

BEMPTON ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Bempton's Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7.00pm at 7pm in Bempton Primary School.

PRESENT

Neville Nicholson (Chairman)

Claire Boston (Clerk)

11 members of the public

PCSO E Smith

RSPB Alison Barratt

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING 16TH MAY 2016

A resolution was passed to agree the minutes, proposed by M Jones and seconded by McCaw.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

The Chairman read out his report, copy attached.

RSPB ALISON BARRATT

I am the new site manager taking over from Keith Clarkson. Last year the centre recorded 105 thousand visitors, our busiest times being April and May. There may be an increase of visitors at present due to a sighting of an Albatross off the coast line. We are expecting at least 100 thousand visitors this year so we are once again leasing a field and have staff to manage the carpark.

There is a conflict of space in the centre when the weather is not so good between the visitors and the school children of which we have around two thousand a year.

The planning application we submitted for the canopy and storage will not be going ahead with due to the high costs involved. We are instead going to see whether we can place a smaller shelter there, mainly for the children to use.

We are looking at landscaping at the back of the centre and over the next couple of years make the areas more accessible to the infirm/ wheelchairs and more family friendly.

The centre is to rebrand to Yorkshire Seabird Centre.

The carpark entrance is going to be widened to allow coaches better access.

Cllr Nicholson – parking at the Cliff Lane officers is causing a blockage, could you ask staff to park in the carpark as previously agreed. Yes I will look into this matter.

The RSPB does not have the funding to widen the upper part of Cliff Lane, a new sign has been erected to ask drivers to be mindful of their speed but I will speak with ERYC regarding the 60mph speed limit.

Mr Jones – with all the marketing and publicity the RSPB centre receives, this is causing more and more traffic through the village. When the RSPB first got the grant part of the deal was to widen the highway.

Alison – we believe that the numbers visiting the centre will level out, we only have a small marketing budget and we do not want to impact on the village.

A member of public asked about the Right of Way sign being removed and that members of the public were being discouraged from using it. This morning there was a cone placed in the middle of the right of way blocking access, this is unacceptable.

Alison – ERYC Right of Way did visit the centre and said that the signs in place were alright. I was unaware that a cone had been placed there but I will look into this matter.

PCSO – why is there no CCTV on the buildings?

Alison – it is down to the costs.

The Chairman thanked Alison for her time.

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PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public asked if the parish council had any financial interest in the village hall and what would happen if it was financial difficulties?

Chairman – We do not have any financial interest with the day to day running of the hall but we do own the land it is built upon, therefore if the committee was having financial problems we would have to refer the matter to our solicitors for advice. As far as we are aware the Lottery Fund would have to be contacted also.

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their commitment over the year and thank you to all who have attended the meeting.

With no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.