

HUGGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Huggate

In Attendance

Jenni Shields – Chair, Jane Leaver – Vice Chair, Jill Cussons Adams, Barbara Lambert, Claire Myers
Abby Popely – Clerk

15 Parishioners were in attendance.

Jenni thanked the parishioners for attending and introduced the Huggate Parish Council (HPC) Councillors who were present and referenced those that were unable to attend (Phil Duggleby, George Fuller). Jenni introduced Abby Popely who has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk after Emma Waslin resigned from the post earlier this year. Jenni confirmed that Abby uses the same email address as Emma used: clerk-huggate@outlook.com

Steve Poole who was representing St Mary's Church provided a summary of relevant news:

- There has been a degree of progress of the past 12 months with the appointment of a new architect who is preparing a survey and putting together a plan.
- The floor has suffered rot and the pews will need to be removed. This will enable the church to be used as a facility for the village rather than just a church which is a great opportunity.
- Steve estimated that costs would be £150k and asked for the parishioners full support. Funding will hopefully be aided by grants which the church will apply for.
- A future fundraising event will be the summer fair on 20th July and a recent event that has taken place was the Driffeld voice choir which raised nearly £1000. Other activities are being planned.
- Steve thanked everyone who had helped to look after the churchyard.

Jenni agreed with Steve's comments and added that the views from the residents' survey suggested that a local space for everyone to use would be of benefit to the village.

Steve finished by asking the parishioners to support future local events and hopefully in 4-5 years' time the project would be completed.

Jenni started by highlighting what's been done this year:

- The Bottom Pond – the area will be reviewed after a year. We are considering some draining pipes into the gullies or a couple of wooden bridges across the gullies.
- The Green – the village information board is now in situ as are the trees funded by the residents. If anyone has any ideas regarding the green at Christmas to please let us know.
- The Tyres at all entries to the village - HPC are reviewing the tyres and considering purchasing further plants for them.
- Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner- Commissioner, Keith Hunter and Debbie Fagan the Engagement Officer for the East Riding gave a presentation in Autumn. There is a Police and Crime Plan for the period April 2017 to March 2021 and they have 3 Key Aims which are :
 - 1) To deliver increasing self-sustaining and safe communities in the Humber Area.
 - 2) To build public confidence in the agencies involved in creating safer communities.
 - 3) To provide services to victims and the most vulnerable that meet their needs.

(A copy was left in the church for parishioners to read / borrow)

Since then HPC have been asked to give the commissioner's office what our parish thought the 3 issues we would like to be considered most important and we put forward

- 1) speeding on rural roads
 - 2) rural crime and thefts
 - 3) communication.
- Jennie has asked for Huggate to be on the waiting list for training for safety cameras which is part of the Community Speedwatch Scheme.
 - Agreed with those in attendance that the monthly newsletter from Humberside police will be displayed on the noticeboard and the Huggate village website.
 - Streetscene have completed the usual jobs. If anyone knows of anything else that needs doing to please let the clerk know.

Dog Fouling

Jenni explained that the people who cut the grass have said that if the amount of dog fouling continues on the grass they will refuse to cut it. The plea is to everyone, firstly if anyone lets their dog out for a first or last wee of the day please go with the dog just in case it gets the urge to do have more than just a wee. The councillors will be putting notices on the pavement using templates and spray paint. If you feel confident to challenge the person and ask them to use the nearest bin or take it home, please do so. Or if its someone's dog you know and you don't want to challenge them, please let the parish council know and we will consider what action can be taken. Jenni re-iterated that this was a serious situation as we don't want to end up with ERYC not cutting the grass.

- A new bin was requested towards the bottom of the village which has been purchased and placed where requested.
- Fracking –there is a leaflet in the noticeboard in the bus shelter.
- Communication – the new website has been up and running now for nearly a year and there has been a lot of positive feedback. Funding for the next 6 months of Huggate News has been agreed and this is on the Agenda for the next parish council meeting.
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council have had a consultation on proposed Main Modifications to the East Riding and Hull Joint Minerals Local Plan. There has been a full evaluation of Greenwick Quarry and includes analysis of Biodiversity, Human health and amenity, visual impact and cultural heritage. Within the section relating to Access and Impact on local highways it states HGV traffic should avoid travelling through Huggate to respect the amenity and safety of residents and tranquil landscape of the Wolds village.' But the second quarry listed as 'Huggate' on the schedule has not had any of the analysis or been part of the evaluation process, despite there being a considerable distance between the sites. The whole issue of how the quarry nearest the village is used is an ongoing issue which will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The residents survey will be discussed at a meeting later in the year.

The next pub quiz is at The Wolds Inn on Friday, 14th June.

Finance

Financial Year ending March 2019

Opening Balance	£5314.67
Receipts in year	£5930.07
Payments in year	£6800.27
Bank as per bank statement	£4444.47

HPC has incurred little costs for filling of salt bins and no costs for snow clearance. The main cost was and will continue to be the Clerk's salary as well as SLCC subscription to aid the clerk, a contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard, grass cutting in the village, Registration with the ICO (Information Commissioners Officer) which amongst many organisations the Parish Council is a required to do under GDPR, Huggate News, and Insurance. Jenni explained that expenditure remains much the same as previous years.

Huggate Inclosure Award Fund. – there has been no expenditure therefore the balance remains at £6414.20 (before any interest has been added for the last financial year).

At this time 6 councillors have stood again so there remains 3 vacant seats. If you would like to be co-opted onto the parish council please have a chat with one of us.

Points raised by parishioners:

Support was voiced for the Huggate news - people do appreciate this for which it is a relatively small cost. One person stated that they thought there had been about 6 lots of dog fouling in 6 months. Litter bins are provided for visitors on York Lane and Pocklington Lane but perhaps another bin could be provided or a litter picking day could be arranged.

Jenni was thanked for her service on the HPC by Jane Leaver.

Clerk – Abby Popely