



**FLAMBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
9th MAY 2016, 7.30 PM, WI HALL, FLAMBOROUGH**

Present: Councillors D Morton (in the Chair), P. Couzens, J Crossland, A. Grainger, V Leppington, B. Maxwell, R Sellick, Mrs M Sexton, Mrs C Taylor and Ward Councillor Matthews
Clerk, Lynne Dennis, recorded the minutes
6 members of the public

90/16 To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Ward Councillors Harrap and Milns.

91/16 Code of Conduct:

- (a) **To record Declarations of Pecuniary/non-Pecuniary Interests by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared:**

Any declarations of interest made by Councillors are recorded at the appropriate Minute.

- (b) **To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of agenda items below:**

None

92/16 Presentation/Questions from Inspector Robert Cocker on Community Policing in Your Area:

Inspector Robert Cocker and Sergeant Chris Hines attended to discuss recent changes in local policing and to answer questions from councillors.

- Inspector Cocker noted that crime in the East Riding is significantly less than other areas in the country and asked what the perception of policing in the area was.
- Councillor Grainger commented that opinion was low, for example, shop lifting was not responded to in a timely way, with officers not attending the shop for a number of days. Sergeant Hines noted that this was common as thefts could be caught on CCTV and the shop lifter identified for action in due course.
- Councillor Sellick noted that with the changes to staffing over the last year although less crime was recorded it had been difficult to actually report crime via the 101 number due to the issues which had previously been discussed by the parish council. It was acknowledged that there had been a number of issues when the service was passed over to inexperienced staff due to the creation of a 'Hub' to deal with calls, but after the changes implemented from February 2016 these had now been mostly resolved.
- Sergeant Hines noted that the funding cuts had impacted on resources, but that Flamborough was a victim of its own success in that less crime reported meant less staff assigned to the area.
- Inspector Cocker noted that it was unlikely that further staff would be removed from Bridlington, as it was geographically further away from other urban areas and could not easily be covered by these. Post April 2015 there had been a significant increase in staffing in Bridlington but these officers had been relocated from other areas, some of these had now been reassigned back to those areas, so there was not an overall reduction in original staffing numbers.

- Councillor Couzens noted an incident where he had rung 999 and been passed through to North Yorkshire Police to deal with an incident in Flamborough. Sergeant Hines noted that this can sometimes happen if the call centre is busy and calls will be directed to the nearest available force.
- Councillor Crossland commented on the reduction in police presence in the village which used to have a dedicated PC with an additional one allocated for the summer months, now there is just a PCSO to cover the area. Sergeant Hines noted that with changes to staffing and practice the force had to change accordingly and unfortunately could not supply dedicated PCs to villages.
- Inspector Cocker noted that the force now has approximately 1600 PCs, a significant reduction from over 2000 previously employed.
- Councillor Taylor expressed concern over the large area that PCSO Smith had to cover, including Flamborough and outlying villages. Sergeant Hines responded that she was able to do this as there were very few incidents so the level of crime was manageable for the level of staffing.
- Inspector Cocker commented on alternative ways of working in the absence of PCs, for example, automatic number recognition was now more widely available and affordable, this has been used successfully such as identifying poachers moving around the countryside. There is a commitment to using technology where possible to assist in policing.
- Councillor Morton commented that for crime such as speeding, a physical presence was often the best deterrent and that if officers were visible then it would deter offenders.
- Sergeant Hines stressed that it was important that anyone aware of incidents should notify the police, this then gets into the system and action can be taken if incidents become persistent. Inspector Cocker also encouraged intelligence from the public of perpetrators of crime and that these could be reported to PCSO Smith and they would be logged.
- Councillor Crossland noted that there was reluctance to report crime as the perception is that often nothing happens or even that it can't be reported, i.e. no answer or cut off from 101 service. Inspector Cocker reiterated that it was important that all crime should be reported, as if the police don't know they can't act upon it. For example, if stolen property is not reported, even if it is later recovered a crime cannot be proved or the property returned to its owner. He noted that public intelligence links numerous crimes together which can then be actioned, e.g. the recent spate of fake £50 notes was tied together through several reports and various reports of drug crime can be linked together to provide enough evidence to conduct a police operation.
- Inspector Cocker noted that the outgoing Police and Crime Commissioner wanted to improve working with communities and parish councils, for instance using local knowledge on the best places to site speed cameras, however with the recent change of PCC it is unknown whether this work will continue.
- Councillor Crossland asked why the Police Liaison Committees no longer meet. Councillor Morton also noted that Community Partnership Meetings involving Fire, Health, Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors etc. used to be held but are also now defunct following a review by ERYC. Sergeant Hines noted that the police work closely with the ERYC's Anti-Social Behaviour team, but again that if there are problems with individuals notify the police and they can be logged and investigated.
- PCSO Smith noted that there was a new Neighbourhood Watch group on Castle Crescent with 23 new members and that 3 incidents of criminal damage had occurred to parked cars including a marked police vehicle.

93/16 Public Participation Session (15 minutes):

- None

94/16 To approve Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 4th April 2016:

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that all Minutes of these meetings be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

95/16 To receive the Clerk's Report and Action Log:

- **Street Lighting** – The new street light on the corner of Allison Lane has now been installed by ERYC, all costs to be covered by Warriror Developments. A complaint was received from the resident of the adjacent property to object to light filtering into her house and anticipated problems caused by dogs fouling near the lamppost. The Clerk responded to these concerns and has requested that a shield be fitted to the light to minimize light filtering into the property.
- **Citizen Link** – The lease has now been sign and witnessed and returned to ERYC for finalisation. Additional keys to be sent by ERYC so work can commence on making the building fit for use.
- **Pre-School Fence** - In conjunction with the Pre-School a solicitor has been appointed to undertake drafting a licence, a copy has been circulated and a couple of amendments highlighted have been sent back for revision. In light of this, work has commenced on erecting the fence, with the licence to be formalized as soon as the amendments have been made. Work will begin to erect the fence on 19th May 2016.
- **Internal Audit** – Documentation has been collated and sent to the IA.
- **South Sea Mews** – Complaint has been received from 2 residents over the lack of street lighting. It was noted that the street has not yet been adopted and therefore no action can be taken to pursue additional street lighting.
- **North Landing Benches** – An urgent request has been received from a memorial seat donor to make safe those seats currently marked off as unsafe due to the cliff landslip. If this cannot be actioned they have request the bench back to be housed at their residence. Councillor Crossland to continue to pursue with the landowners as a matter of urgency to resolve the situation.
- **Clerk's hours** – 48 hours worked in April, 16 hours emergency annual leave taken.

96/16 To receive the Ward Councillors report:

- Fire Authority Consultation outcome has indicated that there will be no reduction of fire appliances within the East Riding, one fire engine will be removed from Immingham and there will be no redundancies.
- ERYC will be conducting a review of library services with a public consultation taking place between 25 May and 3 August 2016.
- Councillor Matthews is now on ERYC Strategic Planning Committee.

97/16 Questions/Reports from Councillors and Committee Representatives:

Councillor Taylor

- Noted that the area at the back of library is a mess with broken glass etc. To report to Darren Stephens at ERYC in the first instance.

Councillor Couzens

- Noted that several street lights are still not working near the lighthouse. Also that some potholes on South Sea Mews still require filling. Also that gullies need to be cleaned.

Councillor Maxwell

- Noted that there is a problem with overflowing rubbish from the bin outside the bakery. To request more regular emptying by ERYC.

Councillor Crossland

- Noted that he had spoken to Arthur Hall regarding the possibility of the Allotment Society taking on the running of the Bempton Lane site. It was confirmed that this was not something that the Society wished to do.
- Bourne Leisure have provided high visibility wear to the group of volunteer litter pickers led by Mrs Aitken. It has been arranged for a photo opportunity to take place with the group and members of the Bourne Leisure team for inclusion in the Bridlington Free Press. Councillor Sexton proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Crossland for arranging.

Councillor Sexton

- Asked the Council to add their support in opposition to the proposed cancellation of the Bridlington/Scarborough Hospital Shuttle Bus. Letter to be sent to York NHS Trust, MP and Clinical Commissioning Group.
- North Marine Road parking issues with vehicles parking on yellow lines during the enforceable period (9am – 6pm). Ongoing issue and to be reviewed again with ERYC.

98/16 Chairman's Report:

None.

99/16 To consider Planning Applications as listed below and subsequent plans received after the agenda is sent out (planning applications available for public inspection at 7.15 pm):

- (1) **16/01059/OUT** – Outlined – Erection of a dwelling (access to be considered) (Resubmission of 15/03431/OUT)
Weissdorn, 1 Lighthouse Road, Flamborough
Mrs Catherine Pashley
Outline Planning Permission

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that objection be raised to the application on grounds of the proximity of a listed building directly opposite to the proposed development site and also concern over the access and egress to the site would be difficult given the narrowness of West Street which would not allow safe movement of traffic to the proposed dwelling.

- (2) **16/01216/TELCOM** – Installation of radio base station consisting of a 15m tower supporting 3 antennas, 2 transmission dishes, 3 equipment cabinets, 3 remote radio units (RRU) and erection of 1m post and rail enclosure
Telecomms Mast, Lighthouse Road, Flamborough
CTIL and Telfonica UK LTD
Telecommunications – Prior Notifications

Councillor Crossland left the meeting at the point.

RESOLVED: (All in favour) Object to the proposal due to concerns over the risk of interference to television reception for residents in the village as a result of the 4G mast.

- (3) **DC/15/01388/OUT/EASTNN/SWOOD** – Outline Residential development (all matters reserved)
Land South of Church Street House, West Street, Flamborough
Mr and Mrs K Edeson
Outline Planning Permission

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that objection be raised with concerns noted against the original submission still standing as to access to the proposed property, given that there is no pathway and vehicles would exit straight onto the road and the site is not big enough to accommodate a building of the proposed size, thereby overdeveloping the area.

100/16 To note/deal with correspondence as listed below:

- Apr 16 ERYC ASB Six Month Statistics – emailed 27/04/16
Apr 16 ERYC Notice of adoption of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (April 2016) – emailed 27/04/16
Apr 16 ERNLLCA Newsletter – emailed 30/04/16

101/16 Accounts:

- (a) **To approve payment of accounts to 4th May 2016:**

Accounts for Payment

Received

Allotment Rent: £ 45.75
Toilet Donations: £ 18.05
Vat Refund: £1,502.92

Total: £1,566.72

Schedule of Accounts for Payment 9th May 2016

Chq No	Creditor	Net Due	VAT	Total
		£	£	£

2687	Miss L Dennis: Clerk (Apr)	886.38	-	886.38
2688	Mr G Liddan: Toilet Cleaning (Apr)	228.94	-	228.94
2689	HMRC: Tax/NI (Apr)	155.71	-	155.71
2690	Clerk Expenses (Apr): – telephone £8, broadband £7.50, working from home expenses £12, car allowance £20, postage £2.85	50.35	-	50.35
2691	ERYC: Half yearly repairs (street lighting)	465.00	93.00	558.00
2692	ERYC: Street light testing	165.00	33.00	198.00
2693	Npower: Street lighting 01-03/16	1873.08	374.61	2247.69
2694	WI Hall hire: May 16 – May 17	306.00	-	306.00
2695	MR & KM Couzens: Grasscut 1	247.00	49.40	296.40
2696	MR & KM Couzens: Grasscut 2	247.00	49.40	296.40
2697	Viking: Stationery	55.68	11.14	66.82
2698	ERYC: Surveyor and Legal fees (Citizen Link)	700.00	-	700.00
2699	MR & KM Couzens: Allotment Plot Clearance	1536.50	307.30	1843.80
2700	Viking: Toilet Supplies	13.89	2.78	16.67
2701	Npower: Toilets electric 05/02/16 – 26/04/16	81.04	4.05	85.09
	Totals	7011.57	924.68	7936.25

May wages £1,200 (projected)

Councillor Couzens declared a pecuniary interest in so far as he had an account for payment, did not take part in discussion and did not vote.

RESOLVED: (All in favour) to approve the accounts for payment as presented.

102/16 To approve the erection of a section of fencing around the small green (Councillor Morton):

Councillor Sellick proposed that costs be obtained for the fencing before a decision is made. To be deferred until costs are obtained.

103/16 To approve the use of £200 donation from North Wolds Lions Club:

Councillor Leppington proposed that a memorial bench for Mary Sunley in recognition of all her work on behalf of the village and particularly its young people with any shortfall made up the parish council. The bench to be sited at the Sports Club Playing Fields.

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that a request is made for the £200 donation to go towards a memorial bench.

104/16 To discuss refit of the Citizen Link Kiosk to provide a suitable and secure working environment:

Council to conduct a site visit to view the kiosk and review any work to be undertaken – Monday 16th May 2016 at 6pm.

105/16 Allotments:

- (a) To report on the Council's site visit and approve action for management of the site (enclosed):
- (b) To let plots and approve permissions:

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that:

- Plot 20 be turned over as requested by the tenant.

Signed as a true and correct record Date 6th June 2016
Chairman, Councillor D Morton