

HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Bungalow, Hothersall Lodge

Date & time of Meeting: Monday 12th March 2018 at 6pm

Present: Hothersall Councillors:

Forrester (Chair)
Gale
Bateman
Warren
Parry
Gee
Thompson

In attendance: Ribble Valley Councillor Jim Rogerson and one resident

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Dave Smith
2. **Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Public Participation** – none
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on 15 Jan 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman Ian Forrester
5. **Matters Arising:**

Email to LCC Highways 17/01/18, 4 items : - Butcher Fold Potholes, Hothersall boundary sign, dirty condition of road signs locally, request for 'Soft Verges' sign – no response. Clerk chased 22 Feb 2018 - no response. Cllr Rogerson suggested sending 4 individual emails. Also, try advising state of Butcher Fold Potholes thru 'Fix My Street' website. The more individuals that register the same fault the better.
Email from Cllr Smith advised that he also continues to chase the potholes issue and latest info is possibly in 2019/2020 budget.

Spring Newsletter 2018 - thank you to Debbie Gale for producing this.

Broadband update. Cllr Gee has carried out more research including the grid maps showing the zayo.com network. The Rural Services Network website has proved useful. Cllr Rogerson will email info on RVBC recent broadband update meeting notes. Clerk will forward to M Gee for info. Also link to Thinkbroadband – broadband speed test. Clerk will circulate this to the councillors. Cllr Gee pointed out that the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan (item 6 on agenda) does not appear to consider broadband issues within Infrastructure for the future.

Parish Clerk vacancy after Parish Assembly in May 2018. Clerk advised that vacancy has been advised to all Parish Clerks via RVBC email. No response so far.
Cllr Thompson suggested Hothersall PC should take steps to amalgamate with Ribchester PC. Clerk will contact Diane Rice of RVBC legal dept for information/assistance. Any further news on this will be advised to Councillors at Litter Pick on 14 April.
Temporarily Cathy Thompson will continue to cover the post.

Litter Pick Sat 14th April start 10am from The Corporation. Cllr Bateman offered to arrange to drive some volunteers to various points in Hothersall. Corporation Arms have agreed use of the car park for meeting up. Meet back at Corporation Arms after litter pick if desired.
Cllr Gale is in contact with Alan Boyer of RVBC for bags etc. RVBC will collect afterwards.

HED/DPD consultation – still postponed, latest info - delayed until April 2018 due to illness. Clerk will continue to monitor website for updates

Annual Assembly (& AGM) The Pavilion, Hothersall Lodge, Weds 2 May 2018 7pm

Hothersall PC AGM will be held at start.

Clerk has provisionally booked a speaker from Brockholes Nature Reserve. The meeting agreed to cover the £30 expenses for the speaker.

Clerk to invite guests: RVBC Cllrs Rogerson & Smith, RVBC Mayor & Mrs Mabel Armitage.

Cllr Thompson to organise drinks

Parish Councillors to provide usual refreshments.

6. **Correspondence:**

Letter from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team Feb 2018 - meeting agreed to support this charity with the balance of any bar donations from our Annual Assembly in May 2018.

Letter from RVBC – Longridge Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Rogerson advised that RVBC have accepted the plan, it now needs an inspector to go through it. Any comments should be in by 23 March 2018 and these will be passed to the inspector along with the plan. Cllr Gee had read this in detail and advised various concerns to the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Gee will prepare a response on behalf of Hothersall PC. Clerk will submit before deadline.

7. **Committee Reports:**

*** Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 25/01/18**

Attended by Cllr Forrester

- Spring Clean campaign - RVBC will take any rubbish collected by volunteers.
- Forthcoming changes in Parishes & Wards has officially linked Hothersall with Alston.
- Possible closure by LCC (due to withdrawal of funding) of Clitheroe Station ticket office.
- Future Policing of town parades under threat

Cllr Forrester has agreed to attend the next meeting on 22/03/18

8. **Planning:**

There were no planning issues to discuss

9. **Finance:**

- Bank balance is £1509.33
- Clerk's expenses for financial year 2017-2018 were checked and approved for payment. Clerk explained increase in quantity of printing was due to the extra correspondence & reports involved in the two big planning applications in 2017.
- Clerk to sort paperwork for Chairman Ian Forrester to be added as a signatory on the PC bank account.

10. **Any Other Business:**

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation responsibilities:

Cllr Gale has investigated this and advised the meeting that HPC will be required to get consent from all residents as to how we can contact them. Cllr Gale has produced a form which will need to be distributed to every resident.

A Data Privacy Notice will need to be put on the website.

A Data Protection Officer is required to ensure this regulation is kept up to date.

Any Other Business (Continued) :

Shooting concerns on the lane. Resident Brian Walker brought information to the meeting regarding the unacceptable shoots regularly being carried out particularly affecting residents at the top of the lane. Concerns include: disturbing noise, proximity to footpaths and houses, stray fallen shot on roofs and in gardens and the number of guns per shoot. He has been in touch with David Luke the Shoot Captain who has shown no interest in the concerns raised. Mr Walker held a meeting at Longridge Police station with Mr Luke and advised him that the only way to resolve this is via a civil action. The permission to shoot on the land is through the landowner Mr John Harrison. Hothersall PC are aware of the ongoing problems in the shooting season and will communicate these officially by letter to landowner Mr John Harrison c/o Lords Farm and Mr David Luke the Shoot Captain. Cllr Warren who is Chair to Governors of Hillside School advised that whilst outside the children had been directly affected by the noise of gunshot in close proximity to the school and were therefore taken inside to the quiet of the school buildings.

Dog Waste. Clerk to put a polite sign on notice board referring to dog owners responsibilities

Cllr Bateman suggested Sat 8th Sept for a parish walk. Walk to start from the yard at Butcher Fold Farm.

Proposed BBQ on Sunday 1st July. Mr & Mrs Soper of The Greenwoods had kindly offered the use of their marquee to Hothersall PC & residents for a parish get-together & BBQ. Cllrs Bateman & Parry will be away. The meeting decided to decline the kind offer this year. Cllr Bateman will speak to Mr & Mrs Soper. Clerk will put an update on website & newsletter regarding this cancellation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Next Meeting - AGM & Annual Assembly to be held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 7.00pm at The Pavilion Hothersall Lodge.

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

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

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