



Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH

Monday 27th April 2026 at 6:30pm
Tockwith Village Hall

Present: Cllr Arnold Warneken, Cllr Alex Marsh, Cllr Stuart McHenry, Cllr Simon Blake, Cllr Debra Cumming.

Apologies: Cllr David Cunningham.

In attendance: Fiona Vicary (Clerk to the Parish Council), three Medieval Group representatives, one Tockwith Together representative.

Guests: County Cllr Andy Paraskos.

Three members of the public were in attendance.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 28th April 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

2. Chairman's Report

Over the last 12 months, the Parish Council has:

- Completed the section 106 money transfer for the new village hall extension and all associated transactions
- Continued to organise for grass cutting at Westfield Green, Marston Road play area, Berts Garden in Cowthorpe and around the gym equipment at the Sportsfield
- Maintained the area around the Pinfold Circle in Cowthorpe
- Supported various community groups with parish grants, including:
 - supporting Tockwith Community Energy with grants for bid writing and website costs

- supporting Tockwith Village Hall Committee with a grant for a fire alarm maintenance package
- supporting the PCC of Hunsingore with a grant for a green bin
- supporting the litter picking group with a grant for new equipment
- supporting Church of the Epiphany with a grant towards a new heating system
- Installed an EV charger at the village hall and recycled the income generated back to the Village Hall Management Committee
- Completely refurbished the Marston Road play area after extensive consultation
- Managed overgrown trees at Westfield Green
- Continued monthly inspections of assets including play areas and allotments
- Engaged with Neighbours on over 50 planning applications
- Paid for a new locking system at the village hall
- Refurbished the Church Row allotments
- Started work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Finalised village gateway signs
- Held 7 monthly surgeries
- Worked with Oakpark residents to hold the site management to account
- Represented the Parish Council on community groups such as Sportsfield, Tockwith Community Energy, VHMC and Tockwith Together
- Processed the community asset transfer of PRD play area although NYC were asking too much, handover risk
- Organised and funded a new Waste Bin at Oakpark

We also minimised the increase in precept with prudent financial management.

All this achieved with only 70% Councillors in place.

If you have are interested in understanding how local government works and feel you can work within those constraints to do our best for the community, please get an application form for the vacant seats from Fiona our Clerk, all will be up for election in May 2027.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, Fiona the Clerk and RFO and the VHMC for all the hard work over the last 12 months, it can be a thankless task.

3. Reports from Community Groups

Three members of the Medieval Society joined the meeting and gave an exciting insight into the group and their activities. The Medieval Society holds regular meetings throughout the year. Meetings can include fighting and craft sessions, archery and much more. They also hold regular Shire days full of various activities, including fighting, archery, fencing and cooking. Weapons can be handmade and members can make their

own armour. It is a mentoring society so new members can learn crafts from experienced members. The meeting dates are on the noticeboard at the village hall.

The following report was read out on behalf of Tockwith Together. The Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Community Plan Working Group was set up in late 2022. The original working group included 3 Parish Councillors. Local community groups and organisations were invited to nominate a representative and the working group was able to invite other members of the community with knowledge and specific skills to be part of the working group.

The working group held its first meeting in December 2022. The initial focus of the group was to undertake a survey of all households of the parish to understand their concerns and aspirations. The survey was carried out in April 2023.

The results of this formed the basis of the Community Plan. A working document showing issues, actions, responsibilities and outcomes. Work on this document started in October 2023 and the final version of the plan was agreed in May 2024.

Of the 56 actions identified as needing to be done – in sections of Infrastructure, Social Amenity, Environment and Young People – 63% have been completed by the team and 33% are started and ongoing. 2 have yet to be started.

Tockwith Together have worked very hard and are pleased with the progress but would now like to move some of the actions forward but can only do that with the help of the community.

The group recently put out a request for people to join the cause. We are looking for new voices, opinions, perspectives. People new to the village, maybe living on any of our new developments or anyone who feels they can give some time to help influence how our community looks and develops in the future.

4. Public Questions

A member of the public asked if some of the S106 money allocated to the Church Row allotments could be reallocated to the Bridlepath allotments.

Meeting closed at 19:00