

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held on Thursday, 15 April 2021 at 7.00 pm remotely by Zoom

Present: Councillors Clark (SC – in the Chair), Haynes (CH), Emmison (BE), Gregory (JG), Smith (MS), Dexter (GD) and Councillor D. Sykes (DS – Pocklington Provincial).

Apologies: Received from Councillors Appleton, Wilkinson-Mudd and Robinson.

Declaration of Interests on any item to be discussed: None.

Minutes: approval of the last Annual Parish meeting held on Thursday, 18 April 2019, proposed by CH, seconded by GD and carried. (*APM in 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic*).

Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman: SC welcomed everyone to the meeting, and gave a resume of the works of the PC since the last APM.

Postponing Council meetings after March 2020 – On Government advice all council meetings, including inviting members of the public had to be cancelled. The PC had to devolve decision making to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairman, although parish councillors were consulted. Remote meetings then commenced in July and will continue until the 6 May 2021. After then meetings will probably be face to face in the Village Hall.

Precept – has remained the same for the last two years.

Neighbourhood Development Plan – was submitted to ER in February 2020 for consideration. They have only just responded after the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted, so it is on-going at the moment.

Bus Shelters – bench seats installed inside the wood shelters + notice boards.

Fibre Broadband in the village – project organised by Teresa Bovingdon with Open Reach to install fibre in the village.

Village Seats – new seats installed at Keldspring Lane, Back Lane, Beck Side and Sutton Lane.

Notice Board – new notice board installed in Sutton Lane.

Grit Bin – new bin installed outside the Village Hall.

Telephone Kiosk/Library – has been refurbished which has improved the library. Now open.

Tree pruning – trees have been pruned in Main Street, and Beck Side. Further pruning of willow trees and two other trees in Main Street in the autumn. PC also organised tree pruning at the Sutton Lane junction.

Gritting footpaths during the snow and icy weather – PC organised gritting the footpaths each winter.

Dropped kerbs – installed at Manor Garth, Back Lane and, Briarsfield. At the Sutton Lane cul-de-sac junction, dropped kerbs to be installed in May.

Briarsfield – arranged for the erection of bollards to stop parking on the grass verges. Presently looking into improving the parking problems for residents.

Manor Garth snicket to Coach House Garth – PC to put gravel down to improve the path.

Hall Spout – footpath at the bottom of Hall Spout has been improved and widened.

Footpaths – requested footpath from Mohair Farm/Alder Carr House to Sutton Lane which was refused. However footpaths from Sutton Lane to Hodsow Lane have been sided out and widened.

Village Beck – the condition of the water has been checked by Yorkshire Water and confirmed to be in excellent condition. The PC continue to maintain the beck in the Village Green area.

Lighting Columns – new column erected near The Rowans in Main Street. New column to be erected at the bus stop near The Thai Restaurant in the near future.

St. Catherine's Church – cremated remains area to be upgraded, PC to give a £3500 grant. Presently the Church Warden is trying to contact the families which is causing problems as no records. BE, CH are representing the PC.

New road name at Beck Side – “Green Side”, narrow road near Brindley Croft.

House numbers – confusion in Beck Side and Main Street for delivery drivers. ERYC are looking into solving the problem.

Pot Holes – continue to be reported and repaired, please report to the Parish Council or ERYC (online).

Play Park – two new seats and new equipment have been installed, also safety surfacing has been jet washed. A plaque “Airfields of British Conservation Trust” to commemorate WW1 landing strip near Lottings Lane, has been put on the side of Arch House.

Parish Newsletter – PC continue sponsor and to include an update in the Parish Magazine.

Litter problem – at the Service Area, PC liaising with Pocklington TC and ERYC.

Traffic and parking near the School – traffic order authorised to stop parking outside the school gates. PC looked into laying tarmac on the damaged grass verge near Holborn Estate, but this was not affordable. Now liaising with Highways to repair the grass verges and manhole cover. Told this will be considered in the new financial year (from this April).

Bridge over the village beck at Beck Side – again waiting for Highways to repair.

Corner of Flat Lane – waiting for Highways to install a kerb.

Community Speed Watch – has been active for 2 years with a group of trained volunteers who check the speed of vehicles travelling through the village in Main Street and also Sutton Lane. However, new volunteers are needed in Sutton Lane. BE confirmed there are a few volunteers waiting to be trained.

Speeding through the village – a great concern in the parish. The ERYC Traffic & Management Team organised a survey, presently we are waiting for the results.

Highways Taskforce walkabout on 29 June – please contact a member of the parish council if there are Highways issues near you which need attention in the village.

Covid-19 Pandemic – to thank Lauren Gibson and her volunteers for all they did to support vulnerable people in the parish during the pandemic. The PC obtained a grant towards Lauren's expenses.

Food bank – the PC and the Village Hall committee liaised with East Riding Food Poverty Alliance to offer emergency food support. This ended in April 2021.

Village Celebration – hope this can be organised once the situation allows during the summer with the Boot & Slipper, Community Group and the PC.

Report from Pocklington Provincial Councillor D Sykes:

Proposed development of a village at The Balk, Pocklington – proposal of over 400 homes, with an old people's home, allotments, store, skate park and playground on unallocated land for development was approved by Planning. However this has gone to appeal. Main concern is the overdevelopment of Pocklington especially the road system, although a roundabout is proposed at the end of The Balk. The surgery is at capacity and ERYC are constantly reviewing the intake of children at the local schools. DS will update once the appeal in London has been completed.

Devolution – Westminster has given permission to move forward with the process, when the first Mayoral elections will take place in 2023. It is expected that from May to July 2021 there will be a 6 week consultation period when local people and councils will be consulted. Forming the two authorities of ERYC with Hull CC is the way to go forward when more funding will be available.

Coronavirus (Covid-19) – DC confirmed that the East Riding is one of the lowest areas in England with 36 new cases this week out of 100,000 people.

Solar Farm – DC mentioned there is a proposal for a solar farm in the Allerthorpe/Waplinton/Thornton/Melbourne area.

Questions: No members of the public attended the meeting to ask questions.

Thank you – CH proposed to the meeting to thank the clerk working during the Pandemic, members agreed.

Members: asked if at the next meeting the following can be put on the agenda: footpaths in the village (this could be put on the Agenda for the Streetscene walkabout), Community Speed Watch, Beck water which is muddy and the Play Park.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.37 pm.

