

Approved Minutes of the Allerthorpe Annual Parish Meeting 2014

Held on Wednesday 28th May 2014 in the Village Hall

Chairman: Mr. K Macleod; Clerk: Mr. T W Howard-Smith

There were 6 other electors present (as listed in the record of attendance)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present to the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting and explained that this was an open meeting at which any elector was free to speak. He noted the small numbers present and thanked those who had taken the time to attend, emphasising that only by attending meetings and making your voice heard could local government prove to be effective. The meeting is also seen as a good vehicle for resolving many general village issues. He then proceeded to summarise the agenda items.

2. MINUTES OF 2013 MEETING

Mr. M Stageman proposed, seconded by Mr T. O'Gram that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were agreed as a true record of the 2013 meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a. Grass Cutting:

- ERYC has advised us that the grass cutting cycle is now every 15 working days.
- SW asked about the cost of this service. - ERYC will cover all costs.

4. NEW BUS SERVICE

The chairman reported that the new bus service has started and runs on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- Disadvantage is that the only bus back is after one hour.
- The few that have used it, have reported that it is "OK"

5. COLD CALLING

The chairman reported that his was a query made three months ago and the chairman confirmed that the village could be classified as a "No cold calling zone." This is primarily aimed at tradesmen and rouge traders. It is not designed for leaflet drops, politicians, utilities, market researchers and charity callers.

- There would be signs at the village entrance roads.
- There would be signs on windows or doors.
- For the scheme to work, it requires one person to own and manage it.
 - MS suggested that he could add it to the Local Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.
- Left open for discussion.

6. NEIGHBORHOOD (LOCAL) DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Stageman reported that the plan development was progressing well and communication with ERYC forward planning was good.

- He then reminded everybody of the rationale and the essential components of the plan:
 - ✓ Vision
 - ✓ Aims

- ✓ Steering (direction)
- ✓ Good Idea of community needs
- ✓ Protection of parish values etc.
 - * Allerthorpe Woods
 - * Rural aspects
 - * Controlled Development
 - * Controlled Industrial Development
- Everybody agreed that if we don't develop our own plan, larger development plans from beyond the parish may prevail, especially because of the lower restriction from central government.
- He then gave a status report on the progress made in developing the NDP and the further steps needed:
 - Plan now approved by ERYC
 - Next step is to solicit views from parishioners (Questionnaire)
 - Then collect completed questionnaires and collate information.
 - After collation is finalised, ERYC must approve plan and give us sign off
 - Independent review to ratify plan
 - Local referendum to accept plan (over 50% agreement)
 - Progress of plan to be put into monthly newsletters.
- The Chairman concluded by stressing the need for us all to have our say in the future development of parish planning, and a comprehensive local development plan will go a long way in ensuring that.

7. **STREETSCENE**

The chairman and Clerk had walked around the village with members of ERYC village taskforce and identified some infrastructure and path and road surface issues that need attending:

- Various potholes around the village
- Grass verges overgrown
- Some paths needing clearing
- ERYC commented that the work need was too much for the Community Payback Scheme, and needed discussing with the community partnership administration.
- SW has concerns that a part of the church wall was in dangerous condition and looked like it was about to fall down. – The chairman agreed to pass on his concerns to the PCC. (7th June)

8. **SUMMER BBQ**

The chairman made the meeting aware that there was to be a village summer BBQ on the 19th July, and information will be distributed to all parishioners.

- Cost will be £10.00 for adults, £5.00 for over 12yrs old and under 12yrs go free. 40 to 50 people are expected and volunteers will be needed.

9. **CRIME PREVENTION/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The Chairman reported that there had been one incident over the past year.

- * One sneak thief, attempted to enter property

The Chairman commented that it had been quieter over the last year, pointed out all the literature and security items on display at the rear of the hall and invited all present to help themselves.

10. **TELEPHONE KIOSK**

The chairman reported that he had been exploring the possible options for the future of the disused telephone kiosk on Main Street. He has been exploring the cost of repair and maintenance, including shot blasting the surface, which needs all glass removing, and the cost of chemical paint removal. He is waiting for quotes to come back to the Council.

11. OPEN FORUM

Question:

MM asked why nobody seems to have any interest in village affairs anymore?.

Answer:

There is a general lack of community spirit, prevalent in most of country villages.

Question:

A parishioner asked about an update on future of golf course.

Answer:

The PC has received no plan or application yet. New driveway to the course manager's house has been approved.

Question:

ID asked who looks after the grass on the new roundabout.

Answer:

Street Scene look after land inside the Allerthorpe sign boundary and the highways dept. look after the other land beyond the sign boundary.

Comments from the Chairman:

- * The Chairman commented on the possibility of refurbishing the small patch of grass at the bottom of the pub car park. – Objections had been received and the project is under consideration.
- * The chairman reported that we are now on the ERYC list to repair the footpath from the village tom the A1079 roundabout.
- * The chairman reported that BT had informed him that Allerthorpe was not yet on the fibre rollout plan.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting, and closed the meeting at 20:35

Attendance List (in no particular order)

Ken Macleod	KM (Chairman)
Trevor Howard-Smith	TWH (Clerk)
Maureen Macleod	MM
Mark Stageman	MS
Ian Douglas	ID
Christine Douglas	CD
Simeon Wilkinson	SW
Tim O'Gram	TO

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman Allerthorpe Parish Council