

HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at The Pavilion at Hothersall Lodge

Date & time of Meeting: Monday 15th January 2018 at 6pm

Present: Hothersall Councillors:

Gale (Chair)
Bateman
Warren
Gee
Thompson
Parry

In attendance: Ribble Valley Councillors: Dave Smith & Jim Rogerson
3 residents

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Ian Forrester
2. **Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Public Participation** – none
4. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on 23 October 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Vice Chairman Debbie Gale
5. **Matters Arising:**

Pot Holes & Flooding at Butcher Fold/Ivy Bank

Clerk advised that situation is still ongoing regarding pot holes. She will continue to highlight with LCC Highways. Cllr Thompson advised that local resident Michael Isherwood had investigated and dealt with the flooding issue at Ivy Bank. It was agreed that Clerk should write to thank Mr Isherwood for his initiative and effort.

Parish Clerk vacancy after Parish Assembly in May 2018 Clerk advised that contact has been made with Ribchester & Longridge with regard to a possible job share of Hothersall Clerk duties. Ribchester Clerk Mr Alan Ormond thought it was a good idea but does not want additional duties. Clerks at Longridge Town Council have been made aware of the vacancy and were invited along to this meeting (15/01/18). No response so far.

As requested at last meeting Clerk has prepared a Hothersall Parish Clerk job description which was circulated to councillors. Clerk to add to this job description that payment is by honorarium. Cllr Rogerson suggested contacting Olwen Heap at RVBC to circulate to other council clerks for possible interest.

Cllr Rogerson suggested vacancy is highlighted on our website.

Cllr Thompson suggested that if this is not successful then Hothersall should take steps to amalgamate with Ribchester PC?

Broadband Cllr Maria Gee has been in discussion with a group from Chipping re B4RN - See AOB

6. **Correspondence:**

- HED/DPD consultation – update. An Inspector has been appointed, public examination was to be 25th January 2018, but due to illness this has been postponed. Subject to the revised date Cllr Forrester plans to attend.

7. **Committee Reports:**

*** Parish Councils' Liaison Committee 09/11/17**

Attended by Cllr Forrester who sent notes to the meeting:

- Director of Public Health gave a presentation – in summary we are all living longer but in poor health. Parishes can do their bit to help.
- Dementia presentation from Cllr Bibby.
- New driver recruited for Little Green Bus service

Cllr Forrester has agreed to attend the next meeting on 25/01/18

8. **Planning:**

Hurst ref 3/2017/0602 - approved with conditions 30/11/2017. Cllr Forrester attended.

Hillside School Application ref LCC/2017/0068 – increase in car parking spaces – approved 25/10/17

9. **Finance:**

- Bank balance is £1509.33
- External auditor for 2017-2022 has changed to PKF Littlejohn LLP of Canary Wharf, London. This service is free of charge for smaller authorities with income or expenditure for the year less than £25,000.

10. **Any Other Business:**

- Dog waste bin - Cllr Forrester asked the meeting to discuss getting funding for a dog waste bin eg at Hothersall Lodge. Clerk had info from RVBC that dog waste bins are no longer provided. Hothersall PC would have to provide and service. Funding is available, Cllr Rogerson advised that the Concurrent Functions funding is around 25% of the cost. After some discussion it was agreed that Clerk put a polite sign to dog walkers on the noticeboard and mention in our newsletter.
- Cllr Forrester also asked the meeting to discuss a sign at the top of Hothersall Lane indicating narrow road and soft verges. After some discussion it was agreed Clerk to contact LCC Highways requesting a sign. Also to request getting local road signs cleaned and ask the situation regarding the Hothersall/Longridge boundary sign that was incorrectly placed and has now been taped out.
- Cllr Gee suggested organising a litter pick for 2018.

Decision: Saturday 14th April 10am start at The Corporation Arms.
Cllr Bateman will advise The Corporation Arms.

- Annual Assembly 2018 – two Weds in April suggested (18th or 25th). Clerk to ask Cllr Forrester to approve a date then we will book the meeting room at Hothersall Lodge. Cllr Thompson suggested Brockholes Nature Reserve as a possible speaker. Clerk will make contact with Brockholes once date is confirmed with Cllr Forrester & Hothersall Lodge.
- Cllrs Parry, Bateman & Gale agreed to organise a Spring newsletter to include details of: Clerk vacancy, litter pick, annual assembly date, responsibility of dog walkers
- Cllr Gee welcomed visitors Carol Griffin & Peter Chambers from Chipping Area Internet Network (CHAIN) to give an outline of the Hyperfast Community Fibre Broadband network that is being installed in the Chipping area working with B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North).

Peter & Carol advised:

This is totally a community project working with the cooperation of local farmers and landowners.

This network is not in any way connected with BT. The network is through zayo.com At this time B4RN has no plans to come over Longridge Fell which could be a problem in Hothersall, however Elston Lane has been accessed therefore it may be possible that we could access in that direction? This would need to be investigated with B4RN.

All necessary paperwork including wayleave agreements are available to view on B4RN website.

A steering group does not have to be the Parish council – just willing volunteers. Initially it is necessary to raise money or at least have pledges – the value of this for CHAIN was £50,000. (that also incorporates Thornley with Wheatley and Bowland with Leagram Parishes).

Once the network has reached the front of a property, the householder pays £150 to connect to their property and then £30/month inc VAT for the service.

This system does not use landline or electricity.

Cllr Gee agreed to look into this further.

Cllr Gale thanked Carol Griffin & Peter Chambers for their help and time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 12th March 2018 6.00pm at The Pavilion Hothersall Lodge. (subject to approval from Chairman Cllr Forrester)

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

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

* PLEASE NOTE –

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