Londesborough with Easthorpe Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Londesborough Parish Council held on Monday 10th October 2016 in the Reading Rooms, Low Street, at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr I Bessey, Cllr J.Fisher (Chair), Cllr A Hutchinson, Cllr O Southgate ,

Cllr G Stephenson, Cllr K Watson, Cllr A Wells, Cllr H Wood

Andrew Elliott of ERYC, David Calvert of BT, Ward Cllr M Stathers, 2 members of the public,

J Green (clerk)

**Welcome:** Cllr Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Public Session:** Andrew Elliott of ERYC and David Calvert of BT addressed the meeting and answered questions about broadband and telephone services.

It was explained that Phase 2 of the rollout of superfast broadband was now underway and was expected to be completed by June 2017. Londesborough should be in the next phase if a modelling exercise showed that it would come within the value for money criteria set by the government. It should be known early in 2017 if this was the case and the parish council will be informed.

If included in the next phase a cabinet would be installed in the village, possibly near the telephone box where there is a power supply. The earliest this would happen would be late 2017.

Concern was expressed about the criteria for improving the broadband services. It was felt that villages, such as Londesborough , where the connection was so poor that it was impacting on residents' ability to do their work or for children to do their school work should have some priority over locations who already had a reasonable service but just wanted an even faster one.

Cllr Stathers offered to write, on behalf of Londesborough, to the MP, Sir Greg Knight about this concern.

Satellite broadband had been suggested as an alternative. Although funding was available towards the initial connection the ongoing charges were expensive. One resident said that she had been told that it was not possible to get a satellite connection to their home in the village.

Concern was expressed about the state of the telephone lines in the village and the lack of capacity.

One resident had been told it would cost £15,000 for his employer to have a second line installed so that he could work from home. Another had lived in the village for 3 years before there was a line available for him. Residents were not able to have telephone extensions in their homes eg upstairs.

Councillors were asked to try and send in details of properties where there was a problem with the telephone and to encourage residents to report any faults on their lines.

Options for the community to part-fund the installation of the cable were briefly discussed. Andrew Elliott and David Calvert were asked to return early in 2017, when it was known if Londesborough would be in the next phase. They were also asked to provide costs for installation of a cable and the rental of a new cabinet.

Cllr Fisher thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**55/16 Apologies** were received from Cllr G Brotherton,

**56/16 Declarations of Interest**. There were no declarations of interest.

**57/16 Telephone and Broadband Services**: It was agreed that councillors should try and find out which residents were having problems with their telephone lines.

It was agreed that councillors would do some research into how broadband might be installed as a community project.

The clerk was asked to look into what grants might be available for such a project.

**58/16 The minutes of meeting held on 12th September 2016** were proposed by Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed as a true record and Cllr Fisher signed them as such on behalf of the council.

**59/16 To receive the clerk's report on matters being progressed from previous meetings.**

**Quarry Liaison meeting**

The clerk reminded councillors that the next meeting would be on Monday 24th October. Cllrs Wells and Southgate were to attend. Cllr Bessey reported that one of the Ashcourt drivers had been particularly considerate to a horse rider when he had stopped his engine to let the horse pass by safely.

**60/16 Accounts**

Bank balance: Current a/c £ 3405.61

Savings a/c £ 868.94

The clerk reported that 10p interest had been added to the Savings account but that a letter had been received to say that the interest rate would now go down to 0%.

Cllr Stephenson checked the bank reconciliation to the bank statements.

The payments below were approved:

clerk's salary September £96.33

Autela Payroll services £22.50

**61/16 Correspondence**

Humberside Police bulletins October

ERYC Hull City of Culture

Library Theatre re touring plays

ERYC Making Time for Winter leaflets

**62/16 Councillors reports**

It was reported that there was plenty of road salt in store as very little had been used last winter.

**63/16 Date of next meeting Monday 12th December**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm