

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7.15 PM AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, WENDOVER PADDOCK, HUMBERSTON

Present: Cllr. Shawhulme
Cllrs. Hodgins, Sharpe and Hudson.

Apologies: Cllrs. England, Rudd and Clark

In Attendance: Cllrs. Harness and Shreeve, Ward Cllrs., NELC

There were 9 members of the public present.

23/178 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Received from Cllrs Rudd (holiday) and Clark (family commitment) and England (work commitment) and accepted.

RESOLVED: That apologies be received and accepted.

23/179 Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct

None made.

23/180 To approve minutes of previous meetings –

Village Council minutes from December 2023 Council meeting and January 2024 budget meeting.

Both minutes approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: That minutes be approved as a true record

23/181 Police Report

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

Noted. Cllr. Shreeve advised that LPT were encouraging WhatsApp local groups to include PC Cave etc. to form informal neighbourhood watch groups.

Public Break

Residents present raising issues with cutting between St. Mathews Road and St Thomas Close. Ward Cllrs. to check with NELC whether the path is NELC-owned and consider progress of a gated walkway. Resident present re parking issues on Lidgard Road in relation to parking for public house usage. Possible restrictions on Lidgard requested and Ward Cllrs. to progress with NELC and respond.

Public all left.

23/182 Highways/footpaths/traffic issues

a) To receive any highways/footpaths/traffic issues for consideration and agree any necessary actions
Verges on Fieldhouse Road will need reinstating after works to roundabout area. Cllr. Harness advised this would probably be done by NELC. Noted.

23/183 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Reference: DM/1233/23/FULA

Proposal: Installation of dormers to front and rear to create additional living accommodation and associated works

Location: 1 St Christophers Road Humberston

No objections but would like the neighbours comments to be considered.

To receive any other planning correspondence/representations from development teams and/or residents and to agree any further actions – Chairman thanked Cllrs. Shreeve and Dawkins for their representations made to the appeal for land off Midfield Road.

RESOLVED: That all comments be submitted to NELC and thanks to Ward Cllrs. be recorded.

23/184 Allotment/Cemetery Matters

a) To receive update on allotment renewals for 24/25 and agree any further necessary actions
Clerk updated and one more session on site on 24th January. Report to be considered when tenancies were finished with vacant plots and actions. Clerk confirmed HAHA had been informed of increases for tenancies for year 25/26 and acknowledged. Noted.

b) To receive report on progress for cemetery extension project with NELC, land purchase and lending application and agree further necessary actions

Still awaiting planning permission from NELC. No further action can be taken without permission. Noted.

23/185 Wendover Halls/Paddock Matters

a) To note completion of new accessible benches in paddock and extra seating.
Project completed and benches in place. Chairman thanked Ward Cllrs. for funding.

RESOLVED: That the project is complete and Ward funding had been received.

b) To consider extra lighting in Paddock between the Halls and agree any actions
Agreed that Clerk speak to Electrician about improving low level lighting around paths. Correspondence and visual attachments received from resident to be considered as exempt item at end of meeting.

RESOLVED: That Clerk liaise with electrician over lighting arrangements for improved low level Lighting in Paddock and that rest of item be dealt with as exempt.

c) To receive report on new door closing mechanism and agree any further necessary actions
This now in place and completed. Complaints received from resident as in item above (b) to be dealt with as exempt item as above. Noted.

23/186 Land Management

a) To receive update on land at Humberston Avenue and transfer to residents
Clerk had informed residents involved that the VC would not be pursuing this matter due to high costs involved. Noted and matter now closed.

RESOLVED: That this matter now be closed.

b) To receive report on site visit held in December 2023
Cutting back had been carried out as requested from site visit. Clerk will meet with contractor in spring to overview site and agree any further works. VC to organise session with removing dead trees etc and involve Scouts. Noted.

- c) To note site visit to Westleigh Homes site on 18th January 2024.

12.30 pm on Thursday 18th January 2024 for Chairman and Clerk to attend. Noted.

23/187 **Village Council matters**

- a) To consider Spring 2024 edition of Newsletter and agree publication dates and action distribution vacancy

Closing date of 8th Feb. Split Humberston Avenue into two rounds and Clerk in receipt of new electoral register and will do some work before next meeting on numbers etc. and report back.

RESOLVED: That distribution round for Humberston Avenue be split into two for next edition.

23/188 **Future Dates**

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 6th February 2024

Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday 20th February 2024 – Cllr. Shawhulme gave apologies and Cllr. Hodgins advised he could stand in.

To receive any other future dates - none received.

23/189 **Reports**

To receive any reports

None received.

23/190 **Finance**

- a) To agree payments as per list circulated

All payments authorized at previous January 2024 meeting. Noted.

- b) To note precept request submitted to NELC

Precept request had been submitted and acknowledged by NELC. Noted.

- c) To consider and agree appointment of internal auditor for fy 23/24 and agree schedule of works

Members agreed that Clerk should approach Mr. Mark Peterson to carry out audit for fy 23/24.

RESOLVED: That the Council wished to employ Mr. M. Peterson to carry out the internal audit.

23/191 **Events**

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

Summer Event set for Saturday 6th July. Manned bouncy castles again, Chair to source music/choir, Clerk to source food trucks. Bar to be provided by VC again. No craft stalls, just refreshments and games and the outdoor entertainment.

DD Day Afternoon Tea date set for Thursday 6th June – Clerk to cancel other hirings with enough notice and progress.

23/192 **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

23/193 Personnel Matters

a) To approve salaries as per schedule circulated

Approved at previous January 2024 meeting. Noted.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Signed:.....

Date: