

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 7.00pm in Tockwith Church

Present: Councillors; Mr N Waller (Chair),

In attendance: Mrs C Porter (Clerk to the Council),

11 members of the Public.

Cllr Waller opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

Proposed Cllr Keith Pope Seconded Cllr Andy Dyason.

Resolved: that Minutes from 2014 were correct. It was noticed there was a 'typo' error with the incorrect year being placed at the top of the Minutes, that being 2013 should be corrected to 2014.

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.
- The PC covers Cowthorpe, Wilstrop and Tockwith.
- The village is in need of 30mph signs at each end of the village. Possibility of training people to hold speed guns, working alongside the Police.
- The litter problem primarily caused by Biffa and Wetherby Waste, assistance being sought from Harrogate Borough Council.
- The successful implementation of the YAS Community First Responder Scheme.
- The implementation of a Parish Council Community Website.
- Erection of a Memorial on Marston Road to signify the air crash which occurred 70 years ago which until now had no recognition. The unveiling will be on the 11th October 2015.
- An update on the 2 proposed housing developments in Tockwith village.
- Cllr Waller thanked Councillors for the assistance he has received this year. He informed the Meeting of two unfulfilled vacancies for a Councillor at Cowthorpe and Wilstrop.
- Cllr Waller welcomed members from groups from within the village, and thanked them for attending in order to give the community an opportunity to find out more about themselves.

Tockwith Players

Tockwith Players were represented by two of their members to the Meeting – Victoria and Sue, who kindly gave a presentation about the group.

- Players explained their year; included a new shed, Old Skool Disco, Rocky Horror themed Murder Mystery, Pantomime, Review.
- Outings included Harlow Carr – Shakespeare, Tockwith Festival, Theatre – Scary Woman in Black, Race Night, Christmas Party in Wetherby, Youths Bowling, helping the Village Hall Entertainment Evening.
- Fundraising included bag packing in Morrisons.
- New Operational Committee.
- They welcome new members to the group.

Tockwith & District Show

Mr Roger Taylor of Tockwith & District Show gave a presentation the main points of which were:-

- 70th Tockwith show this year to be held on the 2nd August.
- The society was founded in 1945, the first show was in 1947 which raised money for the Red Cross at RAF Marston Moor.
- Now costs over £40,000 to put on the show.
- Holding a car-boot sale this year to fundraise.
- New President Stuart Cosgrove.
- Gained a Duke of York's Community Award.

Marston Moor Scouts

Andy Dyason spoke on behalf of Marston Moor Scouts, the main points of the presentation were:

- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are biggest group in the area. Now cannot take on any more Beavers. Have had to move out of Tockwith Village to larger facility at Long Marston.
- Cub helpers needed.
- Possibility of Explorer group section, but again will need help to run this.

Sportsfield Trust

Mike Corbett spoke on behalf of The Sportsfield Trust, 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 of the contributing groups including representatives from Tockwith Juniors, Scouts, Tennis Club, Bowls club, general public, and the Parish Council.
- The refurbishments have now been completed.
- The grounds maintenance is covered by the junior football club.
- The next project is to improve the car park, and install a disabled ramp.
- A tractor and a roller mower have been purchased, funded through the George Moore foundation.
- Bowls Club – holding an open day on 3rd May as need more members.
- Tennis Club – Also need more members and to resurface the tennis court.
- TJFC – is now one of the biggest football clubs in the surrounding area, and has been awarded Community Club status, and Community Club of the Year award. U16's in Selby cup final. York football league have selected Tockwith to host some games. Jo Wilson – in the running for groundsman of the year again, with Geoff Marsden doing a fantastic job of being the junior pitches groundsman.
- A clubhouse team has been established to raise funds and maintain clubhouse.

Tockwith Festivals

Mark Algar gave the following report on behalf of Tockwith Festivals.

- Thank you to the Parish Council for the grant for the bars.
- Having a year off this year. Arnold the Chairman has stepped down, and other members are too busy this year, but the festival will be back on in 2016.
- The 2014 festival gained a licence for 2000 people and nearly reached capacity.
- In 2014 the turnover was just under £49,000, making a profit of £14,000, compared to 2013 with a turnover of £34,000 and profit of £10,000.
- Last year bought 2 shipping containers, and have started renting out equipment to other festivals.
- £8,000 made available in grants last year, time will be spent this year reviewing the grant process and distribution of money.

Village Hall

Audrey Unsworth 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 village hall is suffering from damp inside the annexe and meeting rooms, and flat roof problems, a grant has been submitted for this, and it is hoped if successful work can commence in the summer holidays.
- Installed environmentally friendly fridge, freezer and taps.
- Some user groups lost including scouts due to growing numbers, youth club for seniors due to cuts.
- More parties are being booked, especially with use of lovely new garden area. Defib group going to use hall.
- Fundraising events – entertainment evening, fair, talks and quiz.
- Thanked PC and Committee members for all their help and support.

4. Public Questions

None

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

SIGNED: _____

DATED: _____