



**FLAMBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
10 APRIL 2017, 7.10 PM, WI HALL, FLAMBOROUGH**

Present: Councillors D Morton, P Couzens, A Grainger, B. Maxwell, Mrs M Sexton, Ms C Taylor
One member of the public
Clerk, Gill Wilkinson, recorded the minutes

1 Welcome and apologies for absence:

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor R. Sellick and V Leppington

2 Acceptance of Minutes of the last meeting of 4^h April 2016:

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:

There are currently nine Councillors following the co-option of Brian Maxwell in 2016. Our Parish Clerk, Lynne Dennis left to take up a new post in September and Gill Wilkinson came to us in October. She has worked extremely hard through an unfortunate and complex period of transition, dealing with pre-existing problems. I am grateful for her commitment in resolving the issues.

A policy for supply and maintenance of memorial seats has been introduced to enable Council to control siting locations and ensure that maintenance costs are borne by the donors instead of the current situation where the Council adopts the seat and is then subject to maintenance costs for its lifetime. All seats have been inspected and a rolling programme of cleaning, repairing and maintaining is now in place. This will eventually ensure that they are always at a good standard and fit for purpose. Landslip at North Landing left some seats dangerously close to the edge and two were removed for safety. The owners of the land have no objection to seats remaining there and we have determined that no seats will be sited at the unstable area.

There are currently 14.5 un-let allotments. With no immediate likelihood of being let some are to be grassed over as a cheaper and more environmentally sound way to maintain. New applications will be allocated to plots in the central area. The site is still suffering from the dumping of rubbish, not all of which seems to be allotment related. The cost of this remains a financial burden on the Council. Monthly visits have been made by the Clerk and Councillor Taylor and will continue.

Policing of Flamborough remains unacceptably poor despite the best efforts of our dedicated PCSO who is expected to deal with delegated tasks throughout the wider community as well take responsibility for Policing six villages. Crimes of burglary and criminal damage and incidents of antisocial behaviour have soared over the past year. A letter has been sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Bridlington North Policing Team.

Currently there is ongoing drug dealing and usage in the village. These situations will flourish where there is no Police presence to deter these people.

The unmetered consumption of electricity has been updated. The Council were found not to be in a contract for electricity supply and were paying an unfavourable rate. We have now entered into an agreement with a supplier which will save an estimated. £2400 over two years.

A survey has been carried out on the 124 council owned street lights. Most were in good order and repairs and lantern changes needed were noted for attention during the contractors routine maintenance programme. A pole mounted light removed by NPG contractors on South Sea Road was dealt with by our lighting contractors and replaced at no cost. A pole mounted lantern was fitted at Council expense at South Sea Mews road junction to alleviate a long standing safety problem.

A new climbing frame, 2 rockers and a roundabout have been installed in the play area. There were problems with supply and fit and a 10 o/o discount and maintenance package were negotiated with the company. Ground protection was not included at the planning stage and rubber matting is to be installed soon as an essential part of ground surface protection and to ensure that health and safety requirements are met

The fenced area requested by the PreSchool Charity on the Small Green was resolved and the fencing erected to the required standard to protect the children. The area is in regular use and there have not been any negative issues relating to its use. A section of low fence was erected along the Greenside boundary of the Green to resolve a long ongoing problem with vehicles parking on the grass and churning up the surface.

A new Co-op has been built on Allison Lane. There were some early problems with misaligned fencing which were resolved by defining the boundaries and the Developer Kindly installed a fence around the small adjacent area of Green.

The former Citizen Link kiosk adjacent to the library has been leased as a document store. It has been adapted, decorated and made secure. All Parish documents have been moved there and I thank Councillor Taylor for her patience for the long period she had to put up with them in her garage. Arrangements have been made for our PCSO to make use of the facility when she is in the village and a desk and chairs have been provided for all who use the facility.

The ditch bordering Carter Lane and Bempton Lane had become increasingly overgrown and the watercourse choked over the years. It was obvious that the ditch was going to overflow and flood the surroundings imminently. East Riding Council responded to our request for help by arranging funding and clearing the ditch in December.

Our fir tree planted in Cameron Gardens reached a height where it could carry lights thus saving the cost of the annual purchase of a tree. New low wattage was purchased for this. The old lighting stock is to be inspected with a view to maintaining existing equipment and hopefully add more lengths to the present display. Thanks to Councillors Couzens and Grainger for their time and skills in setting out the lights and nativity display.

I thank all Councillors for their support in attendance, their knowledge and willingness to debate and enable the decision making process.

I am grateful for the time given and the good advice from Councillors who have been there for discussions and physical help between meetings.

5 Further Business and Questions:

A member of public informed the council that a street light in Castle Crescent had a concrete column that was outdated and should have been replaced. It was noted that ERYC had attached a new lantern to this column and he asked why this had been done. The council noted that this was not one of the lights maintained by the parish council and stated that they would contact ERYC to find out the reason why the column had not been updated.

Meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Signed as a true and correct record Date
Chairman