning Application Reference: DM/0353/24/REM

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) to amend site layout and house types, and Variation of Conditions 2 (Materials), 3 (Public Right Of Way), 4 (EV charging Points) and 5 (Highways) to reword as compliance conditions following DM/1005/16/REM - amended site and house type plans July 2024. Location: Land South Side Of Humberston Avenue Humberston

No objections as per previous comments, welcome changes to allow more green corridors on site. Noted residents petition and hope that consideration be fully given to traffic movements for any planning on site.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0267/24/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for replacement of window and render to half of front elevation, relay strip of paving at immediate front of chalet for drainage purposes, removal of small timber lean to/storage box and replacement of rainwater goods

Location: 122 Humberston Fitties Humberston

No objections.

To receive any other planning correspondence/representations from development teams and/or residents and to agree any further actions – none received.

RESOLVED: That all comments be submitted to NELC as agreed.

24/90 Allotment/Cemetery Matters

Cemetery:

- a) To receive report on progress cemetery extension project including:
 - Update on landscaping works completion and commencement of fencing works

£125 a cut quotation received for new grassed area and this was agreed. Clerk to obtain quotations going forward to maintenance when pathways were installed etc. Fencing underway and about to be completed. Planting of hedging would be in September/October.

RESOLVED: That new site grass be cut as agreed.

• To agree action on pathways and structures and access opening from existing cemetery

Clerk to go back to Specialist Surfacing and check if any increase in price from original quote. If so it would be brought back to future meeting. If not then works to commence at mutually convenient time as next stage of project.

RESOLVED: Clerk to check on pricing for original quotation before works commence.

• <u>To consider maintenance/revamp of cemetery gates and consider quotation and information</u> from manufacturer

Quote obtained for £124 for treatment of gates and VC purchase the osmo oil. Gates would need to be taken away and treated and then returned. Clerk to organise and report back.

RESOLVED: That quotation be accepted for £124 for work to gates as agreed

Allotments:

a) <u>To receive update from allotment inspection on 15th July 2024 and consider outstanding actions and</u> proposals from Committee and agree action

Cllr. Rudd gave report and advised on generally a well maintained site. Eight 1st stage letters, none at 2nd stage and one further plot which had not carried out any further works nor sent in any further correspondence on mitigating factors with no further attempts at communication. Committee had double checked plot two days before meeting and still no works carried out. Recommended that tenancy for plot 66a be rescinded and agreed by the Council.

RESOLVED: That tenancy of Plot 66a be rescinded and usual month be given to clear the plot as per The allotment protocol.

b) To receive update on vacant plots and agree date for next inspection

Review visit arranged just to follow up on those plots identified in report from July. Wednesday 14th August at 10 am agreed.

RESOLVED: Follow up visit by Committee for identified plots on Wednesday 14th August 2024 at 10 am.

c) <u>To receive update on allotment competition.</u>

All now completed, awards made, trophy presented and will be in Autumn Newsletter. Noted.

24/91 Wendover Halls/Paddock Matters

a) <u>To consider new play equipment within Paddock for 2024 provision and receive quotation for</u> <u>equipment as requested</u>

Inclusive Twister agreed and price of £12,514.27 plus VAT approved. Clerk to contact Ward Cllrs for contribution if possible. Clerk to organise site visit prior to installation to agree site chosen on far side. **RESOLVED:** That Inclusive Twister quotation be accepted from Kompan for Paddock area.

b) <u>To receive further quotation for solar panels for QE hall and agree any further necessary actions.</u> As requested, Clerk had obtained second quotation from Ben Energy as recommended by Cllr. Dawkins. First quote was £6,950 for a 4.1 kw system and second quote was £5,953 for a 4.35 kw system. Clerk advised planning permission was likely to be required since it was a conservation area. Members agreed to accept second quotation from Ben Energy and Clerk to progress with locally used planning consultant with regard to planning permission and NELC.

RESOLVED: That quotation for solar panels from Ben Energy be accepted for £5,953 and Clerk to progress with regard to planning permission.

c) <u>To note completion of CCTV upgrade at Hall</u>

Done and installed and accessible from office phone. Noted and Clerk to settle invoice. **RESOLVED:** That new CCTV system now installed and fully operational.

d) To consider issue of smoking within the Paddock area and agree necessary actions

Resident had asked question of Clerk re Paddock being a smoke free zone. Agreed that it should be in principle although accepted that hard to enforce. Agreed however that smoke free zone signs be purchased and erected in the paddock.

RESOLVED: That the Paddock be designated a Smoke Free Zone and signs erected to advise.

24/92 Land Management

a) <u>To receive report on any land management issues including tree work project by Scout Group</u>
Cut agreed for large wild area and Clerk to obtain quotations for works and bring back to the meeting.
RESOLVED: That large wild area be cut to side of Carrington Gardens in Autumn and Clerk to obtain Quotations.

24/93 Village Council matters

a) <u>To consider Autumn Newsletter and distribution</u>

Clerk starting to edit and put copy together. To be at the printers by Friday 9th and then distribution should be last two weeks of August. Distribution vacancy and next issue covered. Noted.

To consider request re use of Humberston Logo/Crest for Almshouses and agree action

Request as shown for use of crest and members advised that the crest did not belong to the Council but to residents. Members happy provided no attachment to the Village Council was made or implied by the use of the crest.

RESOLVED: That the above be agreed and communicated back to the Almshouses Committee

RESOLVED: Standing orders moved to 9.30 pm.

24/94 Future Dates

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday 20th August 2024 Holiday Clubs – Fridays in August 2024 ERNLLCA Conference – Tuesday 24th September 2024 Christmas Event – Saturday 7th December 2024 Seniors Lunch – Friday 29th November 2024 To receive any other future dates

24/95 Reports

To receive any reports

Summer Event – Saturday 6th July 2024

Good and fairly well attended despite the weather. Chairman thanked all those who helped on the day.

ERNLLCA Virtual Planning Training – 3 dates

Chairman and Clerk attended. No new information due to Government change and should perhaps have been deferred. Neighbourhood plans briefly discussed.

Town and Parish Liaison – Thursday 11th July 2024 No one attended.

ERNLLCA District Meeting-Tuesday 16th July 2024

Cllr. Rudd attended. Two main items - Ian King discussing new local plan at NELC - the housing need figure had dropped or was going to drop. Go collaborate – virtual community for responses also highlighted.

Any other reports None received.

24/96 Finance

a) <u>To agree payments as per list circulated</u>

All payments as per list circulated agreed to be made.

RESOLVED: That all payments be made as per list circulated.

b) <u>To receive and approve first quarter accounts for fy 24/25.</u>

Clerk had circulated cashbook to end of June 2024, account reconciliation and corresponding bank statements and all formally approved and received.

RESOLVED: That first quarter accounts for fy 24/25 be formally received and approved.

To receive any feedback/update from external auditors

External auditors had responded with the external audit section of the AGAR completed and no actions recommended or raised. Members agreed closure of audit for fy 23/24.

RESOLVED: That the audit for fy 23/24 now be formally closed with no actions raised by external Auditors. Clerk to issue closure notice and place on website as required.

24/97 Events

c)

To receive information on upcoming events and consider and agree necessary actions including – <u>Summer Clubs</u>

Ongoing and every Friday for four weeks. Noted.

Christmas Event 2 to 5 pm.

Saturday 7th December 2024 agreed format as before. Just few craft stalls all doing Christmas crafts to be invited and remainder of format as usual with refreshments, games etc.

RESOLVED: Christmas event to be held as agreed.

24/98 To consider exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED: exemption of press and public for remainder of meeting under Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information

24/99 Personnel Matters

a) To approve salaries as per schedule circulated
Salaries approved to be made as per schedule circulated.
RESOLVED: That salaries be made as per schedule circulated.

b) To receive update on staffing position for weekend caretaking Member of staff appointed and trial period working with existing staff for August and then review before additional customary probationary period be offered. Noted.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Signed:

Date: