

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.15 PM AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, WENDOVER PADDOCK, HUMBERSTON

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Hudson and Thompson

In attendance: Cllrs. Harness and Dawkins, Ward Cllrs., NELC
PC Dave Cave

There were 7 members of the public present including candidate for cooption.

24/196 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Received from Cllr. Hudson (personal appointment) and Cllr. Thompson (funeral attendance) and accepted.

RESOLVED: That apologies be received and accepted.

24/197 Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct

None made.

24/198 Cooption to fill casual vacancy

To receive and consider candidate for cooption to fill existing casual vacancy – Mr. Mike Dunne.

Candidate present for co-option and gave short presentation. Members proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed Mr. Dunne be coopted to fill one of the casual vacancies with immediate effect.

Candidate had received the Code of Conduct prior to the meeting and signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

RESOLVED: That Mr. Michael Dunne be coopted to fill casual vacancy.

24/199 To approve minutes of previous meetings –

Village Council minutes from January 2025 – main meeting and then planning and budget meeting

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

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

24/200 Police Report

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

PC Dave Cave present and written report received and circulated prior to the meeting. Discussed speed signs with PC Cave and possibility of purchasing in liaison with NELC dedicated for Humberston. Noted.

Public Session

Residents present about planning issues. Public then left.

24/201 Highways/footpaths/traffic issues

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

Report given from Highways Meeting and summarized at meeting. Discussed provision of speed signs and agreed to commit £3k. At HAHA meeting discussed extension to car park and Clerk to speak to NELC re cemetery road resurfacing.

RESOLVED: That £3k be committed to purchase speed signs in liaison with NELC.

24/202 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Reference: DM/1052/24/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing modular units, erection of new two storey teaching and support building with roof lights and solar panels. Refurbishment of existing block to life skills, construction of new storage cabin. Installation of air source heat pumps with acoustic screening, creation of horticulture area with polytunnel, landscaping and associated works.

Location: Humberston Park School St Thomas Close Humberston

Objections – the Village Council feels that it cannot support any further development until the issues and problems caused by car parking are resolved. Whilst this development is being planned, provision for an additional small car park for staff cars and visitors to site to use could be provided which would alleviate parking problems for local residents.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0049/25/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 12 (Approved Plans) following DM/1052/23/FUL to amend house design and layout for plot 6

Location: Agriculture Land South View Humberston

Planning Application Reference: DM/0047/25/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 12 (Approved Plans) following DM/1052/23/FUL to amend house design and layout for plot 2

Location: Agriculture Land South View Humberston

Planning Application Reference: DM/0045/25/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 12 (Approved Plans) following DM/1052/23/FUL to amend house design and layout for plot 10

Location: Agriculture Land South View Humberston

Same comments for all three above applications:

Objections – the Village Council was opposed to the development of housing on this site and would reiterate its initial objections along with additional comments that these proposed changes to the plots, making all of the dwellings larger than those originally given permission for, is detrimental to the development. The surrounding neighbourhood around South View is dominated by low level smaller bungalows and houses and these proposals for large scale housing are totally out of character for this area. Also, this scale of housing will undoubtedly produce more cars per household, will add further pressure to access to the local road network.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0935/24/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) pursuant to DM/0735/22/REM

to allow for amended house type and repositioning of Plot 1 (Amended Description and Plans received 15th January 2025 to revise design, layout and position of Plot 1)

Location: 43 Humberston Avenue Humberston

Objections – the Village Council initially objected to this application as it has a policy that no further additional infill or back-yard development should be allowed along Humberston Avenue and also in its last objections supported concerns from the Tree Officer. Whilst it notes that the Tree Officer has now withdrawn objections, the Village Council still wishes to reiterate its original objections to the infill development of this site.

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

RESOLVED: That all comments be submitted to NELC.

24/203 Allotment/Cemetery Matters

Cemetery:

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

- Provision of benches around gazebo area

Cllr. Sharp had set out and this had been agreed and cemetery contractor had been instructed to secure.

- Consideration of proposals for plaque memorial monuments

This deferred to next meeting pending another quotation actioned by Cllr. Sharp.

RESOLVED: That benches be secured by Cemetery contractor and memorial issue be deferred as agreed.

Allotments:

a) To receive update on allotment tenancy renewals for 25/26

Cllr. Rudd advised that issue with trip hazard in path had been passed onto be actioned. Clerk asked that thanks go to Haha and Mrs. Hyde for hosting and Cllr. Duff for assisting with collection of rents. Noted. Clerk would now action vacancies.

RESOLVED: That allotment vacancies be actioned as required.

24/204 Wendover Halls/Paddock Matters

a) To receive update on solar panels operation and energy refund

Pigeon deterrent still to be sorted and Clerk to contact energy provider for solar refund. Noted.

24/205 Land Management

a) To receive report on any land management issues

Clerk would carry out site surveys towards end of February/early March to set programme and report back any necessary works. Noted.

24/206 Village Council matters

a) To note Spring 2025 issue of Newsletter and agree any necessary arrangements.

Cllr. Sharp to provide Know your Village Councillor. Budget to go into it. Cllr. Hodgins suggested feature advertising ability to pre-purchase plots within the Cemetery. Clerk to produce.

24/207 Future Dates

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 4th March 2025

Planning Committee - Tuesday 18th February 2025

Office Closure – 24.02.2025 to 27.02.2025 14.03.25 to 21.03.25

Planning Policy Framework – 5.02.2025 – virtual training – Chair and Clerk to attend.

To receive any other future dates - none received.

24/208 Reports

To receive any reports – HAHA Meeting

Cllr. Rudd had attended and reported. Pond issue discussed, GDPR forms, budget for hardstanding, 17th May plant sale on site and car park tarmac. Noted.

24/209 Finance

a) To agree payments as per list circulated

Payments approved to be made

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

b) To confirm all members circulated all budget paperwork for fy 25/26

Confirmed.

RESOLVED: All members had received the confirmed budget paperwork for fy 25/26.

c) To confirm precept request acknowledged by NELC for fy 25/26

Chairman confirmed NELC had received and acknowledged request submitted by Clerk.

RESOLVED: That precept request had been received by NELC.

24/210 Events

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

Update on summer holiday clubs and consideration of all future events laid on by the Council –

Summer Clubs now all booked apart from one – Creation Station, Nunny’s Farm, Andy Carr and discussing with Super Strikers – commencing July and running to 15th August on Friday mornings 10 to 12 noon.

Summer Event – discussed and agreed for Sunday 13th July 2025

Quiz Night Friday - 11th April 2025 – Clerk to provide quiz, Cllr. Rudd to run event, no food and £1.00 per head.

VE Day – Thursday 8th May 2025 1 to 3 pm.

Calendar proposed for 2026 from Cllr. Sharp and proposed to be competition as part of Summer Event.

RESOLVED: That events be set as agreed.

24/211 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

24/212 Personnel Matters

a) To approve salaries as per schedule circulated

Salaries approved to be made.

RESOLVED: That salaries be made as per schedule circulated.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54 pm.

Signed:

Date: