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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH

Monday 28th May 2025 at 6:30pm
Tockwith Village Hall

Present: Cllr Arnold Warneken, Cllr Alex Marsh, Cllr Stuart McHenery, Cllr Simon Blake, Cllr Helen Algar, Cllr Kriston Wright.

Apologies: Cllr Ed Harrison.

In attendance: Fiona Vicary (Clerk to the Parish Council), Fiona Steed (Tockwith Singers, Craft Club and Badminton Club).

Guests: County Cllr Andy Paraskos.

15 members of the public were in attendance.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2024

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 9th May 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

2. Chairman's Report

We have been surprisingly busy as a PC but most goes unseen (possibly why we don't have much Parishioner interest in this meeting).

What the PC has responsibility for:

- Allotments
- Playgrounds
- Public open spaces
- Planning applications
- Village Hall
- [plus feedback to Highways regarding potholes
- and responding to residents about dog poo & litter]

Our Partners:

- North Yorkshire Council NYC
- Future Footprints FF
- Village Hall Management Committee VHMC
- Sportsfield Trust ST
- Tockwith Together TT

Last 12 months have been very busy:

- Section 106 monies to be spent on playground on Marston Road, consultation and design contractor selection
- Agreeing VH extension design (acknowledging the work that Simon has put in)
- Selecting 2 new Councillors Helen and Ed
- Appointment of new clerk Fiona
- Responding to Consultations from NYC
- Training, mainly on planning
- Working with FF on EV charging & local energy generation thanks to Alex and Helen
- Working with TT on the Community plan implementation via Stuart
- Planning the development of the allotments led by Kris
- Setting the precept guided by Fiona
- Discussions with NYC re community asset transfer led by me

The next year will see:

- 2 Councillor vacancies filled
- new playground completed
- development of a Neighbourhood Plan
- allotments upgraded
- new VH extension paying dividends
- handing over of the community space on Prince Rupert Drive
- installation of the EV charge points
- decarbonisation of the VH
- improvement of our Social media and general communication
- gateway signs

Thank you, Arnold Warneken

3. Reports from Community Groups

Fiona Steed read out the following reports on behalf of community groups:

Tockwith Singers

Membership – 13 ladies

Sessions – Tuesday evenings in the meeting room

Our members very much enjoy attending choir practice each week and attendance is usually high. Unfortunately we are struggling to attract new members so the average age of our group continues to rise. (Now circa 72)

There are a number of care homes locally at which we put on a concert 3 or 4 times a year and it is particulate heartwarming to see the pleasure our modest performances gives to our elderly audiences, many of who have dementia.

The choir is currently having to find alternative venues for choir practice, none of which are as suitable as the village hall. The choir, however, fully supports the decision to extend the building and we look forward to returning to our rehearsals in the meeting room when the works are complete.

Craft Club

Membership – 14 ladies

Sessions – Monday afternoons in the main hall

Members of the group enjoy trying a range of new crafts as well as repeating ones previously learned. Just some of the crafts enjoyed recently include card-making, air-dry ceramics, embroidery, book marks, crochet flowers, wreaths, picture framing, felt brooches and much more.

Each term we pick a charity and make something for that charity. In the autumn term just gone we knitted hats, gloves, scarfs and socks for Harrogate Homeless. This term we have been making twiddle muffs and blankets for people with dementia in collaboration with a home care business in Wetherby.

We would like to continue to hire the main hall in the village hall to benefit from the good light through the south facing windows.

Badminton Club

Membership – 9 adults and 6 juniors

Sessions – Friday evenings (in the main hall where available)

Attendance can be seasonal as all members are keen on a variety of sports. For example, we are now in the cricket season and 2 adults and 1 junior will now be missing from badminton until autumn.

The standard of play has improved enormously and all members enjoy playing, even though the court is significantly smaller than it should be and the low ceiling has to be taken account of. It is particularly pleasing to see the improvement in skills shown by the junior members, one of whom has registered her attendance as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

4. Public Questions

None raised.

Meeting closed at 18:51