

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2014 in Tockwith Church

Present: Councillors; Mr N Waller (Chair),

In attendance: Mrs H Algar (Clerk to the Council),

21 members of the Public

Cllr Waller opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Presentation by a variety of local groups outlining their activities within the community

Parish Council

The chairman of the Parish council gave a report the main points of which were

- Parish Council (PC) is lowest tier of local government.
- PC consult on planning applications within our Parish.
- PC comment on these applications and where possible consult locally.
- Planning takes up a vast amount of PC time last year discussed the problems associated with the airfield unfortunately little progress has been made and even though a public enquiry was held and enforcement action was taken we are still fighting a number of unresolved issues.
- The PC covers Cowthorpe, Wilstrop and Tockwith.
- Cllr Waller thanked the assistance he has received from all of his other Cllrs this year and welcomed Cllr Izzy Hatfield as the new Cowthorpe Cllr. Cllr Billeness has also recently resigned which has left another vacancy for a Cowthorpe and we also have a vacancy for a Wilstrop Cllr.
- This year the PC has also worked on a Community Resilience plan, we now have a plan and the committee just need to get together to test the plan. The plan was formulated using information which was collated earlier in the year through questionnaires. As a result of this plan Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) have provided the PC with a battle box which included kit required in an emergency for the village to be able to start a first response. We hope we will not need to action the plan but if we do we will be in a position to be able to help ourselves.
- Groups within the village have received grants from the PC this year and a number of those groups have attended this evening to give the community an opportunity to see what they are all about.

Tockwith Players

Tockwith players presented a wonderful slideshow to explain a year in the life of the entertainment society. Which was very well received.

- Players explained their year and spoke of Pantomime in October half term.

- Review in February.
- Also generally a Play is held within the year.
- Fundraising has been to provide a new shed to store all of their lights and equipment in.

Marston Moor Scouts

Marston Moor Scouts gave a presentation of what the scouting movement were all about and the main points of the presentation were

- All volunteers
- Have 20 leaders now had 12-13 last year
- Have Beavers, Cubs and Scouts working on getting explorers moving forward
- Very busy with camps have 5/6 per year.
- Had to move to Long Marston village hall as so many cubs.
- Scouts at Tockwith School
- Tried to get children engaged in community
- Moving forward would like to build their own headquarters
- 2-8th June they would like a project where they would give their time free of charge.

Tockwith & District Show

Tockwith & District Show gave a presentation the main points of which were;-

- 69th Tockwith show the society was founded in 1945 the first show was in 1947 which raised money for the Red Cross at RAF Marston Moor.
- Show has been held at a number of locations over the years but in 2004 the society bought their own fields. This allows them to plan for the future and make permanent changes as and when they need to.
- Currently putting in new building to store the show equipment.
- 2014 for the first time putting on Food, Flower & Fun day on 5th May which is to replace the car boot sale. There will be a marquee for children's activities, a demonstration marquee with talks and a third catering marquee with a hog roast.
- A dressage event is to be held on Sat 2nd August.
- This year's show is to be held on Sun 3rd August. The charities for the year are YAA and RAI which benefit from the produce auction at the end of the show. In addition to this there is also a sponsored Coast to Coast walk.
- A bonfire / firework display is also planned for the 5th November.

Sportsfield Trust

The Sportsfield Trust gave a presentation the main points of which were:-

- The trust manage the sportsfields on behalf of the Parish Council and it is comprised of members from each contributing groups who are up at the sportsfield. There are representatives from Tockwith Juniors, Scouts, Tennis Club, Bowls club, Public, and the Parish Council.
- The building is run on a shoestring and the electrics and insurance is covered by the groups and organisations that use it.
- The grounds maintenance is covered by the junior football club.
- Other expenses are met from donations gifts and grants from the Parish Council and HBC on occasion.
- Football pitches are good quality and have been used for local cup finals.
- The sports building is available to hire.
- A lot of fundraising has occurred this year in 2014 the purchase of a new tractor is on the cards.
- Also the refurbishment of the clubhouse building. The rooms downstairs are in a dreadful state and need an upgrade to make it more desirable to hire out.

Tockwith Festivals

The following report was given by Tockwith Festivals.

- Thank you for the grant towards our 'food counters'.
- Thanks to our friendly joiner we now have 40 foot of bar.
- Recently varnished and it is now ready for May
- We are building our equipment slowly with what money we have. This is difficult because of the balance of grants vs capital expenditure.
- We now have PA systems. Bar pumps, bars, hog roast equipment, gazebo's/marquees plus many other items. We are putting these on our website for hiring out as a second income throughout the year.
- We have already got a booking for our bars and pumps for later this year!
- We were successful with an application to HBC community chest fund in getting some money for storage containers. As we are building up so much kit we are now running out of space.
- Earlier this year we received a Duke of York award for community initiative.
- Last year's festival was a great success attracting over 1,700 people through the gates. We raised over 12k on the day and were therefore able to give out over 6k in grants.
- Scouts – 8 tents
- Money towards the access ramp here at church
- Money towards the storage shed for Tockwith Players
- Leaflets to raise awareness of Goosemoor Nature reserve in Cattal
- Local PPG towards leaflets and Village hall towards the new garden
- New U19s football club – kit. Bridges the gap between juniors and seniors
- And of course the school got a 51% share of the money which bought a number of ipads.
- Chance to shine competition – running again due to success
- The big day this year is Sat 17th of May 12-11 (subject to HBC extensive sound monitoring!)
- More beers, new lager, bigger tea tent, more food and more bands, more things for the kiddies to do. We have tried our best to better ourselves.
- We hope to see you there for a great village day out.
- Thanks again for your support on the Parish Council.

Village Hall

Keith Pope gave a report from the village hall management committee the main points of which were:-

- The village hall management committee run the day to day management of the hall.
- They are responsible for bookings and the internals of the building.
- The Parish Council are responsible for the external (Fabric) of the building.
- The AGM is to be held on 14/05/2014 at the village hall 7.30.
- A guest speaker will be attending and tea and biscuits will be served.
- Looking at doing an event with Sealed Knot to highlight village history.
- Garden looks great now that it is becoming established.
- The Hall is currently being decorated inside.
- Please support the local community and village hall.

4. Public Questions

None

Clir Waller thanked all for coming and declared the meeting closed.

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____