

**MINUTES OF A MID-MONTHLY MEETING OF HUMBERSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT WENDOVER HALL, WENDOVER PADDOCK, WENDOVER LANE, HUMBERSTON**

**Present:** Cllr. Hall (Chairman)  
Cllrs. Bailey, Tuplin, Scoffin, Mrs. C. Hall, Baron, Shreeve, Fenty, Robinson, Stevenson and Reynolds

**Apologies:** None

There were 2 members of the public present.

**15/72S Acceptance of Apologies**

None received, all present.

**15/73s Declaration of Interests**

DPI standing declarations in allotment matters. No others declared.

Cllr. Hall said at this point that the DPI's would not be applicable for the allotment item on the agenda and the Clerk advised that they would be. Cllr. Hall advised he felt strongly about the DPI's and asked whether 'this Council will be enforcing the DPI's tonight?'. The Clerk advised that the Council had to. Cllr. Shreeve proposed that the three members with DPI's in allotment matters be allowed to remain in the room, take part in discussion and debate, but not be allowed to vote on the outcomes. Cllr. Fenty seconded this proposal. Cllr. Tuplin advised, from the view of the Personnel Committee, that the Clerk's advice should be heeded and that the members of the Personnel Committee had to support the Clerk in her advice to follow Council procedure. After some discussion on the issue, a vote took place. For the proposal made by Cllr. Shreeve – Cllrs. Shreeve, Fenty and Reynolds – against the motion were Cllrs. Bailey, Tuplin, Scoffin and Robinson. Cllr. Robinson advised he was abstaining. Cllrs. H. Hall, Mrs. Hall and Baron had not voted. Cllr. Baron then advised he would be voting and so it was requested by Cllr. Fenty that the vote take place again. The Clerk pointed out that the three members subject to a DPI had a clear interest in this matter and at this point a second vote did not take place and Cllrs. Hall, Mrs. C. Hall and Baron left the meeting with Cllrs. Hall and Mrs. C. Hall advising they were resigning from the Council.

The Clerk advised the meeting that a Chairman would need to be nominated for the meeting to continue. Cllr. Shreeve and Cllr. Fenty advised that they felt the Council was at fault for allowing the Chairman and Mrs. Hall to leave and advised that they too would be leaving the meeting, which they then did.

The Clerk advised that a Chairman needed to be appointed or the meeting could not continue and Cllr. Bailey was proposed, seconded and unanimously voted to act as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr. Bailey act as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

**15/74s To consider matters outstanding for new Wendover Paddock Hall with regard to front ramp access and agree necessary actions**

The Clerk advised that NELC were still considering the plans for the access ramp and Clerk would update when received. The drawings consisted of a ramp to the main entrance and then side steps to the side exit. Agreed that when approval is received, Clerk to seek quote from builder who had originally built the Hall.

**RESOLVED: That decision for approval for the entrance details is awaited and when received, That a quotation be obtained from P Smith Builders.**

**15/75s Allotments**

- a) To receive report on allotment rent collection and tenancy renewals and agree any necessary actions

Clerk reported that the allotment rent collection had now been completed for the three sessions and report had been submitted detailing outstanding plots and vacancies. Three allotments had been subject to protocol letters regarding state of allotments and it was agreed that the three plots be allowed to renew their tenancies but under a three month monitoring period during which time the Council expected to see cultivation of the plots taking place. Clerk would allocate vacant allotments from allotment waiting list and it was agreed to split plots into halves as agreed on the report as detailed and these then be offered to those wanting to take a half plot.

**RESOLVED: That allotment report items be endorsed for action by the Council and that the Three plots in question be granted renewal of tenancies subject to a three month Monitoring period.**

**15/76s Finance**

- a) To authorize payments as per list circulated

Payments were authorized to be made.

**RESOLVED: That payments be made as per list circulated.**

- b) To receive third quarter accounts to end December 2016

Clerk had sent out cash book which had been received by all members but had incorrectly sent the second quarter reconciliation out instead of third quarter. Account reconciliation to be sent out again and accounts to be approved at next meeting.

**RESOLVED: That accounts be approved at next meeting when account reconciliation for Third quarter had been distributed**

- c) To consider and agree budget for fy 17/18 and consider and agree precept setting for fy 17/18 for submission to NELC

Members considered all budget information before the Council. The Personnel Committee had already sent through its budget figure for fy 2017/18 in to the Council and this was incorporated into the figures. Budget of £112,261.00 was set for the fy 17/18 and precept requirement of £70,000.00 which is the same as for the current year, was also agreed. Local Council Tax Support grant from NELC to be taken in addition to the precept, so total of £76,982.00 be requested from NELC. Full details of all budget figures to be circulated to members.

**RESOLVED: That budget bet set at £112,261.00 for fy 17/18 and that precept requirement Of £70,000 be requested with local council tax support grant taken in addition, Resulting in £76,982.00 being received from NELC for fy 17/18.**

Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....