

Minutes of the Open Parish Meeting held on Monday 22 March 2010 commencing at 7.30 pm

Fourteen members of the public were present.

The Chairman welcomed those present and invited them to read the distributed copies of the 2009 Open Parish Meeting.

It was pointed out that the following had not been included:

- a) The cost of the proposal to update/renew the footpath leading to the war Memorial. The cost of paving the footpaths would have been approximately £15,000.00 against the cost of renewing the present surface of £600.00. It was pointed out that the 'meeting' was not in favour of either suggestion.
- b) The replacement of the Cottage Field tree. The Chairman reported that the tree was to be replanted the following day.
- c) The concern regarding the History Board. The Clerk was asked to contact East Riding Council to see what action could be taken. It was pointed out that there was a much better copy in the 'Altisidora'.

Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that the pond had been drained and cleaned and was now looking wonderful. Special thanks were extended to Cllr Martin Gray for all his efforts. There were now two new seats in the centre of the village. Thanks were extended to the College for the three litter bins which ran from the shop to the College grounds. There was also now lighting in the bus shelter.

Those present were then invited to raise any issues of concern.

A new wooden bus shelter on the road from Beverley to York. It was reported that a site meeting had been held but there were issues regarding the positioning of a bus shelter. The Parish Council had looked into providing such a shelter but there are various rules and regulations which have to be adhered to. There would need to be a concrete plinth and the work would need to be carried out by an approved contractor. The footpath would need to be closed whilst the work was in progress and there would need to be traffic lights. The most reasonable price for a wooden structure was £15,000.00. In addition there would need to be a raised area for alighting from the bus and there could be issues regarding services. It was agreed to approach ERYC for funding.

Cold Harbour drain. It was reported that Cllr Mrs Pollard was moving this long running problem forward. It would appear that there are issues regarding water running into Bryan Mere. It was thought that the actual drain was broken and was in need of extensive repair.

Lines of communication. There were concerns regarding the amount of time it had taken to repair the railings to the pond which had been damaged in a car accident. It was pointed out that this had been reported to the ERYC at Christmas, and on numerous occasions since – members of the Parish Council found it very frustrating as issues are reported and, on many occasions, there is no response. Two matters were raised that had never been reported to the Parish Council, (a) the problem of vehicles delivering to the 'Altisidora' and damaging the grass verge, and (b) the volume of heavy goods vehicles travelling through the centre of the village. Those present were reminded that it was vital that the Parish Council were informed of all matters of concern so that a co-ordinated response could be made.

Cars parking on the roadside. All those present were very concerned regarding the number of vehicles being parked during the working week whilst the owners used the bus service. It was pointed out that this was not an offence and the only possible action that could be taken would be to have double

yellow lines on all roads. The suggestion was made to approach the 'Altisidora' to see if their car park could be used during the day.

'Open' issues. It was suggested that a list of 'open' issues should be kept on the website to ensure that parishioners are aware of the progress being made.

Grit/salt bins. Concern was raised regarding the yellow grit/salt bins. It was felt that these should be removed and cleaned during the spring/summer to be returned in the autumn. It was also thought that the bins should be placed on some type of hard-standing to prevent the damage to the grass verges.

Dalegate lay-by. Concern was registered regarding the disgusting state of this area. The Parish Council have informed the police regarding the parking and East Riding was to be approached to have the area cleaned.

Drakes on the pond. Concern was raised regarding the number of drakes on the pond and various methods of culling were discussed.

Fairclough's Green. This area had not, to date, been adopted by East Riding Council due to the fact that the developer has not completed all the necessary work. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to East Riding Council regarding this long-running issue.

Litter. There was a great deal of concern regarding the amount of litter in the Parish. It was suggested that a new bin should be erected near the new seats on School Green. Cllr Thomas agreed to organise parties of volunteers to clean up the area. The date of the litter-pick to be announced on the web-site.

Footpath on the main road. It was pointed out that the footpath running alongside the main road was badly in need of cleaning.

There being no further questions, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.