

HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Bungalow at Hothersall Lodge

Date & time of Meeting: Monday 10th Dec 2018 6pm

Present: Hothersall Councillors:

Forrester (Chair)
Thompson
Gee
Warren
Parry
Bateman
Gayle

Ribble Valley Councillor: Jim Rogerson

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Ribble Valley Cllr Dave Smith
2. **Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Public Participation** - none
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on Mon 3rd Sept 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman Cllr Forrester
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - **Duck shoots update**
Cllr Thompson reported that duck numbers appear to be down; shoots have been less intrusive to residents. No more heard from Mr Duncan Thomas of BASC since meeting held earlier in the year.
 - **Hothersall Parish boundary sign**
This was erected recently - it is now in the correct location to mark boundary.
 - **Parish clerk vacancy - update**
Cllr Gee has spoken with the newly appointed Ribchester clerk Deb Groves (starting Jan 2019). Hothersall clerk situation will be reviewed at a later date. Councillors agreed that payment by honorarium would be preferable. Hothersall Clerk Cathy Thompson wishes to retire by Annual Meeting May 2019.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - **HED/DPD consultation – update**
Cllr Forrester attended the Economic Development session and gave details to the Inspector regarding grievances Hothersall PC has with the way the consultation process was conducted. Cllr Forrester reported that although the Inspector was sympathetic, this was not his remit.
 - **Draft Forest of Bowland AONB Management 2019-2024.**
Details already forwarded to Cllrs for consideration. After some discussion it was agreed that Hothersall PC has no comments to submit regarding this.
7. **Committee Reports: * Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 27/09/18**
attended by Cllr Forrester who reported as follows:

- Cllr Forrester sought assistance of PC Liaison committee regarding recruitment of a parish clerk.

Note: Subsequently Cllr Forrester enrolled for the Parish & Town Council Conference in November at County Hall in order raise the situation of recruiting Parish Clerks etc, however this meeting was cancelled due to low numbers.

- Presentation by County Cllr Keith Iddon and a representative from LCC Highways. LCC have £39m annual budget for highway. For potholes, dedicated patching machines are working when weather conditions allow. Difficulties with the 'Report it' process for reporting faults and monitoring repairs were discussed.

Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 22/11/18

attended by Cllr Forrester who reported as follows:

- A presentation on Neighbourhood plans informed members of advantages /responsibilities involved & commitment required. Process is not designed to prevent development, but to contribute to development decisions. Hothersall PC agreed that a neighbourhood plan was not appropriate to Hothersall.
- Members were informed about the work of Lancashire County Nursing Trust. (Details are on Hothersall PC website & noticeboard.)
- Members sought advice on responsibility for trees in their area. The responsibility for trees generally rests with the landowner.

8. Planning:

- The Woodlands - Mr Blezard Application 3/2018/0467 no decision yet (another amended plan submitted 20 Nov 2018)
- Greenlands Ribchester Road - Mr & Mrs McCabe Application ref 3/2018/0648 Approved
- Eatoughs Barn, Fleet St Lane Ribchester - Mr Midgley Application Ref 3/2018/0447 Refused lifting of condition of permitted development rights. (Mr Midgley intends to appeal)
- Footpath diversion at Welch House Barn – Mr Valentine LCC Ref PRW -o3-23-13-FP no further information
- Far Granham House Barn, - Louisa Thompson Application Ref 3/2018/089 no decision yet
- Councillor Warren gave an update on the situation regarding possible move of Hillside schooling to another site in Burnley. This proposal has now been rejected. Note: Councillor Warren is no longer a governor at Hillside School.

9. Finance:

- Current Balance: £1836.56
- 2019-2020 precept
Cllr Thompson proposed the precept to remain at £1000 for 2019-2020
Cllr Bateman seconded this proposal.

10. Any Other Business:

- NFU countryside signs for landowners (advice to dog walkers). Clerk has obtained. (more available if required)
- Annual Meeting 2019 (& AGM)
 - suggested date Weds 8 May 2019 – clerk will confirm with Hothersall Lodge.
 - suggested speaker Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team – Clerk will make contact (alternate choice Ribble Rivers Trust)
 - Councillors were reminded that Cllr Bateman will be stepping down at Annual meeting in 2019.

11. Date time & place of next meeting Monday 11th March 2019 – to be confirmed with Hothersall Lodge

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm

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

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

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