

**HUGGATE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES of the**  
**ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**  
**held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30 pm**  
**in St. Mary's Church, Huggate.**

**Present:** Linda Davies (chair); Councillors Alan Barnett, Jane Leaver, Jacqui Lazenby, Barbara Hale, Jenni Shields; Jenny Zarek (Acting Clerk)

16 members of the public

Linda Davies presented the **Annual Report and Accounts** of the Council.  
There was discussion of a number of matters

**Planning** It was requested that the plan of the current development limit be displayed on the noticeboard. It was noted that the development limit is the envelope within which planning applications can be considered, but that all applications are subject to the usual approval procedures.

**Tree management** **Barbara** Hale responded to questions about the plans.  
The matter of ash die-back will be taken into account.  
The hedge on the lower green was discussed; nothing will be removed without good reason, and expert advice is being sought.  
It was regrettable that the work of the Huggate Amenity Planning group had not received more practical assistance; they were tanked for their efforts.

**Accounts.** There were no questions about the Accounts. Linda Davies circulated a list of planned expenditure for the year; there were no questions.

**High speed internet.** It was asked what plans there are for high speed internet in the village. This is not something that the Council can provide, but the Council can contact ERYC to ask for information.

**Dog fouling** Concern was expressed about dog fouling. Streetscene or the Community Payback Scheme could be asked to reinstate the stencilled notices on pavements. Some feel that pavement stencilling is unsightly and an equal nuisance to dog mess; and ineffective in persuading irresponsible owners to clear up. The culprits for both dog fouling and littering are often visitors and walkers rather than residents. Some dogs are not supervised.

It was reported that a **fingerpost sign** on York Road (location unspecified) is rotten. Maintenance of these signs is carried out by the ERYC footpaths section.

**Defibrillator** Jane Leaver reported that the defibrillator is installed and available for use; in case of need, ring 999 and give Wolds Inn as the location.

Training has been arranged for up to 12 people on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am; volunteers are still needed.

### **St. Mary's Church**

Kate Barnett reported for the Parochial Church Council

Necessary repair works have been done in the last year at a total cost of £38,000. £10,000 had been received in grants and the remainder raised by the village; thanks were expressed to all who had helped and supported the events.

The building is now watertight, and the path has been regraded to improve access and reduce the drainage problems which were causing subsidence of the porch.

A summer fair is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> July at Carter's Barn.

Plans are underway for work over the next 4 years, to improve circulation by removing pews at the front and back of the church, and move the tower screen forward to make space for a meeting room, kitchenette and toilet.

**Dangerous bend sign** There had been a proposal for a dangerous bend sign at Island Cottage, but nothing done. This could be put back on the Council's Agenda {the actual proposal was for a "road narrows" sign at the entrance to the village}.

There being no other matters raised for discussion, the meeting closed at 8.25.

Linda Davies thanked those present for their interest.