

Mappleton Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th March 2021,
by Zoom.
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Present: Cllr J. Burton, Cllr G. Burton, J.Froud(Clerk), Cllr K.Baish, Cllr S.Mars, Cllr C. Taylor, Cllr J. Warrington, Cllr S. Earle, Ward Cllr J. Whittle, Ward Cllr B. Jefferson.
Captain Aaron Florence MD of Brimstone UXO UK.

Apologies: None.

Minutes January 2021 minutes were agreed as a true record.

Captain Aaron Florence, MD of Brimstone UXO UK, was introduced to all of the Councillors.
Captain Florence told of his experience in the Army working as a Bomb Disposal Specialist, for 15 years, spending time on tour of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq.
Brimstone UXO UK company was formed in 2016, and is based in the south east of England, and are involved in clearing other MOD sites in that area.

Paul Duckworth RAF Air Technician, who worked at RAF Cowden in the past, has been head hunted to run the Ordnance Disposal at Cowden Bombing Range.

Brimstone UXO UK were awarded this contract 6 weeks prior to this meeting, and is scheduled to last 4 years. The main areas of concern are of members of the public taking Ordnance home, that has been picked up from the beach. Captain Florence went on to say that not all of the Ordnance is dangerous, there job is to identify and dispose of, this will mean exploding UN-exploded Ordnance on the beach.

Captain Florence is hoping that they can keep disruption to a minimum, all men working on the disposal will be wearing Orange Overalls.

There were 4 explosions on Thursday the 4th of March, each explosion was a single item of ordnance, there will be a video release shortly.

Councillor Sue Earle asked if the contract to clear the Ordnance would take more than 4 years?

Captain Florence commented that he had never seen so much UN-exploded Ordnance, the American Airforce, had dropped a massive amount of different types of Ordnance at this site. It will take a lot longer than 4 years to 100% clear the site, so far they have only found 4 items of Ordnance that were dangerous.

Councillor Shawn Mars asked if they were digging the bombs out of the Range?

Captain Florence replied by saying that they are only contracted to dispose of what Ordnance comes over the Cliff Top. They have conducted a non intrusive survey on the Cliff Top, and have identified "Hot Spots", they have asked the MOD if these could be recovered before coming over the Cliff Top. They have to be very careful, it is coming up to bird nesting season, and any clearance of scrub could do damage to habitat, Natural England are asking a lot of questions.

Councillor Kim Baish told of his ongoing work with others, about the Bombing Range becoming a Yorkshire Wildlife site, and the purchase of the land from the MOD.

Captain Florence thought that the land would not be sold whilst Brimstone UXO are on site making it safe.

Councillor Kim Baish went on to ask if the local people will be kept informed of what is going on?

Captain Florence said that this would be up to Paul Duckworth as a local man to converse with the public, they were also hoping to have visits on site, so that people could ask questions. They are not fully into the task yet, but do pop into the Tea Room at Mappleton to catch up on opinion and concerns.

There is to be a new Slipway to the beach at the Bombing Range.

Ward Councillor Barbara Jefferson asked what this was for?

Captain Florence said that it was needed for safety reasons, so that they could access the beach at speed, if an incident occurred. They have been through the planning process, and don't need permission as it is MOD land, the

Slipway will disappear in 5 years, so will need maintaining. There will be no access to the beach or the range for the public by this Slipway, it is solely for the use of Brimstone UXO staff and vehicles. There will be a phone at this location.

Jim Froud told of the years of writing to the MOD complaining of noise and vibrations from the explosions at the bombing range, associated with the disposal of Ordnance. Assurances were given, but never seemed to be adhered to, some of the explosions shaking windows as far as Hornsea.

There had been a warning given out to the residents of Cowden and Mapleton by the way of Facebook, about the explosions on Thursday the 4th of March 2021 between the hours of 1.00-5.00pm, no one seems to have noticed. Captain Florence was hoping that no more than 5kgs would be detonated in one single demolition, this included the charge and the amount of unexploded material. They will be monitoring the noise levels, but they do have a job to do, and there may be times when more charge is needed.

The Councillors thanked Captain Florence for attending the meeting, he left the meeting at 8.00pm.

Matters Arising: Terry Weaver to be contacted to move the proposed parking scheme for Mapleton to the next stage.

Police Report: No one present. Rural crime on the increase. The Police Council Tax payment is to increase by 6.5% as reported by Ward Councillor Barbara Jefferson.

Willow Garth: Cllr Shawn Mars had reported to Jim Froud about drug usage in the Bus Shelter at Rolston by residents of Willow Garth. Jim Froud contacted John Weldrick about the problem, it is in the hands of the community Police to investigate.

Accounts for Payment: Clerk's Fees £300.00. This was agreed.

Witherwick Community Wind Farm: Cllr Kim Baish reported that the next meeting is at the end of March. An amount of £1,000.00 has been awarded to Aldbrough Food Bank, there is a lot of pressure on this service at the present time.

Planning: 21/00285/PLF

Proposal:Erection of a conservatory following removal of existing

Location:Grays Farm Main Road Mapleton East Riding Of Yorkshire HU18 1XR

Applicant:Mrs Simmonds

Application type:Full Planning Permission

Agreed to approve, no objections.

Proposed Parking Mapleton: Councillors agreed the revised scheme and is attached to these minutes.

Cllr Chris Taylor reported about the problems of turning articulated livestock wagons into the Glebe Farm entrance in Mapleton. Cllr Shawn Mars said that the proposed markings for the Bus Stop should alleviate these problems, by stopping cars parking opposite the entrance.

Parishioners Questions: A request for a Blue Bin at the bottom of the Slipway at Mapleton had been requested by one of the parishioners, for putting plastic that has been collected from the beach at Mapleton. Unfortunately this cannot be done as the refuse wagon that empties the bins, has no facility to segregate refuse from different coloured waste bins.

AOB: Jim Froud reported that the Parish Council would have to hold an AGM this year as no dispensation has been given by the government. It was agreed to hold an AGM on the 4th of May 2021 by Zoom.

Cllr Sue Earle commented that information on coastal erosion, submitted as a report to the recent planning application at Seaview, Hornsea Road was in correct. Jim Froud to enquire with Niel Mc Lachlan ERYC.

Meeting Closed 8.38pm

Next meeting AGM and Parish Council Meeting 4th of May 2021 by Zoom.

Signed as a true and correct record of what took place.