

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF BARMSTON &
FRAISTHORPE held in THE VILLAGE HALL, BARMSTON
on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: J Swift, M Marshall, G Riby and L Wiles

In Attendance: R Swift (Clerk)

The Chairman reported that the Postmaster from the Marton Road Post Office had confirmed with the clerk that he would come to talk to the parish council about the problems he was experiencing with the outreach postal service. As can be seen, he has failed to fulfil this obligation and we have had no contact from him to say he was not coming.

1. Apologies: Councillors S Austerfield, S Brown & K Manuel and Ward Councillors J Evison, J Owen & P Lisseter

2. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests in relation to this Agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. J Swift – pecuniary interest in item 18.

3. Minutes of the Meeting on 13th September 2017 were approved and signed

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Notice Board Fraisthorpe Carried forward to next meeting

4.2 Trees and usage Hollycroft Green Carried forward to next meeting

4.3 Telephone Box, Barmston The Chairman reported that we have had two offers to paint and maintain the box. The clerk was asked to write and thank the residents and confirm our acceptance of their offer to help. The clerk reported that she had contacted BT re supplying the paint and she has received confirmation that once we return the contract, they will send us the paint kit. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should pay the £1 and sign the contract indicating that BT continue to supply the electricity to the box.

4.4 Wind Farm Funds The Chairman reported that the cricket club had now signed the acceptance of the grant for the 2018 season and that they had been duly paid the £250 which they have banked. The Chairman further reported that he had met with Mr Frost and had asked him to put in writing the Village Hall's demands. A copy of the notes Mr Frost had produced were handed to each councillor and they were discussed item by item. It was duly agreed that a short summary of the current position re the wind farm small grants be produced and distributed at the discretion of the Parish Council stating the following:

1. Organisations and individuals can apply for grants subject to the aims being for the benefit of the community and that they comply with the rules governing the main scheme to the Parish Council at the time of the grant being available. No applications will be considered for projects already started or taken place.

This was passed with 3 in favour and 1 abstention

2. Invitations for applications of grants will be publicised in the Village Voice in the month after all funds have been deposited in the Parish Council's bank account. Decisions on the distribution of grants will be made at the parish council meeting in the following month.

This was passed unanimously

Other points raised by Mr Frost which need no action:

1. concerning the amount of grant which can be applied for – this cannot be pre-set as it will depend on the funds advanced to the Parish Council from year to year

2. time scale - applicants already have a month to apply with the Parish Council deciding on the distribution of funds at their first meeting after the month in which the grant is publicised in the Village Voice

All the above is conditional on the administrators of the funds decision as to whether or not they will continue to fund small grants via the parish councils.

4.5 Post Office The clerk reported on the correspondence she has had with the area supervisor and the lack of answers she has received.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 Breaches of Planning Permissions The Chairman reported on the planning permissions at Rectory Farm. It was noted that the initial three years for action from the date of granting of the application had not yet expired. Councillor Riby proposed and Councillor Wiles seconded the proposal that no current action was needed but that we should continue to monitor the situation. The proposal was passed unanimously.

The clerk reported that she had been unable to trace any planning application concerning the storage unit at Wayside. She had searched on the ERYC Planning portal without success but she would continue to research this and report back to the next meeting.

5.2 Any New Applications Submitted Prior to Meeting and General Matters There has been an application for a new dwelling to be erected on Sands Land on land behind Beachway, 56 Sands Lane. The Chairman updated councillors concerning the small strip of land off Bloomfield Way over which access could be obtained to the site. A further meeting of the parish council will take place on Wednesday, 18th October at 10.30am on site to discuss this item.

6. ERNLLCA

The chairman and clerk had attended the District Meeting last night and a short survey concerning the Chief Executive's attendance at District Meetings was duly completed. The clerk confirmed that a place had been obtained at the reduced rate for the Chairman to attend the Annual Conference in November.

7. ERYC OSC Recommendations Update

In Councillor Brown's absence, this is carried forward to next month's meeting.

8. Neighbourhood Watch, General Police Matters & Motorbikes

In Councillor Austerfield's absence, there is nothing to report.

9. Community Transport Proposed Changes

The Chairman reported that recent proposed changes, if implemented, would impose a considerable financial burden on community transport schemes and HART in particular. The clerk will send a copy of a draft letter which all councillors are requested to send to Sir Greg Knight. The clerk was asked to write a letter to Sir Greg Knight expressing the parish council's concern about the possible impact of the proposed changes on the parish and rural areas in general.

10. Festive Lighting

After some discussion, Councillor Riby proposed and Councillor Marshall seconded the proposal that the clerk write and invite Mr John Hesp to switch the lights on at a date she sets after Councillor Wiles informs her of the date of the Lion's Carols Concert. The proposal was carried unanimously. The clerk is to complete the ERYC documentation. The Chairman asked Councillor Wiles if he would, as always, arrange for the purchase of the Christmas tree. Councillor Wiles does not wish to do

so this year and so the Chairman will contact the nursery and liaise with the Warkup family.

11. Travellers, Fraisthorpe

The clerk read out ERYC's officer's email concerning this. She expressed the parish council's thanks to Ward Councillor Evison for her prompt action re this. Councillor Wiles reported that land on either side of the road to Auburn Farm has been ploughed right up to the edge of the tarmac. The Chairman will investigate. Councillor Wiles proposed and Councillor Marshall seconded the proposal that the clerk write to ERYC to express concern for the safety of traffic especially with the increase since the opening of the café at Auburn Farm. The proposal was passed unanimously.

12. Hydrocarbon Exploration

The clerk had received a further request for details of any recent correspondence received from Friends of the Earth. She had responded that there was none.

13. ERYC Planning Effectiveness

The clerk read out an email received from Aldbrough Parish Council concerning ERYC's apparent ignoring of comments by parish councils to planning application submissions. It was agreed that the clerk should reply stating that problems exist in differentiating between ignoring our requests or disagreeing with us – we could ask for reasons why they come to a different decision to our recommendations – at the moment, it would appear to be a waste of time in responding to planning consultations if our comments are to be ignored.

14. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

The clerk will distribute this to all councillors for them to respond to as they see fit.

15. Hamilton Hill Road, Barmston – Public Use and Verges

A report had been passed to the Chairman concerning some recent posts which had been erected on a verge outside of a property on Hamilton Hill Road. The Chairman explained problems which had occurred re this in the past. He has spoken with the resident who has assured him that the posts comply with current regulations and, in addition, that the local farmer has confirmed that they present no difficulties to the free movement of his farm vehicles on and off his land. The clerk was asked to write to ERYC for confirmation that the posts do not contravene any regulations. The clerk was further asked to write to ERYC Highways concerning the parking of cars in the turning circle at the end of Hamilton Hill Road.

16. Defibrillator

The Chairman reported on Neil Marsay's visit to inspect the problem with the power supply to the defibrillator. The problem is not resolved and he will return with a colleague to further inspect it. Meanwhile, there is not a problem as the power is only required when the temperature drops to below +3 degrees centigrade.

17. Financial Position and Cheques.

The clerk distributed copies of the half year accounts. In the absence of Councillor Manuel, Councillor Wiles checked the bank reconciliations for the past two months against the cash book and duly signed them as being correct. The clerk reported that total funds in hand, after payment of the following payments, will be £5995.48.

Cheques drawn and signed:-		
ERNLLCA	Conference Fee for J Swift	51.00
R Swift	3 months net fees & expenses	352.78
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE on clerk's fees	78.00

18. Clerk's Contract of Employment

As the Chairman has declared a pecuniary interest in this item, he must leave the room and this will leave the meeting non-quorate so the item has to be carried forward to next month's meeting.

13. Correspondence that the Chairman Deems is of an Urgent Nature

There was none that cannot be carried forward to next month's meeting

14. Any Other Business that the Chairman Deems is of an Urgent Nature

14.1 Village Hall Representative The clerk apologised for not including this on the agenda but as it is an internal matter only, the Chairman agreed to take this item now. Councillor Riby proposed and Councillor Wiles seconded that Councillor Marshall continue for the ensuing year as the Parish Council's representative on the Trustees of the Village Hall. Councillor Marshall signified her willingness to accept and the proposal was passed unanimously

14.2 Street Lights Councillor Wiles wished to report two street lights which were not operating. The Chairman asked him if he had duly reported them to the number on the lamp standards. He had not and refused to do so as he maintained that the clerk is paid to do this.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

THERE WILL BE A SITE MEETING ON LAND BEHIND 56 SANDS LANE ON WEDNESDAY, 18th OCTOBER 2017 at 10.30am

THE NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed.....on.....

John H Swift – Chairman