

HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Bungalow, Hothersall Lodge

Date & time of Meeting: Monday 3rd Sept 2018 at 6pm

Present: Hothersall Councillors:

Forrester (Chair)
Gale
Bateman
Warren
Parry
Gee
Thompson

In attendance: Ribble Valley Councillors Jim Rogerson & Dave Smith

1. **Apologies for absence** - none
2. **Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Public Participation** – none
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on 12th March 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman Ian Forrester
5. **Matters Arising:**

Shooting Concerns on the lane. Cllr Thompson reported that this situation is still ongoing. Resident Mr Brian Walker prepared maps and outlined residents concerns at a meeting with Mr Duncan Thomas of British Assoc of Shooting & Conservation (BASC) also attended by residents: Joe Dewhurst, George Rowlandson & Simon Thompson. The BASC meeting was also attended by Lancs Constabulary Firearm Enquiry Officer Mr Phil Kelly. Concerned residents were requested to document evidence and if possible provide photos. To date Brian Walker had not heard anything more from BASC or had any response from letters to David Luke. Clerk reported that letters sent by Hothersall PC following the March meeting to Landowner Mr John Harrison and Mr David Luke had not received a reply.

Action – Clerk to email all residents asking those with concerns regarding the shoots on the lane to provide documentary evidence and or photos via Parish Clerk who will forward on to Mr Walker.

Parish Walk Sat 8th Sept 11am start from Butcher Fold yard. Cllr Bateman already has over 20 residents on the list to walk / eat at Ribchester Arms.

Hothersall PC email to LCC Highways 17/01/18 - response received 14/08/18
4 items:

- Butcher Fold Potholes – repaired Spring 2018
- Hothersall boundary sign – Cllr Forrester met Jason Lancaster (LCC Highways) on 28/08/18 to discuss the correct positioning of the Hothersall boundary sign on B6245 at Longridge boundary.
- Local road signs are in process of being cleaned.
- Request for 'Soft Verges' sign – LCC have noted our comments but have no proposals to implement additional signs.

Parish Clerk vacancy There has been no progress with this matter. Cathy Thompson has been a temporary clerk for 2½ years (this was supposed to be for 2 years only). It was agreed that though Hothersall is a small parish a lot of the work carried out by the clerk is the same as that required of larger authorities, especially since the requirements of maintaining a website etc. No-one has made contact following the emails sent to all RV parish councils. Nor has there been any interest from within the parish. Cllr Rogerson suggested the matter be highlighted at the forthcoming PC Liaison Committee meeting. Cllrs Forrester & Parry to attend this meeting on Thurs 27/09/18

Action Cllr Forrester will prepare an agenda item for the next PC Liaison Meeting on 27/09/18.

Action Clerk to email prepared agenda item to Stephen Barker before Weds 5th Sept, for inclusion.

Action Clerk to email all residents advising this situation, hard copy flyers will also be prepared and distributed.

6. **Correspondence**

HED/DPD consultation –the examination process has been further postponed, latest date is 19 Nov 2018.

Clerk will continue to monitor website for updates

Cllr Gee asked for name & contact details of the newly appointed Director of Economic Development & Planning at RVBC

Action – Clerk will investigate and email Cllr Gee directly.

Thank you letter received for donation to Bowland Pennine MRT

Email from RV Citizens Advice Bureau requesting donation. HPC donated in Dec 2016.

7. **Committee Reports:**

* **Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 22/03/18** - Attended by Cllr Forrester

- RVBC Leader Cllr Ken Hind advised that there has been a 40% reduction in funding of Local Government .

* **Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 21/06/18** - Attended by Cllr Parry

- Head of RVBC Env Health Services Heather Barton gave a review of dog waste initiatives over last 2 years.
- Presentation by Lancs Police Chief Inspector with Q&A session.
- RVBC will be holding a beacon event in Nov 2018

Cllrs Forrester & Parry agreed to attend the next PC Liaison meeting on 27/09/18

8. **Planning:**

The Woodlands- Mr Blezard Appl no. 3/2018/0467 – Response from Hothersall PC sent to Planning RVBC. HPC also provided information to Lancs Archaeological Advisory Service regarding the historic graves within the garden of this property. This matter is ongoing.

Greenlands Ribchester Road, Mr & Mrs McCabe Appl no. 3/2018/0648 – no response sent from HPC.

Representations closed 20/08/18

Eatoughs Barn, Fleet St Lane, Ribchester Mr Midgley Appl No. 3/2018/0447

Clerk obtained following clarification on this matter from Planning Officer Mr Robert Major: “..This is a request from the applicant to remove Condition 6 (removal of permitted development rights) imposed by council at planning permission. This condition prevents further extensions or alterations without the need for planning permission...”

It was agreed that due to the impact this development has already made in the vicinity, close to open farmland and public footpaths that HPC should respond **against the removal of condition 6** (removal of permitted development rights) at this property.
Action Clerk to prepare a response on behalf of HPC.

Footpath diversion request at Welch House Barn - LCC Ref PRW 03-23-13-FP

Clerk has spoken to Footpath Officer Ros Paulson who advised that until LCC have done a site visit and considered this application, the parish council and residents will not be contacted. In fact we will only be contacted if this diversion request is deemed reasonable and is applicable to go to consultation. This dept are dealing with a backlog and this matter may not be any further on by Dec 2018.

No action required by PC at the present

9. **Finance:**

- Bank balance is £1836.56
- 2017/2018 audit completed. There were no requests from the public to view the accounts & documentation during the public access period. All details are posted on our website. Thank you to resident Colin Sharples for his help with the internal audit of the accounts.
- Cllr Warren was thanked for his time & effort improving the parish noticeboard.

10. **Any Other Business:**

- Cllr Bateman has now moved out of the parish. She gave notice that she wishes to stand down from Hothersall PC as a councillor at the AGM in 2019.
- Clerk had received an email from a resident highlighting the problem with drink bottles being disposed on the lane and dog waste / poo bags. The meeting agreed to monitor this situation.

Next Meeting - Monday 10th Dec 2018 at 6.00pm - The Bungalow Hothersall Lodge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm

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

Clerk.....Date.....

* PLEASE NOTE –
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