

# HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held at The Bungalow at Hothersall Lodge

**Date & time of Meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 6pm

**Present:** Hothersall Councillors:

Parry  
Thompson  
Warren  
Forrester  
Pearson  
Bateman  
Gale

Ribble Valley Councillor: Dave Smith

1. **Apologies for absence** - none
2. **Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Public Participation** – Residents Mr Ray Pearson & Mr Brian Walker.
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman Cllr Parry.
5. **Matters Arising:**

- **Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau** received with thanks our donation of £100.
- **Potholes & flooding problems near Butcher Fold Farm**

Cllr Thompson advised that there has been a recent 'repair' of the **potholes**. Status on LCC website advises 'unfortunately we don't have resources at this time to resurface this road'. Cllrs requested that clerk continues to raise this matter with LCC Highways.

Regarding the **flooding**, Cllr Thompson had seen an inspector who would arrange emptying and jetting of the gullies. It appears that jetting has not yet taken place, clerk to chase up with LCC. LCC website advised 'any other drainage issues will be looked at when resources become available'

- **Barbed wire across footpath in field adjacent to Ox Hey Barn.**  
Cllr Thompson had seen the Footpaths Officer who will make contact with Neil Forshaw who rents the land, regarding a suitable stile. L Bateman advised that the barbed wire has now been cut and fastened back. The meeting presumed this was a temporary solution.
- **Daffodil bulbs**  
Cllr Thompson had sourced a 25kg sack of bulbs which were planted with the help of a few volunteers.
- **Springtime Daffodil walk - Sunday 2 April 2pm from The Corporation Arms**  
Lynda Bateman offered to organise this. To start & end at The Corporation Arms. Date Sunday 2 April start at 2pm. To include a litter pick. Dogs allowed.  
A **Spring Newsletter** will be the best way to advise residents.

5. **Matters Arising** continued...

- **Transparency Code Drop-in at LALC Office, Howick House, Penwortham.**

Clerk attended a drop in day at Lancashire Assoc of Local Councils at Howick House, Penwortham. This proved a useful visit. Funds are available for training on website set up and upkeep. Discussion followed as to the merits of membership of LALC. (Lancashire Assoc of Local Councils). Approx annual membership for a parish our size would be £55. Clerk read a list of various free workshops for 2017. Cllrs asked Clerk to look into this for our next meeting

- **Council Vacancies:**

**Cllr Mike Pearson** wishes to step down. He is happy to continue until a replacement is appointed. Mike was unsure how long he has been on the council; Clerk will look back in the past records.

**Cllr Lynda Bateman** advised that she will be moving out of Hothersall and would wish to step down. She is happy to continue until a replacement is appointed.

Both vacancies will be mentioned in the forthcoming **Spring Newsletter**.

6. **Correspondence:**

- **State of Rural Services report** – email from RVBC 19/01/17

\* A summary of this report is available on Parish website

7. **Committee Reports:**

**Parish Transport Workshop** was attended by Cllr Bateman in Dec 2016. She summarised the fact that demands are going up with less money coming in. Apart from essential services there is no money to provide for rural transport. There is the possibility of combining community transport with the nearest villages. Cllr D Smith advised that LCC will fund the **setting up** of such schemes. Cllr Bateman mentioned publicising bus services. Clerk will add any timetable changes received to the parish website and the parish noticeboard.

- **Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 26/01/17**

Attended by Cllr Forrester who reported as follows:

Great British Spring Clean 3-5 March 2017. (Hothersall are arranging a litter pick on the daffodil walk on 2 April 2017)

Transparency Code. As mentioned by Clerk there is funding available for website set up/ training.

Dog owners responsibilities regarding dog faeces and the various ways that dog faeces can be harmful to human and animal health. There is an £80 fixed penalty for not picking up. There are two dog wardens in Ribble Valley. Micro chipping is now compulsory. Dogs should be on a lead in public places.

Consultation on proposed removal of Payphones. If they are not used for 2/3 years then why keep. But if they are needed and in some areas of Ribble Valley where there is no mobile reception it is a big problem

- **Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 26/01/17** continued....

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will commemorate the final day of The Great War. There will be beacons lit all over the country. If councils plan to light a beacon then a licence is required by March 2017. Apply to The Beacon Master.

#### 8. **Planning:**

- **Eatoughs Farm Barn.** There had been no objections to the changes planned.
- **Lower Cockhill Barn,** Hothersall Lane. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling (Class Q).

Cllrs discussed the statutory requirement for Class Q development. Regarding the interpretation of an agricultural building that *'was used solely for an agricultural use as part of an established agricultural unit'*.

It was agreed that we ask for a copy of the officers report from RVBC planning.

- **Mr Brian Walker of Lower College Farm spoke to the meeting on behalf of BKW Developments Ltd - Proposed Employment Development at Blackburn Road, Longridge.**

Mr Walker advised that the site was identified in the Ribble Valley Employment Land Study of May 2013, forming part of the Local Plan Core Strategy.

Plans were available for the meeting to view. The plans include provision for the waiting taxis at Hillside School. Hillside School have not yet been consulted.

The application will be submitted to RVBC in a week's time approximately.

Plan and covering letter will be displayed on the noticeboard and website once application has been submitted. Information will also be included in the Spring Newsletter.

Cllrs. agreed that an open meeting for residents should be arranged.

#### 9. **Finance:**

- The current bank **balance is £1,647.18**
- Parish Clerk presented expenses from June 2016 to date. Office expenses mainly for printing. These were approved for payment.
- Chairman suggested a review of payment for clerk services. Cllr Thompson suggested a separate meeting without the Clerk present should be arranged.

#### 10. **Any Other Business:**

- Resident Mrs Maria Gee has asked the council to look into broadband provider by **B4RN** (Broadband for Rural North). Cllr Bateman had also been contacted by resident Mr John Soper regarding broadband issues. This will be added to the Spring Newsletter for residents feedback. Cllr Dave Smith advised that Chipping are going through the same process and suggested we may contact Chipping Parish Clerk Barbara Green.

10. **Any Other Business** continued...

- Cllrs Bateman & Gale agreed to co-ordinate the next newsletter. Cllr Parry offered her home for a meeting. Parish Clerk to attend too.  
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm

**Next Meeting (AGM) to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 6.00pm  
at The Bungalow, Hothersall Lodge.**

\* PLEASE NOTE – A FULL SET OF MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD/VIEW ON RVBC WEBSITE

**Confirmed as a true record: Chairman..... Date.....**

**Clerk.....Date.....**