



FLAMBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
13th APRIL 2015, 7.00 PM, WI HALL, FLAMBOROUGH

Present: Councillors J Crossland, A Grainger, V Leppington, D. Morton, R. Sellick, Mrs M Sexton, Mrs C Taylor, F Villani, I Woodhouse
Four members of the public
Clerk, Lynne Dennis, recorded the minutes

1 Welcome and apologies for absence:

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mrs L Bennett, P Couzens, S Emmerson and M Smales

2 Acceptance of Minutes of the last meeting of 8th April 2013:

Owing to no Annual Parish Meeting taking place in 2014, minutes from 2013 were presented for acceptance.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of this meeting are approved and signed as a true and correct record.

3 Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 Chairman's Report:

I'm pleased to report that on the whole this Council has managed to administer its responsibility to the Parish throughout 2014/15 within budget.

We've held monthly meetings which allow members of the public the opportunity to ask questions or voice opinions to the Council. Some meetings have been well attended, some not so well. We only had one extra ordinary meeting which in the main was to discuss the issues at the allotments, the main concerns were the amount of rats on site. This meeting was well attended by allotment holders. Discussions between councillors and plot holders resulted in a plan being formulated and then activated by the plot holders. The steps taken seem to have improved conditions on the allotments. This was only made possible by both sides being able to sit down and discuss these issues and coming to some sort of action agreeable to both parties, something that has not been possible in the past. Thank you to all allotment holders especially Chairman Arthur Hall and Alan Richardson. Councillor Smales has continued to do his monthly site visits accompanied by Lynne, our new Clerk, so thanks for that.

We've had a number of presentations at our meetings including Yorkshire Water to discuss relocation of a new sewage pumping station up at the lighthouse. This was very useful as the area is a very sensitive part of our village so it was good to see that the visual impact would be quite minimal. Also we had a developer to discuss the proposed development of Waud Bros yard in the centre of our village, this was only to discuss a proposal as at the time no plans had been submitted to the Council. The idea was for councillors and members of the public to raise issues/concerns over the plans so giving the developer the opportunity to address any concerns/issues before planning is applied for.

As usual this Council has had to make decisions on numerous planning applications throughout the year, some contentious, some not so and although at times it can seem our opinions are not taken into account, it is important we continue to take planning seriously as we are the elected people with the local knowledge.

Office space/storage for the Clerk is continuing to be an issue. The bus shelter was one option explored but this was met with a lot of opposition from villagers not wanting to lose their shelter and was deemed not to be a viable option due to opposition and costings. We are still looking at other options while in the meantime many files are stored in Councillor Taylor's garage. This needs to be addressed sooner rather than later as it is not an ideal place for storage and not fair as it was only a temporary measure. Many thanks to Councillor Taylor for your patience.

Charlie's Garden, the plot of land in the middle of the council estate, has had problems with rubbish being dumped on it. Hopefully the need for more allotments will increase so allowing us to let them out as originally intended but until then we would like to ask people to treat them with a bit of respect and not a dumping ground.

The renovation of the water pump at the bottom of Crofts Hill has started. The apprentices from East Riding College have dismantled the brickwork and hopefully the rebuild will start shortly restoring this back to its former state. This is such an important project as it is one of the first things to greet you as you enter our village.

The Parish Council has considered many appeals for financial support this year with money put aside in the budget for donations. Each request is given consideration, but as we do not budget a large amount for donations not many requests are successful. We continue to help with the cost of the grass cutting of the graveyard and have helped with the trimming of the trees round the Woodcock Memorial Playing Field, but were unable this time to help with the cost of the rebuilding of the church wall round the graveyard as this was way out of our price range.

The toilets run by this Council have remained an asset for the village despite the sad loss of our cleaner, Mr Tom Benson, after a short illness. Mr Geoff Liddan has taken over full time and has maintained the high standard of cleanliness.

We also lost three ex Parish Councillors this year; Ray Allerston who was Vice Chair before I was on the Council, and Peter Traves and Derick Harvey with whom I had the honour of serving with on this Council. All sadly missed.

Two other services we provide are the grass cutting of the Village Green, Camerons Garden, the War Memorial, land round the pump at Crofts Hill, weeding of the Fishermans Gardens and also street lighting. These services require a lot of our Clerk's time and effort to enforce.

PCSO Liz Smith has been a regular at our meetings, keeping us up to date on criminal matters around our Parish and although her workload seems to increase every time we see her, she gives us excellent support. Many thanks it is much appreciated.

We've also had excellent support this year from one of our Ward Councillors, Chris Matthews. Councillor Matthews has attended most of our meetings, his knowledge and experience has many times proved invaluable. Councillor Matthews has taken on many issues raised at our meetings and

consistently got favourable results. Without Councillor Matthews help the Clerk's workload would be much bigger. Thank you Councillor Matthews for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Flamborough managed to secure the installation of a CPAD defibrillator. This was mainly down to the hard work of Councillor Morton attending meetings, form filling and lots of time and effort. Thank you very much, in fact doubly thank you.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Smales. He is the man who has to navigate the tricky art of flag etiquette, flying the flag for the Parish Council at the appropriate time. He also painted the rails round the Fishermens gardens, as well as being the Parish Council school governor representative for a number of years and also undertaking regular allotment visits and many, many more tasks. A very hard working councillor, thank you.

As councillors we all do lots of work, more often than not unseen, not only costing time but sometimes at personal expense, thanks to you all.

This is Lynne's first year as our Clerk and I'm sure she is finding local government law a minefield with regulation and procedures to follow. I would urge the next council after May's election to undertake some training in order to assist in the running of this council. Over the course of this year it became evident to me we don't know as much as we should about procedures.

This is my last Chairman's report as I will not be standing in May's elections, so I would like to thank you all for your support. I've always considered it an honour to be elected to represent Flamborough Parish Council and have endeavoured to do so to the best of my ability and never taken the duties too lightly. On a personal note I would like to thank you for your good wishes towards Libby throughout her recent illness.

Finally I can't finish this report without extending my thanks to the one constant in my thirteen years as a Parish Councillor. No one knows how much time and effort this councillor has put into this village and although on many issues we have clashed, or should I say expressed a difference of opinion, I know one thing is certain, we have the village we both love at heart. Councillor Crossland, it has been a pleasure.

5 **Further Business and Questions:**

Councillor Leppington proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Woodhouse and all other councillors who are not standing for the re-election for their service.

Signed as a true and correct record
Chairman



Date 4th April 2016