

Approved Minutes of the Allerthorpe Annual Parish Meeting 2012

Held on Wednesday 30th May 2011 in the Village Hall

Chairman: Mr. K Macleod; Clerk: Mr. T W Howard-Smith
There were 23 electors present (as listed in the record of attendance)

(NB. Responses to various action points are located in italics under the agenda item.)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting and explained that this was an open meeting at which any elector was free to speak. He then proceeded to offer thanks to Mr. Philip Wiltshire who had been the Village clerk for many years and had recently retired from the post. The chairman then gave apologies to the meeting for the non-attendance of our two speakers, a representative from the local Policing team and a representative from the Ambulance Responders. The Chairman expressed hope that they would perhaps turn up later, so carried on with proceedings.

2. MINUTES OF 2011 MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2011 were agreed as a true record of the 2011 meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

The Chairman gave a brief summary report upon the progress that has been made in the Hall Refurbishment Project, and pointed out a series of photographs on display showing the various stages of the refurbishment.

The Refurbishment has included:-

New Roof	New Ceiling	New Wood & uPVC Windows
Total Electrical Re-Wire	Burglar Alarm	New Kitchen Furniture & Equipment
New Toilet Facilities	Tiled Floors	Brickwork repointed
New Perimeter Fence	New Gate	Entrance ramps
Total Redecoration inside and out		
Anti-Climb Paint on roof area		
Sanded and Sealed Original wooden Floor		
New Furniture (chairs and tables) for use in the hall		

The Chairman thanked all involved with the refurbishment project and commented that the village now had an amenity of which it could be proud, and a steady stream of hirers and events was developing. He also mentioned that the Hall was available for hire at £10.00 per hour.

5. VILLAGE ASTHETICS

The Chairman made the following report and comments on the village, and asked for the opinions of those present at the meeting:-

- The ERYC “StreetScene” Team had been around the village making minor repairs and clean-ups.
- Various overhanging hedges had been cut back, but some others were in need of trimming.
- The wooden bench adjacent the Hall was beyond repair and a new one was being procured to replace it.
2x benches have been procured and are awaiting installation. Community Payback Scheme is arranging unpaid labour but any offers of help are appreciated.
- The Chairman suggested that we may purchase some planters for positioning at various strategic points around the village, and asked for the opinion of the meeting. It was decided to compare other villages and then decide.
Planters have been procured for the entrances to the Village and will be installed over the coming weeks. Again any offers of assistance are appreciated.
- The possibility of brick village signs was discussed, but deemed too expensive to build and keep in order.
- The grass area at the front of the village pub was considered for grassing and turning into a more attractive feature.
This will be done as and when the Community Payback Scheme can fit us into their diary. The area will have a low level chain fence supported by poles. The area will be re-grassed and some rose bushes planted.
- There was a discussion on cars parking upon the wide grass verge of Main Street, and whether we should discourage it as it is ERYC property. Should cars be made to park on Main Street?
It is clear that parking on Main Street contributes greatly to traffic calming through the Village and should be encouraged.
- A short discussion took place on the frequency of the council grass cutting service, and whether parishioners should cut the grass or not.
- BT Phone Box. This is Grade II Listed and some parishioners asked if we could do anything with it to make it more attractive, as it gathers rubbish etc. because of its disuse. The Council was asked to contact BT to get advice.
BT advises that kiosk cleaning is on a rotational basis and they have no plans to increase the frequency of cleaning.

- One parishioner asked if we could have a larger post box as it is proving difficult to fit larger letters in.

Royal Mail has advised that they will monitor this and replace the current box if it is felt appropriate.

6. TRAFFIC CALMING

The Chairman opened by mentioning that this had been an issue since 1990, and in February wrote to ERYC and their reply, saying that there is to be another survey this year, is posted up on the notice board. It is to be a vehicular count which should differentiate between the different types of vehicle passing through the village. A considerable number of those present made the following comments:-

- The general opinion is that the village road is being abused. There was a campaign two years ago for the flashing speed lights, but these have not proved to be the panacea that was expected by some.
- One parishioner commented that vehicles come off the new roundabout at 50 to 60 mph and race down the road to the village, but the Chairman commented that this was difficult to prove unless we had equipment, large trucks appear intimidating when coming along a small village road.
- One parishioner has conducted a private survey and gave the statistics to the Chairman for perusal.
- Should we ask for a weight restriction or chicanes?
- One parishioner commented that this is a working road with many agricultural vehicles passing every day, and placing unnecessary obstructions could damage equipment and hinder the work of farmers etc.
- Private speed guns were mentioned, but Humberside Police do not condone civilian speed traps being used. It is a fact of life that the Police have limited resources for patrolling villages.
- It was suggested that parishioners' should park their cars on the roadside at weekend to help slow traffic.
- 20mph limit is not limited to villages with schools. The Chairman is to try to organise a village survey.

7. WINTER PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman reported that we have a large quantity of road grit salt in store and in the two bins placed around the village.

ERYC will only grit the main street; all other village roads will be left untreated. It will be up to the parishioners to grit these, and help may be needed in winter.

8. DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

The Chairman reported that a small core committee is organising a Diamond Jubilee BBQ Celebration Event to be held on Monday the 2nd June from 14:00 to 18:00 around the hall and in Stubbins field. We expect about 150 tickets will be sold and up to 40 children will attend. Help will be needed to erect tents and marquees on the Saturday before and to help tear down on Tuesday the 3rd.

9. OPEN FORUM

- One parishioner commented upon the inadequacy of after-hours manning of the local Police Station in Pocklington. At a recent visit the Police were not very helpful and made the whole visit a negative experience.

Humberside Police advise that current fiscal constraints means that many local Police Stations will no longer be manned 24x7. The best means of contact remains as 999 for Emergencies and 101 for Non-Emergencies.

- The Chairman explained that the local Neighbourhood Watch umbrella organisation (HANWaG) had been disbanded and support for Neighbourhood Watch was now provided nationally through the Home Office. Quarterly meetings with the Police and Safe Communities East Riding were stopped last year but it is hoped these will be reinstated in the near future.

NW is now supported by the Community & Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, part of Safe Communities of the ERYC.

- One parishioner commented that local children were not catered for, with any amenities or play areas, and asked if the Parish Council would enquire as to the availability of any small pieces of land to be used for developing a play area.

Tentative contact has been made with owners of appropriate land. These are delicate matters and are ongoing.

- The Chairman assured the meeting that he would be contacting our invited speakers and asking if another meeting could be arranged for their presentations.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Attendance List (in no particular order)

Ken Macleod	Sandra Cooper	Maureen Richardson
Maureen Macleod	W Gledall	David Lambert
John Worth	Tim O'Gram	Hannah Mohamed
Joan Worth	Shelagh Wiltshire	Mark Stageman
Ian Douglas	Philip Wiltshire	David Geekie
Christine Douglas	Dorothy Morgan	Paul Gills
S Wilkinson	Charles Kightly	Trevor Howard-Smith
David Marks	Brian Richardson	

Signed.....
Chairman Allerthorpe Parish Council

Date.....