

## Hutton Cranswick Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held in the W.I Hall, Main Street, Cranswick  
on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 at 6.45 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:** Twelve Parish Councillors: Alderton, Kelly, Lock, Poolford, Mills, Richardson, Mrs Simpson, Swan, Teare, Thompson, Wilkinson, Wilson. Three Ward Councillors: Mrs Evison, Lisseter and Owen.

**Parishioners:** Three

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

**AP19/1 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018** were agreed as a True record and signed by the Chairman.

**AP19/2 Parish Council's Chairman's Report – 2018-19**

The In Bloom Team did the Village proud again and in recognition of delivering at a consistent high standard and promoting the Yorkshire In Bloom was awarded a Yorkshire Rose Discretionary Small Community Award. The Team also received a Certificate of Excellence at the 2018 ACoRP Community Rail Awards.

The Heritage photo display on show in the Hutton phone box was a success as was the Yarnbomb project on the Station.

The Council continued its support of Village activities by awarding grants to the Bulletin, In Bloom, SRA, a contribution to the Bowls Club for a short bowl bowling mat, the School website, the Village Show and the Twilight Bus Service.

The Council signed a thirty-year lease with the Gatehouse Lake Angling Club. A new stock of fish is now in the Lake. The Club held a n Open Day which proved a success.

The farming and garden allotments continued to be well managed.

A Tree survey report to manage trees in the Centenary Wood was commissioned and appropriate maintenance work undertaken.

The SRA continued its success in hosting events and sporting activities. A 'Have a Go Night' proved successful and will be repeated next year. A planning application has been approved for the erection of extension to existing sports hall and changing facility to provide a new sports hall and associated toilets, store and meeting room. The hard work of raising funds now begins.

The pond has been cleared of weed. The Council entered into a three-year insurance policy. A bench seat 'Commemorating 100 Years' to commemorate the end of the First World War was installed on The Green.

A tree survey report to manage the trees on the Green work commissioned. The Green lost a large horse chestnut tree due rot.

An Advent Event on the Green in December proved successful. The provision of a village Christmas tree

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proved popular.

Yorkshire Water provided replacement pumps at the pumping station

An affordable housing development was completed on the old Twin Towns site newly named Dukes Close

The Council considered 48 Planning Applications, the New Permission in Principle Planning Process – reduced consultation from 21 days to 14 days

The Council is producing a Community led Parish Plan.

There was no rise in the Parish Council Precept

The Council carried out its financial roles to the satisfaction of internal and external audit

There are still a number of challenges, Challenges:

Irresponsible dog owners allowing dog fouling

Flooding issues down Howl Lane

Damage caused to verges

Poor condition of roads and footpaths

Traffic congestion

Stephen G Richardson, (Chairman) May, 2019.

### **AP19/3 Councillors' Reports:**

#### **(a) Hutton Cranswick In Bloom Annual Report**

Yorkshire in Bloom: The colour theme for the village in 2018 was purple, white and green – reflecting the colours of the Suffragette Movement which was celebrating its Centenary year, and appropriate signs were placed around the village to this effect.

The Yorkshire in Bloom judging tour by Steve Bumby and Max Nelson, both from West Yorkshire, took place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 4.15 p.m., and incorporated a morning tour of our Special Category entries – Childminders' Allotment (SRA), Playgroup, Primary School, James the Butcher, Hutton Cranswick Fisheries and Paul Harrison Car Sales. After an hour for light refreshments at the SRA Clubhouse the afternoon comprised a Village Tour (1.5 hrs) and ended with a visit to Special Category The Farm Shop at Cranswick.

The Awards Ceremony took place at York Racecourse on September 11<sup>th</sup>, running from 9.30 a.m. onwards until the conclusion at 3.30 p.m., and incorporating a break for lunch.

Those attending were delighted that The Village entry had been allocated a Gold Rose Award in the Large Village Category (up to 2000 on the electoral roll) for the 8<sup>th</sup> year running, also receiving a Judges' Discretionary Award for the Best Small Community.

ACoRP Competition: In 2018 the Station was entered for the ACoRP competition in both the "It's Your Station" and "Small Project" categories. Entry into these ACoRP competitions have been regular since 2009, then in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2016 with some success in the past. After submitting comprehensive written and photographic entries in the two separate categories the submission was shortlisted nationally in the "It's Your Station" category and were visited by a Judge/Photographer in August. Two representatives from the village attended the 14<sup>th</sup> National Community Rail Awards in Glasgow in October, which comprised a Dinner & Awards Ceremony at the Doubletree by Hilton on the 4<sup>th</sup> October and a Community Rail Tour of the Borders on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. The Team was pleased to be awarded a SILVER Award in the highly competitive "It's Your Station" category, - 27 Stations nationally were shortlisted for this award- and over 180 entries had been received overall. As Chair, I would like to record thanks for the sponsorship of both travel and accommodation provided by the Parish Council and Northern Railway to enable two representatives to attend this gathering.

One special development at the Station in 2018 was the "Poppy Yarnbomb" - a scheme devised by one of the members to commemorate the Centenary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918. Over a period of four

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months (July/August/September and October) the Station was adorned with ever-increasing displays of hand knitted and crocheted poppies to raise awareness of the sacrifices of our troops in wartime, some of whom left their villages by train to join their regiments, and many of whom never lived to return to their homes. There was tremendous support for this scheme, and contributions were received from local groups and individuals of all ages – it also generated a certain degree of visitor activity and excellent publicity ... visitors from other parts of Yorkshire who had heard of the “Yarnbomb” and who came in person to view the magnificent display which was co-ordinated by the originator of the idea and her neighbours. The display was in place until the weekend after Armistice Day in November, and afterwards there was the opportunity to acquire some of the poppies from the display in return for a donation to the Royal British Legion, which raised the sum of £75.

**Fund raising:** In addition to the much-appreciated annual precept from the Parish Council, the group was also supported by donations from Village Whist Drives (£60), our stall at the Village Show on July 29<sup>th</sup> (£90.40 from general sale items and £118.70 from a highly successful tombola), garage sale items £62, a £50 donation from SPAR shop, and £119.50 from the Teddybola at the village Christmas Fair on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The group also benefited from discounted prices at Cranswick Garden Centre, plus the opportunity to use their Conservatory for monthly meetings free of charge. Sue Jackson took over as Treasurer from Geoff Moore, who has undertaken this task most efficiently for many years, and to whom a great debt of thanks is owed.

**Meetings:** The group has met regularly at the Garden Centre, usually during the afternoon of the first Tuesday of the month.

**Community input:** Scouts built a number of bird boxes for Centenary Wood and Guides in small groups provided litter picks weekly during the period of light evenings.

Community Rail volunteers and local residents gave time and effort to help re-paint a considerable extent of wooden fencing bordering the platforms at the Station, together with the white stone kerbing to the garden areas. All wooden containers were re-painted and refurbished prior to summer judging.

The Hutton telephone box adopted by the Parish Council in 2017 underwent part of its make-over with the installation of two aluminium heritage photographic panels, paid for by the Parish Council. An appeal in the Village Bulletin resulted in the donation of a large quantity of old village photographs which were carefully sorted into displays most suitable for the phone box. There is support from the Parish Council for the replacement of the phone box glass panels and Telephone Box signs, and the “In Bloom” group is currently seeking volunteers who can undertake this task.

During the Spring the Parish Council agreed to purchase and display on both Cranswick and Hutton Green areas two Ascot Memorial plaques to celebrate the village’s Gold Award in Britain in Bloom in 2017, and Northern Rail kindly sponsored a plaque for the Station.

Representatives assisted Northern Railway with their Halloween Event at Paragon Station and with the Santa Special train on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Visits/trips:** In March, 2018 the group hosted a visit to the village by a team of six from Hunmanby in Bloom: initially they were entertained at the Station, as the on-going development of their own Station is of prime concern to them; they then enjoyed a tour of the entire village. A return trip by four of our group was made on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and we excellent hospitality was enjoyed throughout the visit.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July a very pleasant trip on Drifffield Canal from North Frodingham landing to Bethells Bridge was undertaken by 14 group members.

**Village competitions:** In Spring a Photographic Competition themed around “Spring is in the Air” was won by Gina Simpson, with Sue Moody as Highly Commended. The Garden Competition for a “Golden Spring Container” was won by Sarah Fetches of Orchard Lane, with Wendy Wright of 19 Southgate as Highly Commended.

In Summer the Photographic Competition “Plants for Wildlife” was won by Francis Bell with Richard Alderton as Highly Commended, and the Garden “Doorstep Challenge” was won by “Southlands Residential Home” with an excellent “Suffragette Scarecrow”, with No. 2 St Peter’s Close as Highly Commended.

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Gina Simpson - Chair, Hutton Cranswick in Bloom – January 2019

Yorkshire in Bloom 2019:

The Village has been entered for Yorkshire in Bloom 2019 in the Large Village category, and additionally 3 Businesses – James White Family Butcher, Hutton Cranswick Fisheries and Paul Harrison Cars have entered in their respective categories (Small Business Cat B1), along with Hutton Cranswick Playgroup and Hutton Cranswick Community Primary School Garden Club which have entered for the Young People's Award. Judging will take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July, but as yet no details of Judges or dates are known. YIB Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at York Race Course.

Bank Requirements:

With a new Treasurer in the Autumn of 2018, there was need to change signatories for the Bank Account, although the group had been in existence for around 25 years, the Banking authorities suddenly demanded that the organisation should adopt a Constitution and hold a formal Annual General Meeting. Thus, we produced and formally agreed a Constitution and held our first AGM in February of 2019.

Village Show/Fundraising:

The group will run a fund-raising double stall at the Village Show on July 28<sup>th</sup> and will run and judge a decorated Flowerpot Competition at the Show.

Support was received from both by the Parish Council and village organisations with donations from Williamsfield Developments, the W.I. (Whist Drive profits), The White Horse and the Foresters Friendly Society. It is intended to use the donated monies to purchase larger, more eye-catching containers for the forthcoming season. An offer of planting support from the village Rainbows has been received.

Meetings:

These have continued on a regular monthly basis, and delighted to report that membership is, largely newcomers moving to the village.

Spring Village Competitions:

The Spring Photographic Competition for 2019 has been won by Richard Alderton, with Monica McGregor as Highly Commended. The Spring Garden Competition (for planting in a re-cycled container) will be judged shortly.

Station/Northern Rail:

Considerable work in connection with new lighting and new shelters has been going on at the Station in March/April; there is no news yet re the installation of the Rail Ticket Machines. Two VIB members will be travelling to Manchester Piccadilly Station in May to assist Community Rail with a tourist promotion event.

Hutton Phone box:

A resident has volunteered to replace the existing glass work but there may be delay before this can be confirmed. If confirmed an application to the Parish Council will be made for the purchase of suitable glass from a local source so that this heritage project may be completed without further delay.

Gina Simpson – Chair April 2019

### **AP19/4 Open Forum and Questions**

There were no questions raised.

### **AP19/5 Village Spring Competitions (Photographic and Garden) 2019**

Steve Richardson presented the following awards: -

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Garden Competition

Planting in a recycled container

Winner: Josie Grevette received a trophy and certificate

Highly commended: Sarah Fetches received a certificate

Photographic Competition

Spring visitors

Winner: Richard Alderton (7 spot ladybird) received a trophy and certificate

Highly commended: Monica McGregor (Spring flowers in the lawn) received a certificate

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.58 pm.