

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY MAY 2022

Present: Cllrs JH Lonie (Chairman); P Todd, A Davison; J Larder; S Kilby, M Renshaw and T Cawthorne. There were 13 residents present in addition to the above and Mrs M Hoad, Clerk (Minutes).

Apologies: Cllr Andrews (ELDC), Cllr H Marfleet (LCC) and PCSO team

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the annual residents meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 – The Minutes were on the web site & copies had been made available at the meeting & **it was resolved** to accept the Minutes as correct; the Chairman signed the Minutes.

Chairman's Report – Cllr Lonie

The last months since our Annual Parish Meeting in June of last year has seen us getting back to normal face to face public meetings and we appreciate the support we have received from residents attending our monthly meetings and providing valuable feedback. Tonight's meeting is very much about us as the Parish Council hearing from residents on any comments or suggestions you have on village life in Tetford & Salmonby. At our Annual Parish Council Meeting in April my fellow Councillors kindly voted me in for another year in the role of Chairman, which is predominately a 'fun' role as the Clerk does all the work. However, I would like to recap on what the PC has achieved over the last few months and give you the highlights of some of what is planned going ahead.

- A. Following public support, the Parish Council successfully applied to have the White Hart pub registered as an asset of Community Value with a view to protecting a public house in the village for future generations com. The White Hart now operate as both a pub during weekday evenings and an Air BnB at the weekends.
- B. We adopted the flagpole outside the village hall, cut back the overhanging tree branches and obtained a new Union Jack.
- C. There are now five new recycled plastic planters at the entrances to the villages and thank you to those residents who kindly keep them planted up over the year.
- D. Bollards were installed at the opening from the Hall car park onto the Recreation Ground in an attempt to reduce the risk of the field being accessed by unauthorised vehicles.
- E. Our tree planting project couldn't identify any common ground in the village where additional trees could be planted. Tentative agreement was obtained from Robert Bell for a few flowering cherry trees to be planted on the edge of the recreation ground and permission is being sought for an Oak sapling to be planted on the land in front of the doctor's surgery to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- F. Road resurfacing has taken place in the village and Highways have also resurfaced the pavements. Some remedial work was carried out at Salmonby Bends to divert the water on the Horncastle side of the bridge and resurface some of the road. This area however remains very much a priority for the PC and is constantly chased with Highways for a resolution to the flooding issue which in turn leads to new potholes forming.

- G. Our Red Box project to replace the old BT kiosk was postponed during Covid and the cost of a new K6 red box has now increased to £2,500. The PC are therefore looking at way to fund raise for this item and we have applied for a grant from ELDC towards this. We hope this project can be installed this year.
- H. A new defibrillator cabinet was purchased for the unit on the surgery wall and funds raised from our Community Raffle at the craft fair last November went towards this. We have received an offer for a second defib for the village to be gifted by Brian Todd Homes and to be sited on the wall of Hamilton Hall. We thank BTH for this kind gesture which will give easy access to a defib unit from both sides of the village.
- I. The Parish Council are considering a new project for Autumn 2022 called 'Warm Spaces'. This initiative has already started in Horncastle, with the rising costs of heating homes and additional cost of living rises the PC are looking to create a list of warm places where residents could gather, saving on the costs of heating their own homes. Groups and societies may fall into this list but also possibly Hamilton Hall. In addition, it is hoped that creating some of these warm spaces might also reduce carbon emissions in the community.
- J. Lastly, we are making plans for our Jubilee Celebrations in the village and hope that residents will join in and decorate their homes. A Jubilee Street Party tea will be held on Sunday 5th June 2022 in the East Road cul-de-sac or indoor at Hamilton Hall if raining. This will be provided by the PC, and we hope as many residents as possible will join us to celebrate on the 5th.

These are some of the projects we have started, and we welcome both your support for these and any additional ideas you may have. After a challenging year for us all I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and efforts over the last 12 month plus the Clerk for her hard work in keeping everything moving. I hope we can all look forward to some more positive times ahead.

Financial Report – M Hoad (Clerk) - This financial report covers the period from 1st April 2021 to the 31st March 2022, the accounts of which have now been audited.

- The Council carried over **£8782.26 on the 31st March 2021** from last year with project plans in place to continue its work to reduce its reserves to an acceptable level. Also coming out of lockdown the PC had identified areas of asset maintenance or replacement needing attention in the village.
- The Precept, which is the main income for the council, remained at the same level as last year at **£6340**. The Parish Council voted for no increase to householders' costs, a Band D property remain at the same level of £31.38. This action was taken as reserved monies had not been able to be spent on projects during the lockdown.
- Additional income included Lincolnshire County Council grant of **£718.59** towards Amenity Grass Cutting and a contribution of **£247.00** from the community raffle held at last November's craft fair. The level of interest on savings remained very low during 2021/22 and the Parish Council only earned **£0.63** on reserved funds.
- The budget for last year was set **£9,610** and up to end of financial year the Parish Council spent **£10,328.84**. (Overspend **£718.84**). This overspend included some major asset replacements cost such as £2289 spent on five new village planters, replacement defibrillator cabinet £600; new bollards installed at the edge of the playing field **£47.99**;

adoption and repair of the flagpole including new Union Jack flag **£200.96** and additional large poppies for the village to mark remembrance Sunday of **£50**. The Parish Council's insurance premium also increased last year.

- The end of year accounts shows a balance of **£5,759.60** to carry over into 2022/23. The current year the precept has been set at £6,600 and increase to householders on band D property of 20p from £31.38 to £31.58. The Parish Council was mindful of overall cost of living increases and was able to make this small increase to raise in the precept by an increase in the tax base from 202 to 209. It is the aim of the Parish Council over the next few years to reach a position where our annual budget will be covered by the precept received. The annual accounts for 2021/22 have now been audited and are available here for examination, all documentation will also be placed on the web site once submitted to the external auditor.

Precept of £4,292 / - previous Clerk didn't keep figure so no calculation (Year ending 31st March 16)

Precept of £5,000 / 187 - Band D charge = **£26.73**

Precept of £6,000 / 192 – Band D charge = **£31.25 (£4.52 increase)**

Precept of £6,120/195 – (2018/19) Band D charge = **£31.38 (£0.13 increase)**

Precept of £6,245/199 - (2019/20) Band D charge = **£31.38 (no increase)**

Precept of £6370/203 – (2020/21) Band D charge = **£31.38 (no increase)**

Precept of £6340/202 – (2021/22) Band D charge = **£31.38 (no increase)**

Precept of £6600/209 – Current year – Band D charge = **£31.58 (£0.20 increase)**

Current Tax Base is 209

Police Report – A representative from the police was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. It was noted that PCSO Wass had moved on from his role in the Horncastle area, which was now covered by PCSO Nicola Stuchfield and Jad Mohamed. Quarterly policing newsletters were sent from the Horncastle & Wragby policing team which could be viewed on the Parish Web site. The Clerk read out some of the policing crime statistics from that report for the last 12 months.

Hamilton Hall Report – Cllr Renshaw reported that the Hall had been redecorated and that most of the clubs and groups had returned to their activities in there. They had lost Wednesday Yoga and Friday dance classes so were looking for anyone interested in setting up classes at the Hall to take advantage of those spaces. Private bookings were returning, and the Committee hoped to promote more of these to help with the rising costs of maintenance and day to day running. Electricity and gas costs had gone up and therefore in April 2022 the hire fee had to be increased from £6ph to £8ph. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Renshaw for all the hard work she does in the Hall Committee and keeping the facility going so well.

Recreation Ground Report - Ali Sparks Secretary

The Trustees would like to thank the PC's for its support both financial and in kind and to thank the support of the community during difficult times. Unfortunately, we also need to express disappointment at some poor behaviour that has taken place on the recreation ground, most notably illegal vehicles.

Terriers is to return on the 15th July so we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back after a few years of not being able to run the event and the cricket season is now under way. _

We currently have £6252.09 in the bank but keeping the recreation ground looking as good as it does doesn't come cheap. With grass cutting and pest control continuing to be the big expenses.

2021-2022

Grass cutting costs £1960 in total

Pest Control - £180 each, 4 payments, £720 in total

Overall total for grass cutting and pest control = £2680.

The committee would like to thank the £1000 one off donation made by the Cricket Club to the Rec charity, then a further donation of £360 donation for grass cutting.

We will shortly be holding our AGM where residents are welcome to attend and always keen to hear from anyone that would like to volunteer and help us keep the recreation ground looking as good as it does. We look forward to seeing you at Terriers this July.

Edward Richardson Trust Report – The Trust reported they had only had the chance to have one face to face meeting recently due to health issues for some members but had continued to meet via zoom. The take up for those applying for grants over the last year had been light but there were still funds available for further and higher education grants and the committee would be publicising this again to residents.

Community Speed Watch – The speed watch team were thanked for their efforts over the last 12 months, and it was noted that there had been an overall drop in the level of speed captured during the watches. The aim of the speed watch was to educate drivers to slow down in the village area and those cars identified over the limit were sent 1st and 2nd letters and continued offenders a visit from the police. Volunteers were always sought for the speed watch teams and if anyone should like to join then please contact either Cllr Davison or the Clerk.

Volunteer Activities – Cllr Cawthorne reported that there had been a successful litter pick in the Spring with 20 volunteers covering an area from High Toynton through to Tetford Hill and out to Rutland and South Ormsby. Litter was mostly on verges thrown from cars very little was found on the footpaths left by pedestrians. A second litter pick is scheduled for September, and it was planned to have two events a year to keep the village and surrounding areas looking good. Cllr Cawthorne thanked all those who had volunteered their time and in particular thanked Mr L Cook for his work cutting back hedges and helping tidy the churchyard.

Tetford Surgery – Patient Participation Group – Cllr Renshaw advised she had recently joined the PPG, unfortunately the meeting planned for that week had been cancelled as the Practice Mgr. was unwell. However, she advised the surgery has now employed two new receptionists for the Tetford branch, both of which had past medical reception experience. The aim was to have two medical practitioners at the Tetford surgery each week. There had been a rumour that patients could no longer make appointments by telephone instead having to use the internet. Cllr Renshaw had been told this was not the case but unless it was an emergency not to call at 8am but to wait until later in the day. Appointments could be requested in person, by telephone or on the internet. The surgery

is also looking into creating a quarterly newsletter as accepts that one main problem exists that of communicating changes or procedures with their patients. However, having over 14000 patients registered did mean this was a major task. Cllr Renshaw will continue to attend the PPG meetings and bring concerns of residents to the attention of the Practice Manager.

WI Update – Susan Le Page, President had sent a report as she was unable to attend in person this was read out by Derek Le Page.

At the beginning of the year, we struggled with zoom committee meetings (not popular) and a couple of socially distanced picnics and a special Pearl Anniversary party which was a bit of a damp squib! By the summer we decided to jump in and resume our monthly meetings, after all, we did have a cookbook to launch. September 10th saw us hosting our annual quiz (postponed from May) not knowing whether we would have a flood or famine. It turned out to be the former – a revival of life in our WI. The cookbook was launched at our Coffee Morning in aid of Andy’s Children’s Hospice (our nominated charity). November is our craft event, so we spent the evening learning how to weave willow into festive wreaths. Our AGM was held in February where the officers were re-elected, and we found out from the North Lincs Federation AGM that Tetford is apparently one of the oldest Wis in the area having notched up 100 years. We have no verification for this statement and would be very grateful for any information in this respect. We have a full program organised for 2022 and welcome any new members that would like to join us, meeting every 4th Wednesday evening in the month at Hamilton Hall.

Tetford Travel Group – Dick Fowler, Chairman advised of the first travel club outing after a 2-year interval planned for Sunday 29th May to Springfields. Seats are still available and anyone wanting to join the travel group should contact Dawn Blake, Paul Tolliday or Dick Fowler.

Paul Tolliday [Chairman] email paultolliday1@gmail.com tel/text 07946 575720

Dick Fowler [Treasurer] email dfowler1953@hotmail.com tel/text 07552 695010

Tetford Wednesday Club – Lesley Harper-Smith introduce the Wednesday Club to the meeting which had been set up in 1970 by a group of ladies in the village. This was in response to the men folk of the Tetford congregating at Mr Ducketts to have a good time and the women seeing an opportunity to have their own social group. The group now has 22 members and welcomes new ladies to join, the annual fee being £8. A new treasurer Sue Ellis is in place and activities have raised funds for a donation to the RNLI and Cancer Research this year. The annual quiz will be run in November in memory of Andy Robinson’s mother with proceeds going to charity.

Defibrillator - Cllr Larder advised the defibrillator has been maintained in good working order and checked regularly. The old defib cabinet had been replaced by a plastic one and the Parish Council had received an offer of a second defib from Brian Todd Homes to be installed on the wall at Hamilton Hall.

County Councillor Report – Cllr Marfleet had been unable to attend the meeting but sent regular briefing updates which had been circulated to Council to keep them abreast of developments at County level

District Councillor Report – Cllr Andrews sent the following report. After a difficult 18 months, we are now getting back to some normality, although the virus hasn’t gone away, we are learning to live with it. A lot of businesses unfortunately have suffered, and some have struggled to keep open. We have seen larger firms wanting to come into Horncastle, such as Lidl and Aldi. They have both

submitted plans, one on Spilsby road and one on Boston Road, both have had the support of Horncastle Town Council but ELDC planning committee will have the final say. We will soon be issued with another recycling bin for dry cardboard and paper, glass will then go in the grey bin. The Horncastle Hub is moving forward, Boston College are hoping to be in late September and ELDC are aiming for occupancy in January 2023.

Questions & Comments:

The following questions were raised by attending residents:

1. Could something be done about the state of the changing room facilities for the cricket club as they look an eye sore. The Recreation Ground Committee agreed to take this forward with the cricket club.
2. Concern was raised regarding the future of the outreach post office. Cllr Renshaw advised there was currently some uncertainty surrounding the continuation of the outreach post office as this was provided by McColls who had recently gone into administration. It was however hoped the new owners would continue the service and residents would be kept informed if any changes were to happen.
3. A resident asked if the red post box in South Road could receive a lick of paint as it was looking very shabby. It was agreed this would be reported to the post office.

The Chairman thanked his fellow councillors and residents for their support and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

Signed Chairman

Signed Clerk