

HUGGATE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on 27th July 2021 at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Huggate

In Attendance

Clive Owen – Chair, Diana Evans – Vice Chair, Jane Thorpe, Claire Myers, Stewart Middleton, Abby Popely – Clerk
12 Parishioners were in attendance.

Last meeting's minutes from April 2019 were agreed and signed by Clive. Ruth Braithwaite from St Mary's Church provided an update on the church's progress: a new architect was appointed in November 2019 and has done a thorough report, slats have been repaired and the stone erosion will be investigated. Windows have been repaired and are currently in good condition, there are plans for a kitchen and small meeting room at the back. A consultant has been appointed to assist with the grant application. A summer fair will be on 4th September and a sponsored walk on 7th August.

Clive reported the following:

Who we are

Since our last meeting Jenni Shields stood down and Jill Cussans Adams was elected as Chair and did a fantastic job until she resigned from the Council at the end of last year. George Fuller moved to Pocklington and therefore resigned and Barbara Lambert also resigned earlier this year. We have welcomed Adrian Brader, Diana Evans and Stewart Middleton. Clare Myers and I have remained on the Council and I was elected as Chair in January. Jane Leaver and Phil Duggleby continue as our most long serving Councillors. Our newest Councillor is Jane Thorpe who was co-opted earlier this month. Abby Popely has been our clerk for 2 years. The Councillors' main purpose is to represent what parishioners want.

What's been done since our last meeting in April 2019:

Defibrillator Training was run in December 2019 in the pub which was well attended.

The Village Survey was carried out last year where Councillors and members of the church delivered to around 130 houses and received 65 responses. The Councillors agreed to continue to contribute to the publication of the Huggate News as 91% of respondents are in favour of this. 88% of the 65 responses were in support of purchasing a basket swing. Funding was going to be sought, however covid meant that no relevant funding options were available. Clive explained the justification for the swing location and after obtaining quotes, at the end of last year a **Basket Swing** was installed on the Green and an inspection was carried out by ROSPA which will be followed by an annual inspection.

Attempts have been made to reduce **speeding** in the village (Clive explained that 70% of speeding in rural areas is carried out by residents of the villages):

- We tried to obtain the white picket fences at village entrances which many North Yorkshire villages use to slow down speeding vehicles but these were not permitted by ERYC, the same with the solar speed signs which flash your speed as you drive through them
- Instead we have painted the tyres white and installed our own easels asking drivers to keep to the speed limits. Thank you to Adrian for creating these.
- We've organised Speedwatch training with Humberside police, thank you to the 5 volunteers who attended on 19th July, 2 volunteers from North Dalton also attended. The aim is for people to drive less than 30 mph through the village. Thank you to Emma Waslin for co-ordinating this.

We have made numerous attempts to deter **parking** within the village ranging from putting (what we viewed as!) very polite flyers on windscreens, these received a wide range of feedback. The current project that we are focusing on is the development of the old pit area into a car park and potentially nature area. The aim is to have 26/27 car parking spaces and to maintain an eco system, the idea was put to the village and a positive response was received. We have appointed a planning consultant to help and advise us. We will apply to ERYC for a Community Grant and the

inclosure fund money that has belonged to the village for many years will be used to pay for this work. Planning permission is in progress with ERYC.

Pub quizzes and village walks were put on hold during lockdown but we've started the walks again (details are on published on the Whatsapp group and the Huggate News) and I'm sure the pub quizzes will resume shortly. Thank you to Pete Cowan who did a great job during lockdown with his online quizzes.

One of our younger residents, Lucinda Evans has started **Lucinda's litter pick** and we've purchased some littler picking tools to assist volunteers to keep Huggate clean and litter free. The next session is on 4th September.

Thank you to Jenny Zarek for weeding around the benches on the Green and thank you to Helen Bowman for the hire of her meeting room that use each month, we had quite a few meetings on zoom during lockdown which worked surprisingly well most of the time but it was a nice to get back to the JuliArnos in April.

The minutes from all our meetings are published on the noticeboard in the bus shelter which has been given a tidy up by a group of Councillors and a solar light installed. Minutes are also on the village website where you can see what has been discussed and agreed at the monthly Parish Council Meetings.

Communication

The two village WhatsApp groups are continuing to prove useful and popular, if anyone still isn't on the groups who wants to be please get in touch with Abby who will add you. Thank you to Jenny Zarek and Teresa Purdy who produce the monthly Huggate News which we input to each month. This is delivered or emailed to each household and is also published on the village website. Hopefully communication within the village is working well but if anyone has any other ideas please do let us know.

There is an extra board in the bus shelter for village notices so please do use this.

We have asked for the bus route to be diverted to include Huggate in the Driffield route on a Saturday and are awaiting a response.

Finance

Financial Year ending March 2021

Opening Balance	£4101
Receipts in year	£6135
Payments in year	£7235
Closing balance	£3000

We have 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.

We spent £2000 on the basket swing where we sourced the cheapest option using a local supplier from Goodmanham, and paid ROSPA to carry out a post installation inspection.

The other main costs were:

- contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard, grass cutting in the village, Huggate News and Insurance. We made a claim for the damaged salt bin on Pocklington Lane which cost £100 in excess which ERYC have now replaced.

There is still one Councillor vacancy so if you would like to be part of the Parish Council please have a chat with one of us.

The sign for North Dalton still hasn't been repaired, Abby will chase this again and it was suggested that parking signs could be installed on the concrete pads outside of the village which Abby will investigate.

Clerk – Abby Popely

