

## HUGGATE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7pm St Mary's Church, Huggate

#### In attendance

Clive Owen – Chair, Jane Thorpe, Claire Myers, Stewart Middleton, Phil Duggleby, Abby Popely – Clerk  
12 Parishioners were in attendance

1. Last year's minutes from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved and signed by Clive.
2. Ruth Braithwaite from St Mary's Church provided a progress report about the Church. She thanked the Parish Council for their donation of the Jubilee mugs and reminded people that they could still order these. The Church has received a grant to help towards the vestry which is from part of the Sainsbury's group. Drawings have been displayed from the architect to show the plans to take out the pews, level the flooring, create a servery area and remove the font to create a more flexible space along with installing a disabled toilet. Ruth went through various fuel options.

A parishioner expressed thanks to the PCC for the Jubilee celebrations and Clive passed on his thanks to Ruth and Sue for their commitment to the church project and village events.

3. Clive reported the following:

#### Who are we?

Clive stated that he felt we have an excellent group of Councillors who are here tonight, Jane Leaver and Pete Cowan are unable to attend due to work reasons. Since our last meeting in July 2021, Adrian Brader resigned from his role as Councillor and Diana Evans resigned from her role as Vice Chair, which we haven't yet replaced. I have been Chair since January 2021 and was nominated again last month so will continue in this role.

Claire Myers, Stewart Middleton and Jane Thorpe have remained as Councillors and Jane Leaver and Phil Duggleby continue as our most long serving Councillors. We co-opted Pete Cowan onto the Council and welcomed him to the group in October. Abby Popely has been our clerk for 3 years.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the JuliArnos room on Mill Lane.

#### What's been done since our last meeting in July 2021:

Further attempts have been made to reduce speeding in the village:

- After the 2 Speedwatch training sessions run by Humberside police, volunteers from the village brave the elements to record the speeds of cars outside the pub (you may have seen them outside the pub with their speedguns) – our thanks go to those who have kindly given up their time to do this which I'd like to think has proved successful in reducing speeding vehicles through the village.
- The painted tyres and easels asking drivers to keep to the speed limits create a nice touch at the village entrances, thank you to those kind volunteers who regularly maintain the plants and shrubs in the tyres. We will still consider the option of hiring a speed radar indicator from ERYC.

We received planning permission from the Council in October to turn the old pit area into a **car park** on Driffield Road and we applied for a love your high street grant from the Council which we secured in December for £9630 - this will be used to partly fund the building works which started in April and is very nearly finished.

The inclosure fund money (£6400) that has belonged to the village for many years from when the pit was filled will also be used to pay for this work as well as a donation which we received last year. This has enable the project to start which has been talked about since 1957. I hope you like what you see and I'd like to thank Grant Thorpe for his excellent work on this. There is a height barrier to come, a bin has been installed and there will be a sign outside and one at the top of Stocks Hill. There will be a path to the right and there is a natural wildflower meadowland.

For the **Queen's Jubilee**, we applied for another grant to East Riding and secured £480 from the Queen's Jubilee Community Fund which was used to pay for items for the Jubilee events that took place earlier this month. Ruth reminded people that the tables and chairs are for villagers use and to get in touch if anyone wishes to borrow them.

Various liaising with East Riding regarding outstanding **maintenance requests and issues** has taken place over the past year; we haven't had an outcome yet about repairing the pond railings (which Phil will

look at repairing) and have put our own temporary signs up to deter people from parking in the passing place outside Walnut Cottage and to help farming vehicles have the access they need to be able to go about their daily work. Other signs such as the poets seat and the pointed North Dalton sign have been replaced and the litter bin on the Green has been re-set after a car collided with it. The Potholes on Church Street, outside Church Farm were filled in this week and a parishioner voiced concerns regarding the standard of work that had taken place, the PC agreed will monitor the situation.

Unfortunately the **basket swing** broke earlier this year, we have purchased and installed a more heavy duty one which the children seem to be enjoying. A parishioner expressed concern about the wood on the swing posts appearing to have split and Clive will investigate this and contact the supplier if needed. The annual ROSPA inspection highlighted no areas of concern and the next one is due in Autumn.

**Pub quizzes** and **village walks** have resumed following lock down (details are published on the Whatsapp group and the Huggate News). Thank you to Pete Cowan who does a great job with the quiz.

Thank you to Helen Bowman for the hire of her meeting room that we use each month which now has the lovely addition of 2 donkeys to welcome us to each meeting!

The minutes from all our meetings are always published on the noticeboard in the bus shelter and 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 2 village WhatsApp groups are continuing to prove useful and popular with about 80 people on each group, if anyone still isn't on the groups who wants to be please get in touch with Abby who will add you. We now put a link to planning applications onto the WhatsApp information group just to make you aware of any applications that are received. A recent planning application was discussed. The WhatsApp groups enable villagers to exchange views and information in a good way.

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 every household and is also published on the village website and the PC are very happy to continue contributing the printing costs of the Huggate News.

Hopefully communication within the village is still working well but if anyone has any other ideas please do let us know.

### 4. Finance update

Financial Year ending March 2022

Opening Balance	£3000
Receipts in year	£21,942 (included precept of £4800, inclosure fund and a donation)
Payments in year	£6692

£18,250 (this doesn't include the East Riding Car Park grant as haven't received this yet)

Costs incurred include filling salt bins and mowing the grass for which we pay East Riding Council, the clerk's salary, insurance, the village website domain, contributions towards the maintenance of the churchyard and the printing of the Huggate News. Costs associated with the car park have been kept separate as the Parish Council's Precept hasn't been used for this, and in the last financial year we paid for a consultant to gain the planning permission which was money very well spent and some initial tree work. The accounts are currently being audited and will be published on the website and displayed on the notice board at the end of this month.

There are two Councillor vacancies so if you would like to be part of the Parish Council please have a chat with one of us.

5. Councillor Vacancy Update – currently there are vacancies for two Parish Councillors and Clive encouraged anyone to get in touch if they were interested in joining.

6. Questions / feedback from parishioners were invited. One parishioner explained what was entailed for a CL (Certified Location) Caravan site.