

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
2nd APRIL 2012, 7 PM, METHODIST CHAPEL, FLAMBOROUGH

Present: Chairman, Councillor Ian Woodhouse
Parish Councillors J Crossland, S Emmerson, A Grainger, V Leppington, Mrs K Johnson, R Sellick, Mrs M Sexton, M Smales, Mrs C Taylor, F Villani
8 electors of the Parish
Libby Woodhouse (Clerk to the Parish Council) recorded the Minutes

1 Welcome and apologies for absence:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Miss B Nettleship and P Couzens and ERYC Ward Councillors R Harrap, C Matthews and J Wilkinson.

2 Acceptance of Minutes of the last meeting of 4th April 2011:

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

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4 Chairman's Report:

2011 was the start of a new 4 year term for the Parish Council with 14 people standing for election to 13 seats, thus forcing an election. The Council held its monthly meetings and every other month there has been a surgery allowing members of the public the opportunity to speak to a Councillor in private.

Among the Council's many duties is the running of the allotments which the Council continues to run safely and efficiently with monthly site visits being undertaken by the Clerk and a Councillor which is mostly the Vice Chairman, Councillor Smales. The allotments on the whole are well looked after by the plot holders but again this Council has had to spend money clearing neglected plots. The purchase of Charlie's Gardens was completed in January 2012 which will release more land for allotments should the demand increase but work will be required to Charlie's Gardens for which money has been budgeted and a grant applied for.

Once again it was disappointing to have another summer season with no action taken to the pile of rubble which was the café at South Landing although temporary toilets were installed after much lobbying to ERYC.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's proposal of a fruit orchard at South Landing was agreed after a presentation from Kat Sanders and Richard Baines. The Council originally turned down proposals.

Christmas lights, a Christmas tree and the nativity scene were again provided by the Council and erected in part by volunteers from the Parish Council, namely Councillors Couzens, Grainger and Smales and on behalf of the Council, I thank them for their work.

Again we have suffered from vandalism with damage to the wetpour on the play area, graffiti to the youth shelter and timber being pulled off. The new post at the entrance into the Village Green has pulled out at least twice despite being firmly concreted in.

Speeding traffic throughout the village is an issue regularly reviewed at our meetings with North Marine Road identified as having dangerous problems although this is not the only road in the village with

this problem. As a Council, we are actively seeking advice and a representative from the Traffic Police is due to attend our next meeting.

The toilets continue to be great asset and used continually and are well looked after by cleaners Tom and Geoff.

This year, after much discussion, the decision was made to raise the precept from £34,500 to £36,500, a decision which was not taken lightly. All works undertaken have to be budgeted for and over the past few years in order to keep the precept down outgoings have been subsidised from reserves. It was felt that this could not continue indefinitely and following a review of reserves required for future running of village services, the precept was consequently raised appropriately.

ERYC was once again successful in securing the street light maintenance contract for a further three years whilst MR & KM Couzens has just completed the first of the three year grounds maintenance contract.

On a sad note, we have seen the passing of two ex Councillors this year – Mr John Emmerson and Mr Gordon Scrowston who was also the Parish Clerk for a number of years prior to serving as a Councillor.

Finally I would like to thank all Councillors for their hard work and continued support and the Ward Councillors for their help. And of course thanks to the Clerk whose professionalism and hard work continues.

5 Further Business and Questions:

Mrs Pat Wilson, 54 South Sea Road – stated she and other residents in her vicinity were being disturbed by crows (at least 8 pairs) nesting in trees outside their homes. She said that the noise starts at about 5 am and the mess and smell is overpowering and is appalling. There are also rats which have been seen in private gardens and on the highway under the trees. She had contacted ERYC Pest Control who had said the cost would be £51 to put poison down for the rats but had told her to refer the matter to the Parish Council. She wished for the tops to be cut off the trees after the birds had finished nesting. She felt that nobody would do anything. Chairman, Councillor Woodhouse, said that the Parish Council would refer the matter back to ERYC as it was their remit, copy in the Ward Councillors and would keep Mrs Wilson informed. Councillor Smales stated the crows were in fact rooks.

Judith Denis – stated that she was concerned about the vast tree felling at South Landing and that there were many trees down. She was concerned about debris in the watercourse in the bottom. The Clerk confirmed that these questions had been put to ERYC and the Clerk read out to the meeting the reply from ERYC's Director of Environmental and Neighbourhood Services which outlined the work carried out, the reasons for the tree felling and apologised for not communicating and consulting with Flamborough Parish Council and the community. ERYC had also stated that the watercourse would be monitored but did not think there would be a problem. The Director had stated that protocols would be put in place to ensure that where significant works of this nature are carried out in future, ERYC will communicate with the Parish beforehand.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20 pm

Signed as a true and correct record*R Sellick*..... Date8th April 2013.....
Chairman