

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.

The clerk Mrs Gail Newlove recorded the minutes. Cllr S G Richardson chaired the meeting.

- Cllr Richardson welcomed three of the four newly retired councillors to the meeting. Norman Smith, Chris Hughes and Sue Price. Val Boycott was unable to attend the meeting.

It had been a funny year, the loss of four councillors at the recent elections. I am sorry to see the councillors go. I welcome the newly retired councillors to the meeting and thank each of them for their hard work as councillors. Norman Smith has been a tower of strength especially as regards planning issues and been able to put the right words into place when discussing planning applications. Chris Hughes has worked tirelessly as the footpath officer for the council, we must have the best kept network of footpaths in the ER, he was also been instrumental in the play area being upgraded a few years ago.

We have recently helped the church with a grant towards its planned alterations.

HCSRA goes from strength to strength due to the hard work of Mike Wardell and his dedicated committee members.

In Bloom, huge thanks go to Gina Simpson and her band of helpers, making the village a wonderful place.

This year sees the revival of the Cranswick Village Show in June, which was last held over 50 years ago. The show has raised a lot of chatter and it is things like this which brings a village together.

A syndicate is interested in running Gatehouse Lake, an agreement has yet to be formulated, but things are looking up.

There had been quite a few planning applications, not all of which the parish council agree with.

The garden allotments are doing well and the Carbon Capture Scheme looks to be going ahead, this will bring revenue into the parish council.

Stephen G Richardson, (Chairman) May 2015

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The following reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

### **ANNUAL REPORT HUTTON CRANSWICK IN BLOOM MAY 2014 - APRIL 2015**

In **May 2014** "Way of the Roses" bike sculptures were given a make-over and donated sunflower seeds were sown by youngsters at Playgroup, Rainbows, Beavers & Cubs, the theme for the year being "Growing for Gold", in recognition of 50 years of the RHS Britain in Bloom Competition. Later in the month seedlings were planted out both at School and Playgroup and also adjacent to Hutton Cranswick Fisheries.

Topics for the Village Garden & Photographic competitions were announced as "Growing for Gold" and "A Golden Celebration". Complimentary YIB Spring Judging comments were received.

**June 2014** saw the bike sculptures decorated with large yellow bows & ribbons to celebrate both the Tour de France Grand Depart and also the RHS golden theme. The replica train on the Station platform was restored to its former glory (after vandalism in April) with new wheels and a coat of paint.

"Rainbows" planted up the "Ladybirds" outside school and "Brownies" planted containers both outside Spar shop and on Cranswick Green.

New, painted, animal feed troughs were sited on the corner of Hotham Road and Main Street to replace the old wooden ones.

Volunteers from the Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership assisted VIB members to cut back an overgrown hedge bordering the Station Car Park.

Decaying wooden barrels on Hutton Green were demolished and a new bed for sustainable planting was dug, with the assistance of workmen from Alan Redmond Builders.

**July 2014** saw Schoolchildren designing posters to publicise Summer Judging on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Special categories included in Summer Judging were James White Butchers, Paul Harrison Cars, Manor Farm Shop and Southlands Residential Home.

Lifestyle group "The Spartans" undertook a litter pick on Cranswick Green and then brushed down and washed containers and troughs near the Pond.

Results of the Village Summer competitions were announced.

**During the summer holidays** the Lifestyle group "Paws 'n' Claws" spent time raising money in various ways for In Bloom projects.

**September 2014.** On September 16<sup>th</sup> Hutton Cranswick VIB representatives attended the YIB Awards Ceremony at York Racecourse, receiving a Gold Rose Award and 2 Certificates of Achievement – for the WW1 Memorial bed at the Station and for the cycle displays to celebrate the Grand Depart.

James White & Paul Harrison Cars were each awarded a Silver Gilt Rose Award, and the latter was voted Best in Category. Manor Farm Shop & Southlands Residential Home gained a Silver Gilt Award. During a break in the Award proceedings Lynn Hall and Gina Simpson were interviewed live on the Radio Humberside Phil White Show.

A much appreciated cheque for £400 was presented to the group by the "Paws 'n' Claws" Lifestyle team.

**October 2014.** 50 kgs of King Alfred daffodils donated by Garden Club were planted in various areas of Cranswick Green. Sadly, vandals destroyed the wooden "Ladybird" planters outside school which had been planted year by year by school pupils and Rainbows. A large quantity of bulbs is purchased by the group for various beds/areas – these include muscari, chionodoxa, camassia and tulips.

**November 2014.** Following a group decision at its September meeting, barrels and troughs adjacent to the Pond were emptied and removed – perennial plants and bulbs were transferred to the newly dug bed alongside the Pond wall. Criteria for Village Spring Competitions were announced as "Brightest and Best – My Garden in Spring", and "Visitors in my Garden" (Photographic competition)

**January 2015.** Entries both for the Village (category 1C) and special categories James the Butcher, Paul Harrison Cars and Southlands Residential Home were submitted to YIB, and this year the village included a new entrant – Hutton Cranswick Playgroup – which will compete in the Young Persons category.

**February 2015.** Pupils and parents reported to school during the half term holiday to carry out a general tidy up around the school and its grounds.

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along the line of the fences. If this secondary hedge is then neglected it can in time lead to the footpaths being enclosed in a green tunnel, effectively negating one of the main reasons for their existence; access to open spaces.

During the past year the main addition to the footpath network has been the construction of a bridge on F.P. 14. Situated some halfway between the junction of F.P.14 and F.P. 15 (Monks Walk) and the exit of F.P. 14 at Hobman Lane, this bridge in conjunction with the improvements effected by the E.R.Y.C. in 2013 has increased the usage of this section of F.P 14 by an estimated 100%. Hopefully when the work list for the winter 2015/16 is completed this section of F.P 14 should finally have been brought up to a standard comparable with the rest of the network.

Regrettably improved usability of the footpaths coupled with an increasing village population is leading to an increase in the general wear and tear on the surface of same. This in turn is necessitating an annual increase in the requirement for “infill”. Unfortunately this is a situation that one can only visualise multiplying given the anticipated increase in the size of the village. This increase in the physical size of the village may also lead to the loss of some 20% of the footpath network as many of the designated footpaths cross land allocated for development and will disappear as it is built upon. The end result of this escalation is that there will be fewer footpaths situated in open country. Now may be the time to approach the E.R.Y.C. regarding this matter.

The condition of the eastern end of Sheepman Lane and Eddlemire Lane are, at this time of the year usually a bone of contention; strangely enough this year is an exception in that both are in an acceptable condition, at least as regard to the hedges. However it is notable that Sheepman Lane is getting increasingly worse with regard to dips and hollows which turn into impassable “mud holes” in the winter. Whilst a valuable part of the footpath network Sheepman Lane is not a designated footpath and as an un-metalled highway is the direct responsibility of the Highway Department of E.R.Y.C., as such one anticipates that nothing will be done in such straitened times. It is also noted that the condition of F.P. 1 as it passes through the ground of the White Horse public house increasingly resembles Grimpen Mire. This matter has however been put in the hands of contractor T Eling by the Parish Council and hopefully will be rectified before the winter.

Chris Hughes

28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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## **5 Open Forum and Questions**

There being no members of the public present the councillors discussed ways in which to engage and consult with the community and also how to encourage villagers to stand for elections.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.20 pm.