

# WORLABY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Worlaby Parish held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, commencing at 6.30pm in Worlaby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Mike Speakman, Cllr Tom Cave, Cllr Neil Empson, Cllr Matt Moran  
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors No Ward Councillors attended.

3 members of the public attended.

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### AM22/23 –0501 Apologies

a) Apologies were noted from Councillors Bowles, Fowler and Truelove.

### AM22/23 –0502 Minutes of Previous meeting

a) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 approved and signed.

### AM22/23 –0503 Chairman's Report

a) Councillor Mike Speakman, Chair of Worlaby Parish Council made a brief presentation on the work of the Council over the previous year.

This has been another significant year in the history of the parish council. We have finally come out of the Covid restrictions and got back to face to face meetings. Some people found the online meetings quite attractive, but there is nothing quite like face-to-face contact. Similarly, the Village Hall was reopened and managed by a new committee.

Almost everything in the village is done by volunteers and we need to recognise that without them Worlaby would not be the peaceful and beautiful place that it is. So, thank you to all our volunteers and that includes the councillors themselves. This last year saw the village win best kept village for the second consecutive year and our gardeners deserve a special mention.

The neighbourhood plan also came to fruition and was endorsed by a referendum of the villagers. Hopefully this will carry some weight with our planning authority.

Following complaints about speeding traffic through the village, in cooperation with other low wold villages we have acquired some speed monitoring signs which will be shared amongst the villages on a rota basis. We are waiting for North Lincs to install some posts on which to mount them.

One of the more notable successes was the acquisition of several seats which are now located around the village. The idea was prompted by residents who wanted to walk during lockdown but couldn't manage a full circuit of the village. There are now several spots for us oldies to stop off and rest.

Work continues to maintain the Hollows area and recently improved signage has been installed.

During the years several councillors have left and been replaced. Unfortunately, our Chair Sharon Newton had to step down because of failing eyesight but she continued with her role as councillor. I

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would like to thank her for the work she put in. We also lost our clerk, Deb Hotson who moved to pastures new, but we now have the equally competent replacement in the form of Holly Hanson.

Some unresolved issues remain. We lost our Neighbourhood watch coordinator during the year, and we have not found a replacement. Fortunately, Worlabby is relatively quiet and peaceful, but we shouldn't be complacent, and it would be good to have the post filled.

One festering issue is our access down Carr Lane to the River Ancholme and the recently laid pathway. Network Rail have closed the level crossing preventing pedestrian access to the river. They are quite intransigent and unwilling to negotiate. Work is in hand to try and identify a permanent solution with North Lincs council, but there may be a temporary option available in the next few weeks.

I have mentioned the reliance on volunteers. Last year, at Sharon Newtons instigation we held a thank you tea party for all the village volunteers and it was well received. I would like to continue this new tradition and again host such a party. Volunteers are the life blood of the village, and we need to make sure they are recognised.

We never know what challenges are ahead, these are uncertain times and there is no doubt the parish council will be asked to respond, but we have a good history of rising to challenges and I have no doubt we will continue to do so.

## **AM22/23 –0504 Belayses Cook Report**

- a) Councillors received the annual report from the Belayses Cook Charity:

Throughout the year of 2021, 2 grants of £250 were made to Worlabby residents. In addition 19 Tesco's gift cards of £50 each, via the school and pre-school, were distributed at Christmas to families whose children were in receipt of free school meals.

The Belayses and Cook Charity is able to help those in medical need (with for instance transport, or related costs). In addition help may be given to those in financial difficulties in view of these hard economic times.

In the light of the recent energy price rises, the trustees organised a leaflet to be distributed to all households in the village. This outlines how the Belayses and Cook Charity can help those struggling financially with these costs. It is hoped to increase the profile of the charity and the ways that the people of Worlabby can benefit in time of need.

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 one of the Trustees. All requests will be treated with discretion and in the strictest confidence. All details of the recipients of the grants are known only to the Trustees and not disclosed to any other parties..

## **AM22/23 –0505 Worlabby Recreation Committee Report**

- a) Councillors received the annual report from Worlabby Recreation Committee.

## **AM22/23 –0506 Public Comment**

No public comment