

Hagworthingham Annual Parish Meeting

**Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in JJ's Cafe on
Monday 9 April 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Attendance: With Cllr Mr Edward Done in the Chair there were present, four Parish Councillors, Clerk, Mrs Susan Archibald, Cllr Will Grover, ELDC and 8 members of the public

The Chairman declared the meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 8 May 2017

It was proposed, seconded and:-

RESOLVED – That the notes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 8 May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

2. Reports of the Chairman and the Clerk and RFO covering the activities of the Parish Council, District, County Councillors and the Police, followed by any questions

The Chairman presented his report of the Parish Council's activities over the last year, summarised as follows:-

The Parish Council meets every six weeks on a Monday in JJ's Café at 7.00 or 7.30pm. Open Forum takes up the first 15 minutes of the meeting, allowing members of the Parish to have their say on matters of concern or make relevant observations.

20 Planning Applications were considered during the year, with recommendations made to the Local Planning Authority.

It was decided once again not to enter Best Kept Village due to weather conditions and development works in the village.

Pot holes and eroded roads have been discussed many times, with much effort made to address the condition of Deep Lane with LCC Highways and it is looking more positive that the problems can be solved or improved.

The grass cutting programme continues and spring flowers are coming up all over, and as the weather improves, it is hoped that all areas of the village will be tidied. And this is in conjunction with the grass cutting at the Church which receives a grant from the Parish Council towards the upkeep of the church yard.

The Reactive Speed Sign was erected for use at either end of the village and it was made possible by an individual donation and fund raising from local groups, for which we are very grateful.

The Parish Council was sorry to see Alison Evans resign due to work commitments and she and her husband, John, are thanked for all their work for the Council and the village.

Further thanks must be extended to John and Jenny for use of the café for meetings, and to our Clerk, Sue Archibald. And thanks too to members of the public for attending our meetings.

To receive a report of Parish Council finances from RFO Mrs Susan Archibald

The Council's finances continue to be healthy with current earmarked and general reserves standing at £7,768. Both grass cutting costs and Clerk's salary and expenses came in at slightly less than budgeted and the year end accounts show only a minor deficit on budget of £60.

The Council continues to cover the financial cost of amenity grass cutting, previously recovered under the Highways Grass Cutting agreement with Lincolnshire County Council. This extra expense resulted in a necessary increase in precept for 2017/18 but no increase was proposed for 2018/19 and the precept remains the same as the previous year at £4483.55. There is, however, an implication for reserves, as the grass cutting contribution to the churchyard was not precepted and the sum of £400 will be taken out of general reserves this year.

Capital reserves remain at £2,000 and, although it had been mooted that these funds might be used to provide a reactive speed device for the village, this proved unnecessary.

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signed

The next Parish elections are due to be held in May 2019 and, in the meantime, there is a casual vacancy following the recent resignation of Mrs Alison Evans. A notice of casual vacancy has been issued and, should there be no call for a by-election by April 23rd, the vacancy may be filled by co-option. Anyone with any interest is invited to contact the Clerk or any Member of the Council.

2018 will be another year of challenges for the Parish Council in meeting its statutory responsibilities, with a new Annual Governance and Accountability Return procedure and the introduction of new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Report of District Councillor Will Grover

Cllr Grover touched on the challenges faced by LCC in addressing highways issues, and potholes in particular and the recent additional funding received.

He updated the meeting of the reintroduction for one year of the ELDC Councillor Community Grant Scheme, enabling local groups to apply for up to £1,500 for local activities, and also of the Shop Front Grant Scheme.

To receive a police report

PCSO Jad Mohammed had tabled an overview of the year's incidents which were mostly transport and traffic incident related.

3. Update on the operation of SID reactive speed indicator device

The meeting was advised that the device was in use and being moved in accordance with the licence agreement. Statistics were being retrieved and collated to report to a future meeting. The plate needs adjustment at the east end of the village and it was noted in particular that speeding was a problem at school times.

4. Reports of local charities and community groups

THE DALES CHARITY

This long standing village charity is there to help people in need, men, women, or children. The three Trustees remain as Rev. Canon Peter Coates, Cllr Jan Morris-Holmes and Cllr Edmund Done. All enquiries and payments made are strictly confidential. The Charity is there to be used and hopefully make life easier. So if you think we can help you, or someone you know, Please get in touch with Fr. Peter or one of the Trustees.

FRIENDS OF HAGWORTHINGHAM

A report of monies raised recently included £100 for the Firefighter's Charity, £100 for Andy's Hospice with toys collected for the Christmas Party and also bingo, quizzes, egg hunt and a rounders match. The Village Summer Fete is on Saturday 23rd June, and a raffle is being held in aid of Asthma UK and to raise asthma awareness.

5. Open Forum

Concern was raised over condition of roadways, footpaths and hedges.