

Hutton Cranswick Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the W.I Hall, Main Street, Cranswick on Wednesday, 26th May, 2021 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: Eleven Parish Councillors: Alderton, Kelly, Lock, Poolford, Richardson, Sibley-Calder, Mrs Simpson, Swan, Teare, Thompson and Wilson. **Parishioners:** Three

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

AP21/001 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May, 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. No meeting was held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AP21/002 Parish Council's Chairman's Report – 2020-21

The last year has been an unprecedented time with everyone having to face unknown challenges of COVID-19. Everyday life and freedoms usually taken for granted were severely curtailed or restricted to tackle the pandemic. The loss of life, isolation and the lack of contact with loved ones was very tough.

The COVID-19 Community Support Group must be congratulated on the tremendous work in supporting the vulnerable and those requiring help, whenever it was required.

It was an outstanding achievement and made such a positive difference.

The Parish Council continued to hold monthly meetings. Councillors embraced the challenges of remotely held meetings, with Councillor Richard Swan making this possible through hosting the meetings via Skype.

Council business continued throughout, using resolve, patience and technology!

COVID-19, regrettably resulted in many events having to be curtailed or cancelled; In Bloom; The Village Show; VE Celebrations; Remembrance Day; The Have a Go Event; activities at SRA.

There were positives during last year, the tremendous Community Spirit, the appreciation of the outdoor space and the businesses we have here in Hutton Cranswick.

Today is the first face to face meeting for 14 months.

Despite all the restrictions there were many achievements during the year.

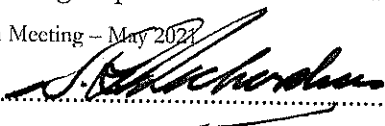
The opportunity for communication was improved by a revamped Council/Community website. The Bulletin continued to be published and delivered to all households.

A Deed of Gift for £40,000.00 was secured from JMB Solar as a Community Benefit from the Scurf Dyke Solar Farm Project. The money would be used to help pay for the proposed new footpath project, joining Station Road with the SRA.

The In Bloom group continued to maintained their respective areas in both Hutton and Cranswick.

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The Parish Council awarded grants to the Bulletin, the In Bloom group and the SRA Committee.

Gatehouse Lake remained open for all to enjoy. Some maintenance work was undertaken.

The garden and farming allotments continued to be well managed.

Some tree work was undertaken in Centenary Wood.

Some outside activities took place at the SRA.

Crime was thankfully relatively low.

Creating a new footpath across the Green making a safer route for schoolchildren and their parents.

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

Phase 1 of the Play Area Improvements Project was completed.

A Commuted Sums grant of £7848.00 was secured from ERYC to support the Project.

The Council had to remove a potentially unsafe and dangerous Horse Chestnut tree from the Green.

Two new trees, a copper beech tree and an oak tree were planted on the Green

The Village flag kept flying for events throughout the year.

Yorkshire Water replaced the sewer pipe from Hutton Cranswick Sewage Pumping Station located on Southgate.

The Village Christmas tree and lighting and the lighting on the pond and Nativity Scene made a cheerful December for what had been a very difficult year.

The Advent Event on the Green in December again proved successful.

The Council continued with the production of the Community led Parish Plan.

The Council, in recognising the possible financial pressures on residents, decided not to increase the parish council part of the precept.

There were still many challenges, some new, others that never seem to go away.

The continued threat posed by the COVID -19 pandemic.

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

Irresponsible dog owners allowing dog fouling.

Traffic congestion.

Poor condition of roads and footpaths.

Flooding issues down Howl Lane/Southgate.

Some drivers causing damage to The Green and roadside verges.

Some drivers speeding in and around the village.

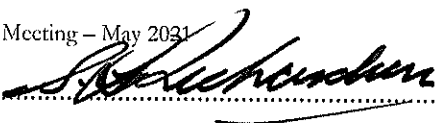
AP21/003 Councillors' Reports: - Hutton Cranswick In Bloom

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

Despite the difficult situation with Covid 19 restrictions, the work of the Village in Bloom team had continued with maintenance of ground beds and containers and new plantings, where necessary.

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There was a number of changes to membership of the group, some had left due to ill health whilst others, new to the village, had joined the group.

Judging was suspended for 2020 because of Covid 19 restrictions. However, the group had already decided to take a year out to concentrate on creating new ground beds and updating the planting to a more perennial display.

The group was contacted by Yorkshire in Bloom (RHS) to consider ideas on how judging could take place in July 2021, in the light of the then existing Covid restrictions. It was hoped that judging could go ahead. However, in the event it proved too difficult for the RHS to make suitable arrangements a new award was envisaged, the Best of Yorkshire Covid Resilience Awards, which was to be judged digitally. The categories being:

Yorkshire in Springtime - for the best spring displays (seasonal or sustainable) from March to May.

Yorkshire in Summertime – for the most impressive summer floral or sustainable displays May to September – these could be wildflower meadows.

By heck that's good – for the best floral feature i.e., the most traditional carpet bedded feature or themed garden display. Examples could depict the heritage of the area or be a themed display.

Kind to nature wildlife project – could be a small wildlife friendly garden or well-managed nature reserve, village pond or riverbank.

Saving the planet – for good examples of resource management, recycling projects or tree planting initiatives

Clap for the community – awarded to the volunteer or team of volunteers who had kept going through the pandemic and had helped their community get through the past year (not necessarily florally, but could be for things like organising foodbanks, looking after the elderly or keeping spirits up within their area

Community litter heroes – for the individual or group who had continued to keep their community clean.

Wheels of fortune – to celebrate local transport centres i.e., a floral bus stop or a heritage railway station.

Heart of the community – for businesses who had supported their community by whatever means, i.e., delivering meals, donating face masks or helping NHS staff with discounts or free materials.

Young bloomers – for any project or activity showing the resilience of young people. Could include youth groups, schools or individuals.

The group put forward up to five of its best examples. Entries needed to be with the RHS by 12th September 2021. In the May Bulletin the group asked residents for suggestions. The suggestions received to date are:

Yorkshire in Springtime: (a) Centenary Wood in spring and (b) Centenary Wood project - transplanting the snowdrops was a community effort.

Kind to nature wildlife project: Centenary Wood as a haven for wildlife – bug hotels, bird feeding, log piles.

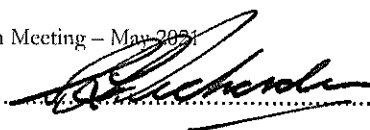
Heart of the Community: Spar shop – the manager and staff had worked hard to make the Covid restrictions work in the shop and had been unfailingly helpful in trying to meet residents' needs.

AP21/004 Open Forum and Questions - There were no questions raised.

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

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