

Hutton Cranswick Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the W.I Hall, Main Street, Cranswick on Wednesday, 17th May, 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm.

There is a duty under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Paragraph 14 for residents to hold an Annual Parish Council Meeting (annual assembly) of local government electors. It is not a parish council meeting, but if the chairman of the parish council is present, they must chair the meeting.

Present: Nine Parish Councillors: Alderton, Holtby, Ingham, Jones, Richardson, Sibley-Calder, Swan, Teare, Thompson. Ward Councillor: Dewhirst. Parishioners: Two.

The Clerk recorded the minutes. Cllr Richardson chaired the meeting.

AP23/001 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May, 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

AP23/002 Parish Council's Chairman's Report

Everyone recognised the need to be fully aware of and promote current Living With COVID-19 guidance.

There was the sad loss of former Parish Councillors Andrew Wilson and more recently Jean Hopps, Jean being one of the longest serving Parish Councillors for Hutton Cranswick.

Jane Evison had retired as Ward Councillor, with Denise Howard recently elected as the new Ward Councillor.

The Council remained keen to listen to views from residents with the opportunity to speak at each parish council meeting. The Bulletin continued getting news out to all households.

Congratulations again to Gina and the In Bloom Group and local businesses for keeping Hutton Cranswick in the news. Hutton Cranswick had done well in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition. The Village was awarded a Gold Standard, voted as Large Village Category winner and nominated as Best of the Best (Small/Medium and Large Village Categories). James White the Butcher achieved a Silver Gilt Award for his "Small Business" premises. Some welcome publicity had appeared in the Driffield and Wolds Weekly.

There were a fantastic 9 days of events celebrating the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee from the 28th May to the 5th June, 2022. In summary: -

Year 5 and Year 6 at the Primary School had interviewed 14 villagers telling of their memories of previous Royal events including the Queen's Coronation.

27th May - Tea party for school children at Foreman's garage, where I presented year groups with the Jubilee keep-sake commemorative mugs. Of the 500 mugs, around 200 was be given to children up to the age of 11 with the remainder for sale.

28th May - Jubilee Craft and Produce Market at Foreman's Garage.

2nd to 5th June - Memorabilia exhibition at St Peter's Church.

2nd June - BBQ and Beacon Bonfire at the SRA. My wife and I had the honour of lighting the bonfire.

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4th June – An Open Afternoon with refreshments at the Hutton Cranswick Bowls Club.

4th June – The best dressed street was Innkeepers Gardens.

5th June - A Parade around the Green at 11am. At midday, a Churches Together service was held on the Green, followed by the Big Jubilee Picnic (sadly a bit wet).

The fun and celebrations were recorded in a Souvenir edition of the Bulletin, with a £500 donation from ERYC Platinum Jubilee Fund, helping to fund the publication.

A Queens Canopy Woodland Area was created at the SRA, securing grants from The Northern Forest Fund and the East Riding Community Tree Planting Fund for the purchase and planting of the trees.

There was a terrific effort by everyone involved.

Sadly, Her Majesty passed away in September – Long live King Charles III. The Coronation was celebrated around the Village with the SRA hosting a very successful Coronation Party.

The Village Show Committee put on another successful Village Show, attracting over 500 people.

The Green was still the focus for families to enjoy and had been well kept by regular grass cutting and, in 2022 the safety works had been done to the trees. Repairs to the footpath across the Green (School to Main Street) had made the route safer for schoolchildren and their parents. The round litter bin located on the footpath that ran across the Green from Main Street to Southgate, had been replaced.

The Parish Council continued to invest in the village including awarding grants to; The Bulletin; In Bloom; SRA; Twilight Bus Service and Hutton Cranswick Art Group.

The Angling Club continued to work hard to control invasive weed at the Lake. The Club planned to carry out further works to fishing pegs in 2023.

Both the farming and garden allotments continued to be well managed. A contract was in place for a pest control service at the garden allotments for the Autumn/Winter period.

The pond was in good health and well maintained.

The Christmas tree along with the nativity and Christmas lights brought cheer and enjoyment.

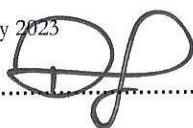
Centenary Wood continued to be well managed by the Council and volunteers. It was a very popular area. Since the last Meeting, tree maintenance work had been undertaken and an agreement to renew the perimeter fence.

The Council had promoted involvement in the consultation on the Review of the East Riding Plan. The Local Plan Update was submitted on 31st March 2023, to the Planning Inspectorate who would examine the documents in line with national planning policy. A planning inspector has been appointed to hold an examination in public.

A new planning application had been submitted for the New Build at the SRA. A 99-year Lease was in place.

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The SRA hosted a number of local events. Ryedale Cycle Event was highly successful with around 200 cyclists camping out overnight on the Sports Field, as the half-way location on their two-day Yorkshire Wolds Challenge. A 10K Charity Fun Run for MacMillan cancer support sponsored by The White Horse, followed by a Family Fun Day, including a table top sale, raffle, bouncy castle, face painting, Greek street food, ice cream etc.

The Great Driffield AFC temporarily used the SRA playing field for friendly matches. The SRA was the starting point of a Motor Club Classic Car event in August 2022, with 40 vehicles taking part.

Some improvements to safety had been introduced during archery practices/events, as concern about dog walkers were straying too close behind the archery targets. A beginners' course was held in August 2022. Grants had been awarded to install new floodlights later in 2023.

Cllr Sibley- Calder lead on the management of the defibrillator located at The White Horse and the SRA.

The play park was still proving to be a very popular facility and continued to be well maintained.

A Community Speed Watch Group was likely to be set up later in 2023.

This was initiative to help raise awareness and reduce the speeding through the Village.

The Village flag kept flying for events throughout the year.

The Village Walkabout arranged with East Riding of Yorkshire Council identified highway maintenance issues. There was still strain on budgets meaning only a minority of the work would be undertaken.

Work on the Scurf Dyke Solar Farm commenced and a new Solar Farm was proposed at Sunderlandwick.

An application for a major construction by National Grid for a new high voltage cable from Peterhead in Aberdeenshire to Drax in North Yorkshire (SEGL2) was to run an underground cable through parts of Hutton.

Traffic connected to the works at Bethell's Bridge, Hempholme had travelled through Hutton.

Churches Together ran a very successful Winter Warmers for the vulnerable. This was in response to the current financial difficulties, as a result of the troubles in Ukraine. Some residents in the village were hosting families from Ukraine.

In early 2023, KCOM commenced a programme of installations.

Crime was thankfully relatively low.

Challenges, some new and others that never seem to go away:

COVID -19

To continue to improve communication.

Consultation on the Local Plan in achieving an acceptable balance of house building in the Village.

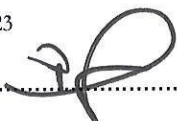
There was a controversial application to build 151 new houses off Hobman Lane.

Irresponsible dog owners allowing dog fouling.

Traffic congestion.

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Irresponsible drivers causing damage to The Green and roadside verges.
 Some drivers speeding in and around the village.
 Poor condition of roads and footpaths.
 Flooding issues down Howl Lane and Southgate.

AP23/003 Councillors' Reports: - Councillor Mrs Gina Simpson, Chair of Hutton Cranswick in Bloom

Due to the Covid pandemic restrictions, 2022 was the first year since 2019 that volunteers were able to undertake group planting/maintenance of public village areas. The Group enjoyed a personal visit from Yorkshire in Bloom Judges rather than having to submit a digital report with photographs requiring no face-to-face contact.

At the beginning of July 2022, the Group was delighted to be able to welcome 3 official Yorkshire in Bloom Judges – Paul Varney, Elizabeth Levett and David Ellis for a 90-minute tour of the village, including an inspection of the planting outside James White Butchers – classed as a Small Business in the Commercial Category.

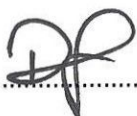
The YIB Awards Ceremony was hosted at a new venue, the Riley-Smith Hall in Tadcaster on 6th October, 2022. Four village representatives – Stephen and Pamela Whittaker, Heather Teare (Secretary) and Gina Simpson (Co-ordinator) attended and received a Gold Award and a Category Winner in the Large Village Category. James White Butchers achieved a well-earned Silver Gilt Award for his “Small Business” entry. The Group greatly appreciated the on-going support from James. It was vital to capitalise on any support and endeavour to inspire more supporting entries into the competition in 2023 from other village groups, such as educational establishments and businesses to boost the overall support for our basic Large Village entry.

Entries had now been submitted to Yorkshire in Bloom from five village businesses, The Farm Shop, The White Horse and Paul Harrison Car Sales – all category B2 (Medium Businesses), and James White Butchers and SPAR – category B1 (Small Businesses), plus Hutton Cranswick Community Primary School.

Excellent local publicity was gained from the 2022 result, together with the very encouraging recruitment of new volunteers. The recruitment of additional volunteers was a vital need which was to be pursued most diligently due to the fact that, during the pandemic, several of our older established members had to resigned.

There was no Spring Judging in 2023. The Main (Summer) Competition deadline for entries was the 31st March, 2023. The other categories had until 30th April, 2023 to submit an entry. Summer Judging was to be between 1st and 16th July, 2023 and the presentation of Awards was to take place in September/October. The Group was approached in the Autumn by the Board of Trustees of Yorkshire in Bloom to consider putting the Village up for nomination as a Britain in Bloom entry for 2023 (only 3 nominations overall from Yorkshire to be put forward), but after general consideration, it was the overall decision of volunteers that despite promised support from YIB, the preference was to concentrate on the regional competition in 2023.

Sue Jackson had decided to stand down as Treasurer, the Group recognised Sue's hard work over many years. David Ingham has volunteered to take over looking after the finances. Financially, the Group was in a healthy position, with grant of £450.00 from Northern Railway in the Autumn, and the £1200.00 annual precepted amount through the Parish Council earlier in the year. It was also possible that Northern Rail may provide further financial assistance towards the planting, maintenance and improvements at the Station. A relevant Annual Outline Plan had been submitted to Northern Rail for their guidance/approval. There was quite a significant amount of work which had been identified as important at the Station: volunteers who work down there had been consulted and it was hoped that this particular area would undergo a significant improvement this year prior to Summer Judging.



The main priority for the forthcoming year was to identify a theme for the year to bring suitable plant co-ordination into play for various areas, and input by volunteers was eagerly sought for this. The Group had continued links with YCCRP (Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership), greatly appreciating their support with voluntary work carried out at the Station (mainly painting and cutting back of shrubs/overhanging tree branches) by a supervised group of Hymers pupils during the Autumn.

Again, as last year, community assistance at the Station with Hymers College and a group of students (with supervisors) had been arranged. The date was on 27th June, 2023.

The Group continued its close liaison with YCCRP and recently supported one of the Coronation Celebration events at Bridlington Station. A representative would attend their AGM in Hull in June, 2023.

The Group had not managed many meetings through 2022, but this was to be rectified in 2023. Several Plant Sales and Coffee Mornings had been hosted by the Bowls Club. In earlier years, the Group sponsored a Photographic Competition for the Village Show and had significant links with both the Village School and The Playgroup. It was planned to see these links with young residents re-kindled in the forthcoming year. It was important to remember that enthusing youngsters was a way to continue this Village's long-established success in Yorkshire in Bloom competitions and a reliable support for the general maintenance and attractive planting of public areas in our lovely village.

AP23/004 Open Forum and Questions - There were no questions raised.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

