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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH

Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7pm

Tockwith Village Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillor Arnold Warneken, Councillor Stuart McHenry, Councillor Sue Corbett, Councillor Sarah Pearce, Councillor Graeme McBride, Cllr Kriston Wright. Councillor Ray Clark, Councillor Ted Tomes.

In attendance: Deborah Marshall (Clerk to the Parish Council), Mike Corbett (Sportsfield Trust), Justin Reeve and two pupils from Tockwith Primary School, David Hardman (Village Hall), Andrew Swires (Sportsfield Tennis), Deryck Wilson (Bowls Club), Justin Vaughan (Junior Football), Bob Cooling (Resilience Group) and seven members of the public.

1	Opening by the Chairman
	Cllr Warneken opened the meeting and welcomed the speakers and members of the public. The Parish Council has undergone many changes in the last year and now has a full allocation of 10 councillors following the May 2022 election. The PC also employed a new Clerk in May 2022. It has been a transitional year as the Parish has been transferred under the new North Yorkshire Council. The PC now has three committees and in the last year has made investments into improving public open spaces, the Village Hall and two speed monitoring devices with another to follow in 2023. The PC is pleased to be working with the Tockwith Community Planning Group to gain input from the community on how future S106 monies should be spent.
2	Approval of 2022 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
	The 2022 minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved.
	Community Presentations
3	Tockwith Primary School – Mr Reeve and students
	Mr Reeve gave an overview of the school which has 220 children. The school is Church of England and is proud to be closely linked with Tockwith Church. The school has a strong governing body and received a rating of 'Good' in its Ofsted inspection with pupils being in the top 20% in the country for English and Maths. The school has recently been extended because of growing pupil numbers. Two year 6 pupils attended with Mr Reeve. The children gave an update on what they enjoy about the school day, the sports they enjoy and the recent trips they have attended, one of which was to visit

	the Houses of Parliament and the House of Lords. The school operates a buddy system which pairs up year 6 and year 1 pupils to prevent isolation and assist in the building of relationships between different year groups.
4	Tockwith Village Hall – David Hardman
	David Hardman provided an update on the recent improvements that have been made to the hall and rear garden. The number of events and bookings have really picked up and the Tockwith Players have held a number of shows. The VHMC is eagerly awaiting the outcome of the Tockwith Community Planning survey to understand how it can best invest the S106 monies to benefit the users of the hall.
5	Tockwith Sportsfield Trust – Mike Corbett
	Mike Corbett gave an overview of the Trust. The PC are the Guardian Trustees and the Trust is the Managing Trustee. The Trust is a charity and does not make any profit. The area covers twelve and half acres and the facilities are managed by volunteers. The area includes the football field, outdoor gym equipment, Tennis Courts, Bowls Club and the Sportsfield Building which can be hired for events. An overview of S106 monies was given. It was discussed whether a community centre could be built on the site, but there does not seem to be a demand from the community at present. Such a facility would require a huge investment and professional management by staff. Funds are not sufficient to do this at present and it would be difficult to obtain grant funding without proving a community need. A small extension has been explored, but a multiuse games area would be a better use of funds. The doors and windows also require replacement.
6	Tockwith Tennis – Andrew Swires
	Andrew Swires gave an update on the Sportsfield Tennis Courts. The two existing courts are not fit for purpose at the moment. A Biffa Grant has been applied for to provide a multiuse pitch which would be more practical and get greater use. It is hoped that the new facility will be ready in 2024 if grant funding is successful.
7	Tockwith Bowling Club – Deryck Wilson
	Deryck Wilson attended as a long-standing member of the Bowls Club which has been running for over 40 years. The Club plays in five different leagues and is affiliated to the Yorkshire Bowls Association. Members enter into both County and National competitions. The club has 18 male and 9 female members, many of whom are from surrounding villages and the club is keen to gain more members. The annual membership fee is £40. The Club will host an open day on 27 th May where anybody can attend and try out bowling. More information is available on their website.
8	Tockwith Junior Football – Justin Vaughan
	Tockwith Junior Football provides fun, inclusive and safe football for both girls and boys provided by DBS checked and FA trained coaches. The club is FA Affiliated and has mixed teams for the under 5's and the under 18's. The younger children play in the Nidderdale Leagues and the over 12's in the Selby League. The Club is keen to attract new volunteers to help out.
9	Future Footprints – Cllr Arnold Warneken
	Cllr Warneken announced that TWWPC were the first PC in North Yorkshire to declare a Climate Emergency. From this, the Future Footprints group was founded. The group meet quarterly. The group regularly undertakes litterpicking with equipment kindly provided by the Tockwith Festivals Group. Future Footprints also founded the 'walk to school group'. Central Government has recently introduced greater investment into green projects and the PC has just received confirmation that 60% of the funding for the EV

	charge points at the Sportsfield Trust will be provided by them with the remainder provided by BP Pulse.
10	Resilience Planning – Bob Cooling
	Bob Cooling opened his session by introducing the purpose of the resilience plan. This has been created to support the emergency services in the event of a catastrophic event such as a flood, extreme weather or a terrorist attack. Assets have been made available in the event of an emergency to help assist people to safety. The plan only comes into action if a community-wide emergency has been announced. All residents have been informed of the plan via a leaflet campaign. It is hoped that the plan never needs to be actioned. The Group is dependent on volunteers.
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11	2023-24 PC budget and projects – Cllr Stuart McHenry
	Cllr McHenry gave an overview of PC spent for this financial year versus last financial year. The PC's largest budgets are on admin, the maintenance of public open spaces and the Village Hall building. In the last year, the PC obtained Locality Funding for the memorial bench and PRD defibrillator. S106 monies were also used to improve the play area and allotments. Money from the precept was used to fund two vehicle activated signs and funds have been included in the 2023-24 budget to purchase a third.
12	Public Questions
	Cllr Wright asked Mike Corbett about the allocation of S106 monies. It was advised that monies already allocated to each site could not be changed. The Infrastructure Levy has since been introduced which will give the Parish Councils a lot more flexibility is how funds from developments can be spent.

Meeting closed at 20:24