MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF HUMBERSTON VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 5th MARCH AT 7.15 PM AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL, WENDOVER PADDOCK, HUMBERSTON

Present: Cllr. Shawhulme

Cllrs. Sharp, Rudd, Hodgins, Hudson, Clark and Duff (after cooption)

Apologies No apologies

In attendance: Cllr. Harness, Ward Cllr. NELC

PC Dave Cave

There were 6 members of the public present.

23/213 To receive and accept apologies for absence

23/214 Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct

Cllr. Clark declared a personal interest in Fitties planning applications due to family connection to residency. Noted.

23/215 To approve minutes of previous meetings –

Village Council minutes and Planning Committee minutes from February 2024.

Minutes approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman as required.

RESOLVED: That minutes be accepted as a true record of the meetings held.

23/216 CoOption to fill casual vacancy

Candidate, Mrs. T. Duff, present for consideration to fill casual vacancy and agree action.

RESOLVED: That Mrs. Duff be coopted onto the Council with immediate effect and signed

Declaration of acceptance of office.

23/217 Police Report

To receive police report for information and agree any necessary actions from report

Police report received prior to meeting and noted.

PC Dave Cave present and gave short presentation. Spoke on VANEL security equipment which is being distributed free of charge. Highlighted increase in reported incidents from the public which was welcomed.

23/218 Highways/footpaths/traffic issues

a) To receive any highways/footpaths/traffic issues for consideration and agree any necessary actions including kissing gate at end of Walk Lane

State of the grass verges on Fieldhouse Road etc. due to cut through with traffic works highlighted. Centenary Green to be revamped when road works have moved away.

Public Break

Residents present re flooding on allotments. Cllr. Rudd advised the Village Council was waiting for some information on the situation and then this matter would be decided for action by the Council at the April 2024 meeting.

23/219 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Reference: DM/1203/23/FULA

Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of paving slabs and timber fence to front boundary

Location: 215 Humberston Fitties Humberston

Objections on paving as usually gravel is required as part of this conservation area and also close boarded fencing is not usually allowed, only open/picket-style fencing. The Village Council would defer to comments from the Heritage Officer when they are made, but it believes that the two items are in contravention of the design guide for the Fitties area.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0165/24/FUL

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to main dwelling and existing garage to include, replacement dormers, installation of chimneys, removal of bay windows and conservatory, erection of extension to side with dormers and extensions to the garage.

Location: 31B Humberston Avenue Humberston

No objections.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0175/24/FUL

Proposal: Erect brick chimney stack to side elevation, erect two outbuildings to the rear of existing chalet, remove and replace external render to existing chalet with cement board, alterations to windows and door openings to include replacement of existing uPVC units with timber and various associated alterations Location: 26 Humberston Fitties Humberston

Whilst there are aspects of the proposal which the Village Council has no objections to, it would defer to comments to be made by the Heritage Officer on this application and would be in support of those comments.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0182/24/OUT

Proposal: Outline application to erect up to two dwellings with all matters reserved

Location: R/o 38 Humberston Avenue Humberston

Objections – the Village Council has a resolved and published policy against any further infill development within Humberston and this would clearly be over-intensification of this plot. There is no need for further housing at this location, as also shown by comments from the neighbouring properties who have objected. This application should be refused.

Planning Application Reference: DM/0158/24/FUL

Proposal: Proposed battery energy storage facility and associated works

Location: Land Adj To Sub Station Hewitts Avenue New Waltham

No objections.

Consultations:

NELC Local Plan Consultation – to agree formal response from HVC

Informal meeting had been held by Members and comments agreed in draft form. Agreed that these comments be submitted by Clerk onto the portal with oversight by Chairman.

To receive any other planning correspondence/representations from development teams and/or residents and to agree any further actions – none received.

RESOLVED: That all comments agreed be submitted to NELC including those for Local Plan.

23/220 Allotment/Cemetery Matters

Cemetery:

- a) To receive report on progress cemetery extension project including:
 - Purchase of land progress with NELC

Ongoing with solicitors and Clerk to mark out land site should NELC not do this.

• Receive and consider quotations for main layout works

Three quotations received for fencing works and labelled A, B and C. Members chose quotation A for £12,000 which was QMS Services. Clerk to advise contractor and liaise. Clerk had contacted current farmer for site re landscaping works but had been advised they were unable to carry out due to workload. Clerk to revisit other quotations when land purchase completed and report back.

• Set time frame for works and progress with project

Clerk to liaise with landscaper and report back to Council on possible work timetable.

RESOLVED: That fencing works as agreed by carried out by QMS and that Clerk report back when Purchase of land completed regarding the landscaping works.

Allotments:

- a) To receive update on vacant plots from Clerk and agree any further necessary actions All plots now taken and no vacancies.
 - b) To receive correspondence from tenants with regard to drainage on plots, receive report and video footage from Clerk on dyke issue and agree any further necessary actions.

Flooding discussed and Clerk shared report on dyke layout adjacent to site. Cllr. Rudd asked members to consider whether plots be kept in service if they are not fit for purpose but further legal advice awaited from NSALG. Defer to April meeting.

All members of the public left except one.

23/221 Wendover Halls/Paddock Matters

a) <u>To receive report on installation of new 'start station' for the zip wire</u> Scheduled in to commence around 16th March 2024. Noted.

23/222 Land Management

a) To receive report on dog bins and agree any necessary action.

Dog bins along PROW to rear of Glebe Road damaged. Agreed for clerk to source bigger dog bin and notice and proceed.

RESOLVED: Larger dog bins be sourced and notice erected also.

23/223 Village Council matters

a) To receive report from Clerk on Spring 2024 newsletter and distribution and agree any necessary actions for next edition

Proposed go back to Print and Copy for the next edition in Summer 2024 and agreed.

RESOLVED: That Summer edition be printed by Print and Copy.

Standing Orders moved to 9.30 pm.

23/224 Future Dates

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday 19th March 2024

Office Closure – 18th to 22nd March 2024

Fashion Show date for Autumn 2024 – now quiz

DDay luncheon event – Thursday 6th June 2024 – cancel all hirings that day and to be advertised.

To receive any other future dates – none.

23/225 Reports

To receive any reports

None received.

23/226 Finance

a) <u>To agree payments as per list circulated</u>

Payments to be made as per list circulated

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

b) <u>To confirm year end procedures to be carried out at end of financial year</u>

Clerk advised that all procedures would be followed to comply with requirements and also the audit regime.

Noted.

c) <u>To note date set for internal audit</u>

Date set for Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 1.00 pm in the Office at the Hall. Clerk advised any members could be present. Noted.

23/227 **Events**

To receive information on upcoming events and consider and agree necessary actions including -

D Day lunch, Summer Clubs and Summer Event

Summer Event – Clerk to source Bouncy castles as before, marquee needed erecting and food truck to be confirmed.

D Day Event – Chairman to organise entertainer. Clerk gave apologies for this event due to annual leave. Summer clubs – now all booked for four Fridays in the Summer holidays.

Chairman asked for help/attendance at all events from members. Noted.

23/228 To consider exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED: exemption of press and public for remainder of meeting under Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information

23/229 Personnel Matters

a) To approve salaries as per schedule circulated

Salary payments approved to be made.

RESOLVED: That salary payments be approved to be made as per list circulated.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.26 pm.	
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Signed:	Date: