

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.15 PM AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, WENDOVER Paddock, HUMBERSTON

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

Apologies: Cllr. Clarke

In attendance: PC Dave Cave LPT
Cllr. Steve Harness, Ward Cllr. NELC

There were two members of the public present – Val and pal

24/160 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Received from Cllr. Clarke due to illness and accepted.

RESOLVED: That apologies be received and accepted.

24/161 Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct

None made.

24/162 To approve minutes of previous meetings –

Village Council minutes from November 2024 – main meeting and planning meeting.

Minutes approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: That minutes be approved as a true record of the meetings held

24/163 Police Report

To receive police report for information and agree any necessary actions from report.

PC Cave present. Report received prior to meeting and circulated and projected at meeting. New PC starting that week on the local team. Importance of reporting from residents. All noted.

24/164 Highways/footpaths/traffic issues

a) To receive any highways/footpaths/traffic issues for consideration and agree any necessary actions

Meeting with NELC to be organized in early 2025 – noted.

24/165 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Reference: DM/0911/24/FULA

Proposal: Erect single storey extension to front to form veranda, new chimney to side, alterations to external cladding, roof covering, windows and rainwater goods, erect detached single storey garden room to eastern boundary and installation of new fencing to boundaries with gate to front (Amended Description and Plans received 21st November 2024 to remove front extension to bedroom, relocate garden room and include altered boundary treatments)

Location: 107 Humberston Fitties Humberston

Objections – the Council has objections to the proposed fencing around the plot – it appears that one fence is a ‘double’ fence? Members also think the development is too large for the overall streetscene at this location and would support any objections from the Heritage Officer.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0892/22/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for change of use of land to form parking and hardstanding associated with fishing lakes use, including alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access, and erection of fencing and gates. Erection of workshop/store with solar panels to roof and associated works (AMENDED PLANS AND DESCRIPTION UPLOADED 21/11/2024)

Location: Land West Side Of Tetney Road (Bull Rush Lakes) Humberston

No further comment to make on the original one submitted from the Village Council.

To receive any other planning correspondence/representations from development teams and/or residents and to agree any further actions – nothing further received.

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

24/166 Allotment/Cemetery Matters

Cemetery:

a) To receive report on progress cemetery extension project including:

- Update on planning condition for hedge planting

To be progressed after the Christmas period. Noted.

- Provision of benches around gazebo area and memorial plaque items

Examples to be sourced and presented to Council for decision on benches, re colour and materials.

Memorial issue to be researched further by Clerk and examples put before January 2025 meeting. Members did not wish to be tied to the plaque system from Columbaria.

RESOLVED: That Clerk gather further proposals and present to January 2025 meeting.

b) To consider and agree cemetery maintenance contract for 2025-2026/7

Maintenance contract draft projected and circulated prior to meeting. Approved with inclusion of new cemetery area into whole contract. Clerk to publish as required and send out to appropriate parties and all quotations to go to Chairman only.

RESOLVED: That maintenance contract for 2025-26/7 be published and actioned as agreed.

Allotments:

a) To receive update on new legislation regarding registering for chicken keeping

This included in the new tenancy agreement as discussed on next item and each tenant responsible for registering and then giving proof of doing so to the council.

RESOLVED: That tenants wishing to keep chickens on the plot need to individually register as Required and send proof through to the VC.

b) To receive and consider allotment tenancy agreement for 2025/26

Approved for publication with item above and amendment to bonfire regulations as proposed by HAHA.

RESOLVED: That allotment tenancy agreement for 2025/26 be approved and published as required.

24/167 Wendover Halls/Paddock Matters

a) To receive update on new play equipment

Installed and Clerk to settle invoice. Now completed.

RESOLVED: That this project now completed and Clerk to settle invoice.

b) To receive update on solar panels installation

Being installed on Monday 16th December 2024. Ward Cllrs. had advised they would donate £2k to the project and Clerk to send details of costs etc. over to Ward Cllrs.

RESOLVED: That solar panels being installed on 16th December and £2k ward funding would be Received.

c) To receive asbestos survey report, note results and agree any further actions

Completed and only one small item on a corner of a rear roof ridge at old hall which required no further actions. Report circulated to all members and Clerk had settled invoice for survey.

RESOLVED: That asbestos surveys for the buildings managed by the VC had now been completed and There were no actions forthcoming.

24/168 Land Management

a) To receive report on any land management issues

Waiting for contract to sign for land on far piece of Westleigh land, Chairman pointed out that mound of earth still had not been removed. Clerk to address with contact for site.

RESOLVED: That Clerk request update on removal of mound of earth.

24/169 Village Council matters

a) To receive update on Christmas/December 2024 Newsletter, note all distribution rounds now and consider Spring 2025 issue

Chair will review distribution round with members ready for next issue. Other members offered to help in getting it out to distributors. Noted.

24/170 Future Dates

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday 21st January 2025

To agree date for main budget and precept meeting for January 2025 – Tuesday 21st January 7 pm.

Christmas Event – Saturday 7th December 2024

To receive any other future dates - none received.

24/171 Reports

To receive any reports

Remembrance Day – Sunday 10th November 2024

Cllrs. Duff and Sharp attended.

Seniors Lunch – Friday 29th November 2024 1 to 3 pm

Well attended and Chair thanked all those who helped. To be considered running more of these through 2025 but to be decided at budget time.

Any other reports – Last Night of the Proms Humberston Happening

Chairman attended. Enjoyed

24/172 Finance

- a) To agree payments as per list circulated

Payment as per schedule all approved to be made.

RESOLVED: That payments all be approved to be made.

- b) To consider contribution to Clerk’s membership of SLCC for 2025 and agree any actions

£170 donation towards Clerk’s membership agreed for 2025.

RESOLVED: That £170 donation be approved as contribution towards Clerk’s membership of SLCC

- c) To receive prior notice of draft council tax base figures from NELC for 25/26

Received and circulated to all members. Only draft figures at present time. Noted.

24/173 Events

To receive information on upcoming events and consider and agree necessary actions including – Christmas Event –

Chairman confirmed manning of all stalls, games etc. and confirmed times for everyone. All noted.

24/174 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

24/175 Personnel Matters

- a) To approve salaries as per schedule circulated

Salaries approved to be made as per schedule circulated.

RESOLVED: That all salaries be paid as per schedule circulated.

- b) To receive updates on staff appraisals from Personnel Committee

Only one appraisal remaining and Clerk to try and organise for an afternoon when she was in the office. All others done and sent out to staff. Noted.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33 pm.

Signed:

Date: