

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
25 APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Hookem (Chairman), J.Abraham, M.Abraham, Black, Dennett, Knight, Mabbett and Richardson

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk J Haslope and Ward Councillor Corless

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the annual Chairman’s Report for 2021/2022.

As usual, I would like to start by thanking all my fellow Councillors, along with our Clerk, Jo Haslope, for all their hard work and support over the past very demanding year, with many thanks also going to Graham Latter for his work on our Newsletters, and also to all the volunteers who contribute their time in numerous and varied ways for the benefit of the village, which of course includes the litter pickers, whose dedication and hard work is most appreciated in keeping our village looking pristine.

The past year has been another strange one, and with current world events, who knows what is round the corner. It is hard to think that this time last year, although Covid restrictions we were slowly beginning to ease, and the vaccination programme was in full swing, we were still unable to meet up in person and our April Meetings continued to be held via Zoom. However, from 17 May we could return to face to face meetings, faithfully sticking to all Covid Guidelines of course. This meant that whilst members of the public could attend these meetings, we had to ask that they registered with the Clerk beforehand to ensure that we could not only ensure social distancing, but also have contact details in case someone then tested positive for Covid immediately afterwards. Whilst all restrictions now appear to have been lifted, it remains a good idea for anyone wishing to attend any of our meetings to still register their interest beforehand, just to ensure we can accommodate numbers, especially if there is a controversial matter on the Agenda.

Unfortunately during the past year, Village events continued to be cancelled and so once again there was no Open Gardens and no ‘lighting of the Christmas Tree’ with the usual much enjoyable and enthusiastic singing by North Ferriby schoolchildren. The planned Carols by the Lychgate had to be cancelled at the last moment, and the proposed visit from our French friends from Le Pellerin also had to be cancelled once again. However I was pleased that it *was* possible to hold the Remembrance Parade and Church Service, although a little pared down from usual, and residents kept our spirits up in December by once again brightening up the winter evenings with the popular Advent Trail.

As many will be aware, a great deal of the Parish Council’s work over the past year has once again been taken up with trying to prevent permission being given for the proposed enormous and overbearing ‘Amazon’ warehouse on land immediately adjacent to the village, working alongside our very supportive Ward Councillors and the Save Ferriby 2020 Action Group. However, despite the huge number of objections from residents, as well as substantiated arguments against from experts in their fields, in December 2021 planning permission was granted for the application to go ahead, although some conditions were attached. However, the Parish Council are still taking professional advice and continue to fight this by trying to ensure that the impact on our residents’ quality of life is mitigated as far as is possible.

Residents will also be aware of a further major planning application which has been submitted for 119 houses to be built off Ferriby High Road on the land behind/to the east of, the school’s Key Stage 1 site. This area has been allocated for housing in the Local Plan for some time now, and we hope that the developer will take account of any concerns that may be raised, to enable the future residents to feel welcome and valued members of the North Ferriby community.

Regular visitors to the Riverside Walkway will have seen a number of improvements recently, as the Parish Council has been working with Mires Beck Nursery to develop a conservation management plan, increasing the Walkway's biodiversity, and to tie in with this we hope to have a Conservation Open Day on the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We have also been successful in persuading ERYC to install an extra litter bin at the far end of the walkway, so there is no excuse for anyone to leave their rubbish lying around, and if by chance you find any of the village's litter bins full – please do keep your rubbish with you to dispose of at home.

In the meantime, following the launch of the Queen's Green Canopy project to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, the Parish Council's Environment Committee along with our primary school, will be planting a number of new trees, one of which will be planted in memory of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in Coronation Gardens. A new patriotic red, white and blue colour scheme is also planned for the garden. Full details will be available on the Parish Council's website nearer the time, along with details of all other activities planned for the Jubilee weekend – let's hope the weather is kind to us.

Another event to look forward to in the coming months is an Open Day on 7 August at the Anne Turner Memorial Allotments. The East Yorkshire branch of the National Garden Scheme has chosen our village's allotments as being of outstanding interest, and as such, they are including details both in the National Garden Scheme's Yellow Book of Open Gardens and on their website, so we hope to welcome visitors from far and wide. There will be an admission charge of £2.50 on the day, raising funds for various charities.

In this past year it has been confirmed that unfortunately the Doctor's surgery in the Village Hall is to be permanently closed. On the plus side however, following the successful trial of a bus service into Hessle to facilitate access to Hessle Grange Medical Centre, it has been confirmed that this service will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will also now take in a stop at the new Health Centre in Anlaby, and whilst the village still remains without a permanent Post Office, there is an outreach service available in the Duke of Cumberland on a Monday morning.

The Parish Council likes to keep everyone up to date as far as possible with village information via both our notice boards and our Newsletter, published and distributed four times a year, but for those with internet connection who would like more comprehensive and 'up to the minute' news, can I recommend our website, where you can find not only news items, but also useful links for such as how to report odours or noise, or how to apply for a Windfarm Grant. This is where you will also find details of both past and present Agendas and Minutes for all our various meetings.

Finally, I cannot conclude this report without reflecting on the sad passing in January of our Ward Councillor Vanessa Walker, who worked tirelessly for our community, she will be sorely missed by all those who knew her.

This of course left a vacancy for a new Ward Councillor and following the election earlier this month for her successor, I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Margaret Corless, who I trust will work just as hard in supporting N Ferriby residents, alongside our existing Ward Councillor Julie Abraham.

Belinda Hookem (Chairman)

North Ferriby Parish Council

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PUBLIC FORUM – Since there was no public attendance the meeting closed at 6.40pm