

Egmanton Parish Meeting

Village Hall – 8.00 pm 6th October 2016

Minutes - unadopted

In attendance

Officials:- Andrew Banks, Chair. John Smith, Clerk & Honorary Treasurer.

Members of the public

Mr & Mrs J Tate, Mr K Stainforth, Mr C Banks, Mr & Mrs A Bird, Mr S Bunnell, Mr & Mrs K Taylor, Rev P Howson, Mr & Mrs S Raynor, Mr D Allison

Apologies

DC Sylvia Michael, Mr L Outram, Miss C Tate, Mr J Bower, Mrs J Smith, Mr & Mrs A Tolley

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 4th August 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

DC Sylvia Michael had informed the clerk that she had not yet contacted the parish clerk of Caunton in relation to their experience of obtaining a defibrillator but would do so asap.

The chairman reported his discussion with CC Bruce Laughton on obtaining an animated speed warning sign who in turn had effected a discussion with Mike Keeling of NCC. As a result, the possibility of a temporary smiley/frowning face sign being installed in the village was mooted with maybe a permanent structure to follow. The chairman also reported progress following a site meeting with Mike Keeling and Ross Martin on the results of a speed survey (see item 11 under “Correspondence” below) and noted that a further meeting was scheduled. Meantime, signs “It’s 30 for a reason” have been erected.

Correspondence

The clerk reported that he had 14 separate items of correspondence. Given this sheer volume, he would list the subject headings and anyone interested in the detail could collect the correspondence from him or receive the relevant email by forwarding. Many of the items (e.g. those dealing with consultations) had been placed on the village notice board and on the official village website. In that context he referred to the “Transparency Fund” that many parish and town councils had drawn money from to pay for creation and maintenance of a website following the scrapping of the Audit Commission. Dik Allison had built our village website and maintains it without charging. Consequently, we had not had to use the national Fund.

Correspondence since the last meeting fell under the following headings:-

1. Planning approval – Burnmoor Lane
2. Flyer from Streetscape
3. Future of UK Employment Law post Brexit
4. Licence to cover seasonal lighting
5. Council tax referendum
6. Annual parish conference at Kelham Hall
7. NHS needs your help
8. Woman’s Enterprise Day
9. Plan Review – Parish Briefing
10. NHS Local Commissioning Group needs to save £20m

11. Results of traffic survey
12. Fly grazing (horses)
13. University of Salford – Northern Powerhouse
14. Shale Wealth Fund

Flood alleviation scheme – work starts

The chairman reported that Phase 1 of the flood alleviation scheme commenced on 3rd October and consisted of the management of surface water flow at the East end of the village. The clerk referred to a site plan laid out at the rear of the hall showing the position and type of work being undertaken. He then read an email dated 15th September 2016 from David Sisson, Engineer to the TVIDB, signalling the progress made leading to the start of works. This email concluded with “In regard to the Flood Storage Area, I can report promising progress and am ever hopeful that a solution may be in sight”. The clerk explained that this was Phase 2 of the whole scheme and he hoped that these developments would give a positive boost to residents in terms of safety worries, insurance and house pricing. He wanted to thank members of the Flood sub-committee for their diligence in sticking to the task over the past nine years.

In answer to a question from Mrs Tate, Dik Allison (a member of the sub-committee) explained how a flood storage area functions technically and answering a further question from Steve Bunnell, the chairman confirmed that of the two dykes that enter the village, only one (Kirton Road) was affected. The clerk emphasised that throughout discussion with TVIDB’s consultants, it had never been deemed necessary to alleviate water flow from the Laxton Road entrance to the village.

AOB

The clerk asked the meeting to nominate himself for a further year as Treasurer of NALC and as a member of the Executive Committee. This was agreed and the chairman signed the appropriate form. Mrs Tate asked to be nominated as the second voting delegate to the NALC AGM to be held on Wednesday 16th November at Epperstone Village Hall. This was agreed.

The clerk informed the meeting that the second instalment of the annual precept has been received (£825).

A planning application had been received for discussion at the next meeting.

Dik Allison updated the meeting on the latest repairs and restoration carried out at the village hall following the grant of £5k under the IGas scheme. He also referred to a forthcoming “Smart thermostat” so that heating could be controlled remotely using broadband technology.

The clerk, in his capacity as honorary treasurer, asked for approval to pay the following invoices that may be received before the next meeting:-

- Rent for using the village hall at £15 per meeting
- Plants and compost for the winter season (the 5 planters) – maybe £30
- Grass cutting at the tendered rate of £60 per cut.

The next meeting will be held on 3rd November 2016 at 8pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed chair

Date

