

Hutton Cranswick Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the W.I Hall, Main Street, Cranswick on Wednesday, 25th May, 2022 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: Ten Parish Councillors: Alderton, Holtby, Kelly, Poolford, Richardson, Sibley-Calder, Mrs Simpson, Swan, Teare, Wilkinson. Ward Councillor: Evison. **Parishioners:** One

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

AP22/001 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 26th May, 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

AP22/002 Parish Council's Chairman's Report – 2021-22

Councillor Richardson was pleased to report that face to face meetings re-commenced a year ago. However, the Council recognise the need to be fully aware of and promote current LIVING WITH COVID-19 guidance.

Thanks to Andrew Wilson for all his hard work, Andrew left the Council, he had plans to move away from the Village. A warm welcome to Lynda Ingham who joined as a new Councillor

There was the sad loss of Paul Lisseter. Paul had been a Parish Councillor and was a Ward Councillor at the time of his passing, he was very active in supporting and promoting village activities and assisting in resolving issues for the Council.

Charlie Dewhirst was our new Ward Councillor.

The Council remained keen to listen to views from residents with the opportunity to tell us what you think at each parish council meeting. The Bulletin continued getting news to all households.

Congratulations again to Gina and the In Bloom group and local business for keeping Hutton Cranswick in the news. Yorkshire in Bloom Covid Resilience Awards framed certificates. In all, five Certificates of Excellence were received and covered the Spar Shop, The White Horse, and 3 village locations - the Station (Wheels of Fortune), the Village Green (Yorkshire in Springtime) and Centenary Wood (Kind to Nature). Gina will give a comprehensive report later in the meeting

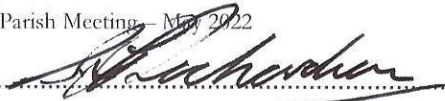
The Council continued to support local groups with awarding grants to the Bulletin, In-Bloom, Sports and Recreation (SRA) and the Have a Go Night at the recreation ground.

There had been considerable investment at Gatehouse Lake with the creation of a perimeter footpath and commissioning a tree survey and management report and undertaking the work recommended. Also, there was improvements to the way management of the level of water in the dipping pond was managed.

The Angling Club continued to work hard to control invasive weed. The Lake was well maintained with the result of fish stock survey confirming the stock was in excellent condition.

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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 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.

Thankfully activities resumed at the SRA, following COVID restrictions, with congratulations to all involved in the successful Have a Go' Event. A 10k race to raise funds was planned for July.

The Phase 2 of the Play Area Improvements Project was completed. The park was proving to be a very popular.

Thanks to all those for their time and hard work in giving everyone the chance to celebrate another the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Lots of events to include: -

Beacon Bonfire at the SRA built by the Scouts

Entertainment at the SRA prior to the lighting of the Bonfire

Best dressed street competition

Memorabilia exhibition at St Peter's Church

Souvenir edition of the Bulletin – all welcome to contribute

Keepsake mugs for schoolchildren of primary school age

Platinum Jubilee Walk

Open afternoon at the Bowls Club

Parade and Churches Together service on the Green

Big Jubilee Picnic on the Green

The Council had promoted involvement in the consultation on the Review of the East Riding Plan

The site of the former Church Rooms was registered as part of the Green.

Defibrillators located at The White Horse and the SRA registered on a national database, The Circuit. The National Defibrillator Network was supported by the British Heart Foundation, St John Ambulance, Resuscitation Council UK and the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives. Cllr Sibley- Calder lead on the management of the defibrillators.

Scouts held an event on the Green celebrating the birthday of Scouting.

New picnic bench on the Green

Christmas tree well decorated/lighting looked well again and enjoyed by many.

The Parish Council signed up to ERYC Town and Parish Council Charter

The footpath across the Green (School to Main Street/Hotham Road) had been repaired, making a safer route for schoolchildren and their parents.

Continued to work to combat less responsible drivers. Traffic speed surveys carried out on Hutton Road and Station Road. Residents still keen in supporting Community Speed Watch initiative to help raise awareness and reduce the speeding through the Village.

The Village flag kept flying for events throughout the year.

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 – controversial application to build 151 new houses off Hobman Lane

Irresponsible dog owners allowing dog fouling

Traffic congestion.

Poor condition of roads and footpaths

Flooding issues down Howl Lane/Southgate

Irresponsible drivers causing damage to The Green and roadside verges

Some drivers speeding in and around the village.

AP22/003 Councillors' Reports: - Hutton Cranswick in Bloom

Councillor Mrs Gina Simpson, Chair of Hutton Cranswick in Bloom reported the following: -

2021 proved to be another somewhat challenging year for our supporters, as the influence of the Covid pandemic prevented group planting and maintenance activities to a significant degree, but thankfully, the group continued village duties to a large extent.

The group heard at the commencement of the year that for the second year running, Yorkshire in Bloom was not going ahead with the annual “face to face” judging, but a different scenario proved to be quite successful. Following Government guidance, Yorkshire in Bloom instituted a different type of competition with “Best of Yorkshire” awards – an on-line digital activity requiring no face-to-face contact, but producing a record of what had been achieved in various sectors to provide tangible evidence of resilience to the effects of the Covid pandemic.

The competition was based around the three main pillars of bloom – horticulture, environment and community and entry were free. With 11 categories to choose from, the group was invited to put forward five of the best examples within the village, with each submission having written evidence of not more than 100 words and accompanied by up to three photographs of limited size – entries had to be submitted by the 12th September. After some discussion, it was decided to produce 2 entries for the “Heart of the Community” (featuring the SPAR convenience store and The White Horse, 1 entry for “Wheels of Fortune” featuring the Station and Yorkshire rose planting on the “Way of the Roses” national cycle route. The group also submitted copy and photographs showing “Yorkshire in Springtime” – specifically Centenary Wood and the Village Green. Centenary Wood also featured in our entry for the “Kind to Nature Wildlife Project”, featuring the bird boxes/feeders and bug hotels currently maintaining a flourishing wildlife population.

All the entries had qualified for a Certificate of Recognition and managed to get good coverage (copy and photographs) in the local newspaper (Driffield and Wolds Weekly).

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At present, this year, a similar competition was to be organised by Yorkshire in Bloom, together with (if possible), a more standard face to face judging scenario in the Summer, although no Spring competition is planned.

Back at the end of March, 2021 – thanks to Sonia Butler and supporters, the group did manage to get a number of enthusiasts together in Centenary Wood to dig up and divide clumps of snowdrops, which again provided local valuable publicity.

Individuals continued to work on planting/maintenance throughout the village, but unfortunately several long-term members had chosen to resign. Several new residents came forward to assist, specifically at the Station, but also in other village locations: during the Spring the replica train was re-painted. A resident, with connections to a local railway charity, offered wooden train wagons (as planters) and made an attractive addition to the Station. At the same time, the Farm Shop donated 3 dozen well-established red geraniums for village use, most of which went to enhancing the planters outside the Methodist Chapel and outside St Peter's Church in Hutton.

In May, a village-wide car boot/driveway sale was held and supporters raised funds for VIB through, selling surplus plants/bird boxes/bird feeders.

Outdoor meetings were held in June, July and September and participated successfully in a Coffee Morning/Plant Sale at the Bowls Club at the end of September, raising over £100 in the process. This was important, not only from the fund-raising point of view, but also to raise awareness in the Village as a whole, of the group's activities resulting in some valuable media publicity from this event.

Each month, the group features in The Bulletin and an In Bloom report goes to the Parish Council for its monthly meetings, in order to keep the activities of the group in the public eye. Sadly, due to the decrease in active members, some planting and maintenance has had to be curtailed, specifically the Car Park surround at SRA, but other permanent areas are being developed – the junction of Mill Street and Church Lane in Hutton and four containers at the top end of Hutton Road.

The group had not held photographic or other competitions this past year, but if the Village Show goes ahead, this would be considered. Financially, the group was in a healthy position and an annual grant from the Parish Council was much appreciated. The group was liaising with the Parish Council and other village groups as to possible events/activities, in connection with the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

The group-maintained links with YCCRP (Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership) and had a presence at two get-togethers of this organisation at Bridlington during the year. The Partnership had some ideas as to participation by local Stations, in some form or another around the time of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event in early June – possibly bunting/planting in appropriate colours, etc. Help was offered back in the Autumn with fence painting at the Station, but no definite offer, as yet, had been received.

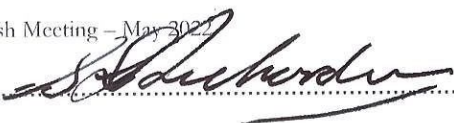
Although not specifically an "In Bloom" responsibility, back in the Summer an approach was made to our group by Ray Goulder, a Fellow of Hull University, asking for information as to aquatic planting at the village pond, as this is his specific interest. Information was sent through and Mr Goulder presented a most interesting article for publication in The Bulletin. He was most impressed with the aquatic planting/wildlife and the lack of pollution.

A number of perennials (in pots) were still available from some cuttings/young plants, donated by Sue Jackson back in the Summer, and it was hoped to host a Spring plant sale or to distribute these in due course to supporters for planting in various public areas.

Northern Railway had been reminded about its promise to provide support to repaint the wooden fencing at the Station. Northern Railway in partnership with an established group of young volunteers was to provide practical

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help at Stations. The timing for supporting Hutton Cranswick was to be confirmed. Ideas to recognise the Queens Platinum Jubilee at stations were being explored.

At the AGM, the current officers were re-elected unopposed. The latest Statement of Accounts reflected a healthy position. Bank charges had been introduced by the current provider. Consideration was being given to join the local Credit Union. The Ordinary Meeting focussed on; workload as some members had left the team; a suggestion to follow a red/white and blue theme (with annual plants) in certain areas, particularly at the Station, where it was also hoped to display bunting to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. Residents would be encouraged to follow the planting theme.

Entries for the main Yorkshire in Bloom competition was 31st March, 2022. There was only summer judging this year, between 2nd and 17th July, 2022. Focus was to be on sustainable planting and pollinator friends.

The 21st August, 2022 was the closing date for entries for the on-line "Best of Yorkshire" competition. Details would be circulated to various commercial enterprises, volunteer groups and the Primary School.

There was concern about litter in the village.

The group was exploring an idea for appropriate tree planting down Hutton Balk and that grassed areas sown with bulbs and wild flowers should not be mown as regularly.

The Group had entered the main "Yorkshire in Bloom" competition under Category C1 – Large Village. The judging criteria was listed as "Horticultural Achievement", "Environmental Responsibility" and "Community Participation". There was no Spring competition in 2022.

An invitation to enter the separate YIB "Best of Yorkshire 2022" competition was to be extended to any village group, business or private individual. This had been publicised in the Bulletin and the local newspaper. There was an entry fee of £25, with entries having to be submitted on line by 21st August, 2022. More information was available at www.yorkshireinbloom.co.uk/bestofyorkshire2022. Information had been sent to the school.

Two new volunteers had joined the Group. A plant sale was to be held at the Bowls Club coffee morning on 12th April. Major work was to be carried out at the SRA in due course.

AP22/004 Open Forum and Questions - There were no questions raised.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.06 pm.