

## Burton Fleming Parish Council

### **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting No 5 – 2015/16 Held Monday 18 January 2016 in the Methodist Church Schoolroom at 7.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: S Brambles, J Hairsine, J Jackson, A Marr,  
C Skelton, B Southwell, K Wells

Members of the Public: One in attendance

Wards Councillors/Police: Cllr Jane Evison

Mrs Sarah Marr recorded the minutes

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The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

#### **1/16 To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S Wells

#### **2/16 Code of Conduct (01 July 2012)**

(a) To record Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.  
Members declaring interest should identify the agenda item and state which interest is being declared.

(b) To note Dispensations in Respect of Agenda Items Below

No interests to record or note

#### **3/16 Public Participation**

One member of the public observed the meeting.

#### **4/16 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meetings 17 November 2015 and 17 December 2015:**

**RESOLVED:** (all in favour)

that the minutes of the previous meetings were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **Proposed by Cllr B Southwell and Seconded by Cllr R Lindley**

#### **5/16 To Note and Review Clerk's Action Log**

147/15 Electronic Planning: The Clerk has been successful in securing a projector for use in meetings to enable the plans to be viewed at meetings

150/15 Thwing Road Bridge Concerns: an email from Kirk Lister, ERYC Bridge Engineer, was received (previously circulated 27.11.15) to give confirmation that bridge is in good condition with a little remedial work required when budgets allow. The bridge is inspected every 2¼ years. Concerned residents have been informed.

#### **6/16 Correspondence**

Letter from Enforcement, ERYC (previously circulated 23.11.15) re Complaints re Vellco Tyres - Following investigations planners have recommended no further action to be taken. This does not negate from reviewing the situation if circumstances change. The residents concerned have been informed. The Chairman reported that a resident had requested that Humberside Fire Service visit the Vellco site to investigate a potential problem with the fuel tank. The resident concerned will contact the Parish Council and ERYC following the outcome of the visit. Cllr J Evison re-iterated the importance of monitoring the situation.

Letter from The Rt Hon Sir Greg Knight MP re a complaint about the door to door collections of money to fund the play park. It has been reported to Mr Knight by a resident that the Parish Council is responsible for these collections and he has asked the PC to explain these actions and ask why the precept isn't being used for this process. The Clerk wrote to Mr Knight to explain that the door to door collections were made by the Burton Fleming Sports Committee through their 'Friends of the Park' pledge scheme and was not in any way connected to the Parish Council. Mr Knight has written to thank the Parish Council for its detailed response.

***The Chairman sought permission to change the order of the agenda for the benefit of Cllr Evison and this was agreed***

**7/16 Flood Management**

- Nigel Leighton, ERYC has confirmed that a scheme for maintenance works has been included on the ERYC programme for financial year 2016/17. This will include carriageway works and works to re-align and renew the guardrail as required.
- The ground water monitor at Willy Howe has revealed that ground water levels are rising and the current level is approximately 9m below the bed level. The first alarm triggers when the water level reaches 3m below the Gypsy Race bed level and it triggers again at 2m bed level.
- Steve Charlton, ERYC stated that ERYC is in a much better position to respond to flooding since the Burton Fleming flood of 2012/13 as there is a warning system in place to notify when to deploy resources, pumps and sandbags. ERYC now has its own fleet of pumps which can be deployed in advance of any expected issues and it was also noted that the bed of the Gypsy Race had been cleaned out throughout the village, after the flooding event.
- Nigel Leighton has stated that Steve Charlton will arrange for the watercourses in the area to be inspected and if any issues are identified which restrict the flow, they will take the appropriate action. This will most likely be to remind riparian owners of their responsibilities, which they did following the last flooding event. They also stated that vegetation, however, does not usually affect the flow, A capital scheme is being developed which is currently programmed to start in 2016/17 subject to approval of the funding bid for the favoured option of flood flow exceedance routing around the outskirts of the village. If the bid is successful landowners will have to be consulted. There is no great detail at the moment at the plans have yet to be drawn up.

***Cllr R Lindley requested to read out the following statement:***

Ladies and Gentlemen, You may be aware of a Lands Tribunal case that Robert Lindley Ltd. brought against ERYC . The judge found in our favour, although ERYC may well appeal. If the judgement is upheld the company's damages come to £14,500. This is for the area that hydrologists calculated was flooded by the pumping action of the ERYC and not flooded by inundation. Our total loss was in excess of £80,000.

I am pleased to note Nigel Leighton's comments that have been circulated to us all, although a hydrologist would take issue with his statement that vegetation does not usually affect the flow!

I sincerely hope the Flood Risk Management Team keep to their brief and ensure that riparian owners uphold their responsibilities.

We will continue to mow and clear our part of the Gypsy Race. I sincerely hope others will do the same, particularly the farming fraternity on both sides of the village.

Individual residents mostly keep their stretches clear and are to be commended. To say it's always flooded and you won't stop it attitude needs to change and I for one will be monitoring the upkeep of the Gypsy Race to try and prevent a repeat of 2012.

***Cllr Jane Evison concluded that it is encouraging that the situation is moving forward. She re-assured Members that the Parish Council has her full support along with Cllr Jonathan Owen and their colleagues.***

#### **8/16 Cemetery**

Following discussion with Cllr J Evison regarding the way forward with the planning application for the cemetery it was suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of The Rt Hon Sir Greg Knight MP.

It is hoped that he may be able to get to the bottom of what exactly the Environment Agency require in terms of the surveys for the proposed planning application.

The Parish Council is not proposing to do anything that it doesn't already do with the existing cemetery with regard to burials.

***ACTION BY CLERK***

#### **9/16 Transport Assessment**

Several surveys have been completed. These have been sent to Helen Reynolds the Community Transport Officer at ERYC where they will be analysed. Helen will then arrange to attend one of our meetings to discuss any findings. At first, glance, it seems that the village may benefit from transport links to Hunmanby. As this is out of our Authority, North Yorkshire County Council would have to be contacted to see if there is any community transport that could be linked into Burton Fleming in the same way that the MI Bus service to Drifffield does.

Cllr Evison is wholly supportive of the transport assessment as authority transport services will be cut in order to make savings.

***The Chairman thanked Cllr Evison for her attendance and she left the meeting.***

#### **10/16 To Approve Transactions and the Finance Statement for November & December 2015**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Money Man A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Opening Balance (end Oct 2015)</b>	<b>£1,774.78</b>	<b>£4,967.60</b>	<b>£6,742.38</b>
Grass Cutting – AP Flinton	(£875.00)		(£875.00)
Meeting Room Hire – 2014/15	(£117.00)		(£117.00)
Npower Energy Bill	(£31.99)		(£31.99)
PC Computer Software	(£206.99)		(£206.99)
Wages (November)	(£298.48)		(£298.48)
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Transfer from Money Manager	£1,500.00	(£1,500)	
Interest		0.80p	0.80
<b>Closing Balance (end Dec 2015)</b>	<b>£1,446.84</b>	<b>£3,468.40</b>	<b>£4,915.24</b>

***RESOLVED:*** (all in favour)

that all accounts submitted are approved, ***Proposed by Cllr J Jackson and Seconded by Cllr S Brambles***

**11/16 To Consider Request for Funding for the Burton Fleming Sports and Recreation Club**

Mr Coleman thanked the Parish Council for its continued support and the committee look forward to the continuation of support in the coming year.

It was noted that:

- the Burton Fleming Sports and Recreation Club (BFSRC) held a successful AGM on 18 December 2015
- the playground is running well with £698.00 raised this year to cover the running costs
- Friends of the Park collections have taken place
- the Parish Council pay for four cuts to the playground which is now included with the Grass Cutting Contract at a cost of £120.00
- there are no funds in the bank to cover the cost of future maintenance or upgrades to the park as the equipment becomes older

Description	Bank & Cash 2015	Bank & Cash 2014
<b>Opening Balance:</b>	<b>£664.57</b>	<b>£354.96</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Friends of the Park	£551.14	£705.18
Parish Council Donation	£0	£0
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Annual Playground Inspection (inc 2014)	£437.40	£0
Playground Insurance	£407.43	£395.57
Woodchippings	£84.00	£0
<b>Closing Balance:</b>	<b>£286.88</b>	<b>£664.57</b>

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the report and financial statement 2015 for BFSRC be received and duly noted
- (2) that the Parish Council will monitor the budget situation and support the BFSRC as and when required, **Proposed by Cllr K Wells and Seconded by Cllr A Marr**

**12/16 To Consider Request for Funding to Pay for the Installation of a Telephone Line and Monthly Subscription for Broadband at Burton Fleming Village Hall**

Due to the fact that the Methodist Church will be closing down the Parish Council is required to look for alternative accommodation for its meetings.

Whilst ERYC is now making use of electronic technology with regard to planning applications and the way in which it consults with the Parish Council and the public, it is not a requirement that any meeting room should have WiFi access for this purpose. Information to be used at meetings can be downloaded in advance.

Members felt that grants or different funding/income streams could be accessed to fund WiFi for the Village Hall and that the Precept should not be used to pay for the monthly subscription.

If funding became available in the future this matter will be considered again.

**13/16 To Receive and Consider Details of the Parish Precept Demand**

**RESOLVED:** (all in favour)

that the Parish Precept Demand for 2016/17 be set at £7,000.00, **Proposed by Cllr K Wells and Seconded by Cllr S Brambles**

**14/16 Tender Arrangements for the Grass Cutting Contract**

**RESOLVED** (all in favour)

- (1) that the grass area at the back of the school pond should be added to the contract for cutting at least two or three times per year
- (2) that the rest of the contract remains the same, **Proposed by Cllr K Wells and Seconded by Cllr S Brambles.**

**15/16 Tender Arrangements for Sheep Grazing at Thwing Hill Field**

**RESOLVED** (all in favour)

that the current conditions of the agreement still apply, those being

- (1) the maintenance of the roadside hedge
- (2) the maintenance of the surrounding fences
- (3) the responsibility for damage caused by animals, **Proposed by Cllr S Brambles and Seconded by Cllr R Lindley**

**16/16 Tender Arrangements for White Hill Field**

**RESOLVED** (all in favour)

- (1) that White Hill Field is not put out to tender this year
- (2) that the Parish Council should commit to eradicating the Ragwort from the field, **Proposed by Cllr J Hairsine and Seconded by Cllr B Southwell**

**17/16 To Discuss Street Scene**

A resident has complained about the amount of water flowing down Thwing Hill and into the yard on Penny Lane. Clerk to report to Highways and ask them to clean out the drains and grips including the grips on West Lane.

**18/16 Any Other Business**

- Flytipping on Fordon Road
- Pot holes at Nine Dikes Crossroads
- Speeding on Wold Newton Road – request for police to speed check
- Replacing of the seat at Mere Pond. Would a resident like to donate a memorial bench? Place in village newsletter.
- Parish Notice Board requires varnishing – contact Rob Hetherington

**19/16 Time and Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 15 March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Schoolrooms.

**20/16 Close of Meeting**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman's Signature: ..... Date: .....