

Worlaby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th May, 2019 at Worlaby Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Barker (Chair), Cllr Bowles, Cllr Davidson, Cllr D Empson, Cllr N Empson, Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Jones & Cllr Newton.

Also Present: 5 residents and Deb Hotson – Clerk to the Council.

- To note apologies**
All members present.
- To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May, 2018.**
Resolved – minutes approved as a true and correct record.

- To receive the Chairman's Report**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 14th MAY 2019

My second year as Chair of Worlaby Parish Council has allowed me to continue to learn the intricacies of Chairing a Parish Council which, has allowed me to enjoy the position more. Again, my grateful thanks are due to our ever-efficient Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson who has guided me skilfully along the way and to all the Parish Councillors who have worked to ensure the smooth running of the village.

VILLAGE HALL

The good relations established between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee continue with several new members on the Village Hall Committee. The management agreement which covers the management of the hall and playing field seems to be working well. This agreement will form part of a new lease which is currently under discussion and a solicitor is in the process of being engaged to sort out the legalities of the lease. The Village Hall Committee has for the second year not requested or received any financial support from the Parish Council during the last twelve months. So well done to them all.

MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

It is good to see that the MUGA is being used on a regular basis by the school and a reminder that it is available for use by the residents free of charge. The new basketball backboards seem to be holding up to the rigors of the use they do get.

NEW EQUIPMENT ON THE PLAYING FIELD

The new exercise equipment on the playing field opened by Andrew Percy MP along with Cllr. Rob Waltham and Cllr. Carl Sherwood and a good attendance from Parish Councillors, the school and residents. This initially proved to be popular but I remind you that it is available for everybody to use. Perhaps the better weather will inspire villagers to get fit after the winter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Peter Jones and his team, including their new member Cllr. Stewart Davidson have continued with their work on the Neighbourhood Plan, seeking, collating and

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analysing resident's views. A specialist consultant, paid for by a government grant, was employed to advise and assist them to move the plan forward and has now been released to allow Peter to continue with writing the final plan before presenting it to the village referendum. If you are interested in joining the team please speak to Cllr Peter Jones who will be happy to tell you about what is involved.

THE GREEN TEAM

Once again, the Green Team have done sterling work, weeding, planting and creating beautiful flower displays in the new planters to keep the village looking beautiful. A special thank you goes to Cllr Richard Bowles, Cllr Peter Jones, John Thornton and their team for creating the new planters. The Green Team and children from Worlaby Academy also took part in the North Lincs Council Litter pick which improves the village enormously and helps deter people from dropping more litter.

THE HOLLOWES AND WOODLAND GLADE

It is thanks to North Lincs Council who have assisted the management team lead by Cllr Peter Jones and Cllr Richard Bowles to improve the management plan and encourage more flora and fauna to The Hollowes. The regular cutting of the more noxious plants is helping to encourage wild flower regrowth.

PLAYING FIELD HEDGE

The hedge at the East side of the Recreation ground has finally been cut down by Fountain Forestry, on behalf of Northern Power grid, and they did a good job considering it was free of charge.

Volunteers from the village then replanted approximately 200 indigenous hedge plants of which all but a few are growing well.

Many people in the village benefited from the chippings created from the brush. The path through the Woodland Glade also benefited and thanks to the Green Team it was also covered in chippings making it good to walk on.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

The removal of the Horse Chestnut trees at the end of Marky Path requested by North Lincs Council and approved by the Parish Council who followed the proper process for their removal have not been removed due to a small number of residents complaining. North Lincs. Council and the Parish Council are in the process of reviewing the situation

WEBSITE AND VILLAGE EMAIL

The new Parish Council web site is up and running including new email addresses for all Councillors

Village groups and organisations who are reminded that the information about their group on this new website needs to be kept up to date to keep the site relevant so please send notes, articles, pictures etc to Deb Hotson and she will enter them onto the site for you. Deb also operates a Village Notes e-mail service so if you have email and haven't yet given your email address to Deb please do so and she will keep you up to date with news and updates. If you don't want to give your regular email address you can set up an account on a free service such as Gmail.

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VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

As it is four years since the Parish Council was elected, on the 2nd May a new Parish Council was elected and is as you see it today. My many thanks go to those that have served for the past four years on the old regime and I personally look forward to serving for the next four years

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

I cannot conclude this report without mentioning the issue of the two planning applications recently submitted by Truelove Homes. Please be assured that the Parish Council have conveyed the wishes of the residents as expressed at the public meeting a year ago to the Planning Committee at North Lincs. I can tell you that the application for houses down Carr Lane has been withdrawn but the one for Worlaby House Farm is still to be considered by the North Lincs Planning Committee. This is not likely to be heard before the June Planning Committee meeting. When it is heard the Parish Council will be represented by five people willing to speak for five minutes each airing the views of the villagers, these will be based on sound Planning Law as laid out by our Consultant after the public meeting of last year.

IN CONCLUSION

In the interests of brevity, I have only been able in this report to cover a small selection of the activities and issues that have been addressed by your Parish Council during the last twelve months. I apologise if I have not mentioned any item which is of particular interest to you or the names of all the people who willingly help the Parish Council to carry out its responsibilities. The Parish Council is here to serve the community and look after the interests of the residents. Any councillor or preferably the Parish Clerk may be approached with any issue you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council and you are encouraged to do so otherwise we will not know about it and not be able to take any necessary action.

Thank you for listening to my annual report and if you have any comments please keep them to yourself.

4. To receive the Parish Council Accounts 2018/19

The Parish Accounts were read out by the Clerk. These will be approved at the May Parish Council meeting and be available to view on the website.

5. To receive the Neighbourhood Watch Report

A report was read out by the Clerk provided by Mrs Robinson.

Over the last year we have continued to attend the Neighbourhood Action Team meetings and to maintain links with our local Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams.

In June I attended a Regional Conference held in Hull. This highlighted to me how fortunate we are in North Lincolnshire with regard to the support given by Safer Neighbourhoods, Police and Local Authority.

In January Tim and I joined other volunteers in packing the Trade Watch information packs and attended the launch of this initiative along with our Parish Council link Councillor Fletcher.

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We also attended the Baths hall event, held to share information and thank volunteers.

I was recently invited to a meeting at Elsham where they were hoping to start a Neighbourhood Watch Group. I am pleased to say that it went very well.

We held a fourth Successful Victorian Christmas Market and my thanks go to all who helped and attended.

With the Parish Council's permission, we hope to hold this year on December 8th.

We currently have **£169 – 64** in funds.

We have little crime or anti-social behaviour in the village, if it occurs please ring the police on **101**.

6. To receive the Belayses Cook Charity Report

A report was read out by the Clerk provided by Mrs Hildyard.

Trustees:

Mrs S Webster – Co-operative Trustee - Treasurer – Co-opted 2013

Mrs P Hildyard – Nominative Trustee – Secretary - 2015 – 2019 (Appointed by the Parish Council for a 4-year term at the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.)

Mrs S Bowles – Nominative Trustee – 2015 – 2019 (Appointed by the Parish Council for a 4-year term at the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.)

Mrs K White – Co-operative Trustee – Co-opted 2013

Rev Fr Owain Mitchell – Ex officio Trustee – 2011

Throughout the year of 2018 we have been able to help 6 families in Worlaby with grants totalling £2000.00. These include help for people are in hospital who been in hospital or attending appointments and their carers without whom they could not cope.

A copy of the audited accounts for the year ended 2018 is presented with this report. More details are to be found on the Charities Commission website.

If anyone knows someone who could possibly benefit from the Charity the Trustees will be pleased to hear from them. Please do not hesitate to contact the Fr Owain, any of the Trustees directly or through the Secretary. All requests will be treated with discretion and in strict confidence. All details of the recipients of the grants are known only to the Trustees and not disclosed to any other parties.

Mrs Bowles and Mrs Hildyard both appointed by the Parish Council have reached the end of their terms of office. Mrs Hildyard does not wish to be reappointed. If there are no objections from the Parish Council, Mrs Bowles will be pleased to continue as Trustee and if reappointed will be the new Secretary. The Trustees would welcome Parish Councillor Mrs Christine Fletcher to be appointed a Trustee in place of Mrs Hildyard if the Parish Council is in agreement.

7. To receive the Village Hall Report

A report was read out by Cllr Bowles.

Over the last year, the Village Hall Committee has continued to manage the facility and have organised a variety of events for the benefit of the community.

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Some of last year's highlights include, a Big Breakfast in September which was well attended and by popular demand was repeated in March when it was also a success. The Bonfire Night was again very popular as was the November Dickensian Fayre and the Christmas Concert with the Brigg Singers in early December. The recently held May Day parade which was followed by Maypole dancing by the children from Worlaby Academy, races and tea/coffee and cakes was enjoyed by all who attended. We have also had a Bowls night weekly throughout the winter months, a quiz night monthly, again throughout the winter. Weekly Yoga classes on Thursday mornings, Coffee morning and Rock Painting on Tuesday mornings and Fitness and Street Sport on Thursday evenings. Private bookings for meetings, weddings and birthday parties for both adults and children continue to provide additional bookings. The Parish Council is aware that Fountain Hall requires some urgent repairs to the plasterwork and this matter is in hand.

We are still in the process of updating the terms of the lease in conjunction with the Parish Council to bring this document up to date and reflect current working practices.

We continue to be in a healthy financial situation due to the hard work of the Committee and various 'Friends of Worlaby Village Hall'. We have also been greatly assisted by other individuals and village organisations without them we could not have put on the variety of events and activities.

Over the last financial year, the total income was £10,476.12. Total expenditure was £8,996.77. Giving a closing balance on 31st March 2019 of £13,506.80. The Parish Council kindly paid for the heating to be repaired and was duly thanked by the Village Hall Committee.

We hold one year's operating costs of £7,000 in a reserve account.

We are looking forward to expanding the range of activities on offer thus ensuring that we get the very best use of our village facilities for the benefit of our community.

Many thanks go to the Parish Council for their continued support and to all the other individuals and organisations who have helped in any way to make the past year a success.

8. Open Forum for Public Participation

No items raised.

The meeting was closed at 6.45pm.