

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on  
Thursday, 22 April 2021 at 7.00 pm remotely by Zoom**

**Present:** Councillors Clark (SC in the Chair), Gregory (JG), Smith (MS), Emmison (BE), Appleton (SA), Dexter (GD), Robinson (KR) and Wilkinson-Mudd (MWM). Councillor West (KW – Pocklington Provincial).

**Apologies:** Received from Councillor Haynes.

**Declaration of Interest from members on any item to be discussed:** MWM on Planning Application for Holborn Farm.

**Minutes:** Having previously been circulated, minutes of remote PC meeting held on 25 February proposed to be a true record by JG. Seconded by BE and carried. Minutes of the remote Planning/Finance meeting held on the 18 March, proposed by BE to be a true record, seconded by JG and motion carried.

**Clerk's report:** previously circulated to members. SC read from the list including the works completed by Highways but also all the outstanding works waiting to be carried out.

**Keldspring Lane** – siting a new litter bin. Members confirmed the ideal site should either be near the seat or the concrete area near Briarsfield, but a preference on the other side of the road near the footpath from Pocklington.

**Report from Pocklington Provincial Councillors:**

KW gave a report from ERYC:

**Trains** – the timetable for Northern Rail trains reduced by 20% during the pandemic. The major customer use used to be work related, but is now the leisure market. Flexi-tickets can be purchased to use anywhere, and each train has a cleaner on board to cover Covid-19 restrictions.

**ERYC Kick-Start Scheme** – offer 221 placements for apprenticeships to employ young people.

**High Streets** – grant scheme available from a £2.5 million budget to help support local businesses.

**Grants** – further grants available for the self-employed to help kick-start the community.

**Matters arising from previous meetings:**

**Play Park** – BE and MS have installed the new seats and repaired the small slide. The neighbours are concerned if picnic tables are installed this will encourage many people visiting the park. Members decided the park is now full, BE will tell the neighbours there are no further plans. Clerk to look into getting a contractor to check the toddler swings.

**Community Speed watch** – BE confirmed there is more traffic using Main Street but generally vehicles are slower. In one hour recently 339 vehicles were counted. The Police are also checking traffic speeds when CSW are in action, and there are 4 new volunteers waiting to be trained.

**Speed reduction, Main Street, Back Lane, Beck Side and Sutton Lane** – waiting for update from the Traffic Management Team after traffic survey.

**Briarsfield Parking** – clerk to arrange a meeting with council officers, together with the Traffic Management Team.

**Coach House Garth snicket** – MWM, SA and MS will lay down the gravel on Saturday.

**Church and cremated remains area** –BE had a meeting with the PCC when it was agreed the cremated graves will be split into several areas for easier maintenance.

**Flat Lane and The School** – complaints received about state of grass verges near The Orchard, Flat Lane and concerns about traffic safety during school pickup and drop off times. A Parishioner is arranging a petition, and the clerk understood Highways will be carrying out maintenance during this financial year. Members asked KW to ask Highways their intentions for carrying out maintenance. Email from a resident was sent to Highways who then forwarded back to BMPC.

**Bus Shelter near Thai Restaurant** –new lighting column to be installed in May.

**Tree Works at Beck Side and Main Street for PC** – waiting for further quotations, and request to fell tree outside Green Side, Main Street. Two requests have been made by the owner of Green Side for a copy of a report on the condition of the tree outside Green Side. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner of Green Side that no such reports had been requested by the PC and therefore there was nothing to submit. However, following the first request for a report, the PC had sought the advice of a second tree surgeon, East Riding Arborists, who stated that whilst they considered that the pruning of the tree recently undertaken was perhaps a little excessive, the tree is not diseased. Therefore there is no reason for the tree to be felled.

**Village Celebration** – date to be arranged once restrictions allow.

**Parking on the Village Green outside the Post Office** – observation letter received from Mrs. Pattison. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this matter and the following was agreed and carried:

1. The PC has researched the matter extensively and sought independent advice.
2. The PC understands that vehicles may continue to be driven over the village greens if vehicle access existed before the land became village green.
3. The PC has an obligation to keep a village green clear so that it can be used for sports and pastimes.
4. The PC may permit other people to drive on a village green if it won't interrupt the public's enjoyment of the green.
5. The PC has not been advised or made aware of any obligation on the Parish Council to either maintain or ensure unimpeded access across a village green to a property that has chosen to access that property across the village green.
6. In view of the above, the PC decided that there are no further actions it should take regarding parking outside the Post Office.

**Pocklington Services** – litter problem outside the service area is getting resolved by the owner of the garage/land and Becky Cardwell, ERYC Operations Manager, Waste Streets and Grounds.

**Footpaths in the village** – requested by Councillor Gregory, to put on the Agenda for the Taskforce walkabout.

**Village Beck** – JG mentioned concerns about the muddy water in the village and near the Bellway water outlet. Clerk to contact Bellway.

**Village Taskforce walkabout** – 29 June to meet outside the Boot & Slipper, members to forward a list of issues in the village.

**Invoices:**

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Salt bin maintenance) - £51.60.

CMB Computers (New Disk Drive and maintenance) - £119.99.

Kay Middleton & Co. (Payroll services for the year) - £120.00.

Andy Ross (cleaning bus shelters April x 5 weeks) - £75.00.

R. Westmoreland (repair wood bridge) - £48.00.

Lauren Gibson (Covid-19 travel expenses) - £64.38. (Lauren has now ended the Covid-19 Community Hub help group).

**Total amount in Bank as from 1 February 2021 – £30873.37.**

**District Audit** – update from the clerk and to confirm Mrs. Webb will be the Internal Auditor.

**Plans:** *MWM left the meeting during discussion on this planning application:*

**Mr & Mrs. Wilkinson-Mudd, Holborn Farm House** – erection of 2 dwellings (previously approved) and 4 holiday cottages following demolition of agricultural buildings (**Ref: 21/00764/PLF**). The Parish Council has no objections to the proposed development. Opinion was split on the external appearance of the holiday lets. Whilst appreciating the appearance to replicate the agricultural barn-look the holiday-lets are replacing some councillors considered the design brutal and would prefer a design to provide a more cottage type appearance and in keeping with the design of the farm house rather than a barn. Other Councillors thought the design acceptable. The Parish Council requested the following to be considered by the Planning Officer:

1. It was noted that the overall height of roof line of the holiday-lets is higher than the barn being demolished and that the impact of this on the neighbourhood be considered;
2. That the impact of the external appearance of the holiday-lets on the neighbourhood be considered;
3. Whilst it was considered that traffic generation would be relatively minor, that consideration is given to any impact of additional traffic and access to Flat Lane given the narrowness of Flat Lane;
4. Whether primary access to the holiday-lets and the two new dwellings should be designated as being through the driveway and yard area adjacent the farmhouse rather than the Flat Lane access;
5. Whether the Flat Lane access should be restricted to use for access to the holiday-lets and the two new dwellings and not be used for agricultural or any site-related business access.
6. Request that tree planting to screen the development be considered.

**Planning appeal** - Mr. W. Farrow, Barmby Farm, York Road, change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling (**Ref: 21/0015/REFUSE**).

**Planning approval** – Mr. R. Frow, 7 The Laurels, fell 2 conifer tree (**Ref: DC/21/00731/TCA**).

**Planning complaint-** Metal Structure, The Firs, York Road – in the hands of the Enforcement Officer Mr. M. Roebuck (**Ref: 21/00363/UWORK3**).

**Correspondence:**

**Enviro-friendly Recycling (EMEA)** – request for a Textile bank in the village, members agreed there is no suitable site. This item was looked into a few years ago.

**Any other business for future meetings:**

**Zebra crossing** – needs painting.

**Date of next meeting:**

AGM on 6 May remotely with PC meeting afterwards. Next Face to Face meeting: 1 July.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:57 pm.