

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
24 APRIL 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk J Haslope and one member of the public.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the annual Chairman’s Report for 2022/2023.

As is usual, I would like to start by offering my sincere thanks to all my fellow Councillors, for their continued hard work and support over the past year, and of course many thanks must also go to our Clerk, Jo Haslope, who ‘keeps us all on our toes’. Thanks must also go to the many volunteers, who as their name suggests, volunteer their time in numerous and varied ways for the benefit of the village. This naturally includes our wonderful band of litter pickers who continue to keep our village looking clean and tidy, and also thanks to Graham Latter for his work over the years in the setting and laying out of our Village Newsletter.

We have of course had two very significant national events during the past year, firstly celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee where a number of events were held around the village over the Jubilee weekend. We had the lighting of the beacon accompanied with singing by the Ferriby Ladies Choir, before which the Parish Council held a pre-beacon bash in the Village Hall which was very well attended and much enjoyed by all those who were there. The Social Club held an afternoon/evening fun day with musical entertainment, there was a conservation open day down on the Riverside Walkway, the Village Hall held a Dance through the Decades evening, there was a fun day at the Riding for the Disabled and several streets held their own Jubilee street parties – a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

This then starkly contrasted with the sad news just 3 months later that Queen Elizabeth II who had served us so well for the past 70 years had passed away up in Balmoral, and I am sure it is one of those moments where we can all remember where we were when we heard this news, as most of us will have known no other Monarch. Flowers in tribute were laid in Coronation Gardens and books were opened in the church for people to leave their messages of condolence.

The death of the Queen means that we now have a new King whose Coronation is planned for 6 May. We have an extra bank holiday on the following Monday, giving us another long weekend for those wishing to celebrate the event, and as with the Jubilee, a number of events are planned around the village, full details of which can be found on the Parish Council’s website.

There were of course a number of other events throughout the village over the past year. There was the traditional and very moving Remembrance Parade and Service, and following the lifting of all Covid restrictions we were once again able to enjoy the children’s singing at the lighting of the village’s Christmas Tree, and we could hold Carols around the Lychgate again.

Ferriby Football Club held a very successful Family Fun Day, the Anne Turner Allotments held an equally successful open day under National Gardens Scheme, and congratulations must also go to our very own North Ferriby players Steve Leake and Peter Hadgraft, who helped win the Walking Football World Cup played in Italy.

Further congratulations must go to Ferriby Football Club itself who have secured back to back promotions by winning the NCEL Premier League title and will be heading back to the Northern Premier League next season.

This past year has also seen the establishment of North Ferriby Shed which was officially opened in September. The Shed offers an opportunity for people to socialise and perhaps learn new skills. You will already have seen some of their handiwork in Coronation Gardens – they made and provided decorations for both the Queen’s

Jubilee and Christmas period. Thanks must also go at this point to all those knitters who also provided colourful decorations throughout the year.

Looking forward, in May the village is finally due to welcome our French friends from Le Pellerin, who were originally due to visit us back in 2020. To enable those who are not part of the Twinning Association to come and meet our guests, a very English Afternoon Tea has been arranged in the Village Hall on the afternoon of 18 May, to which all residents are welcome. The event is free of charge, however admission is by ticket only due to the restrictions on numbers allowed in the hall and to assist with catering. Details of how to apply for tickets can be found on our website, and you do not have to speak any French in order to attend!

May is also the month this year for both Parish Councillor and Ward Councillor elections, which are to be held on Thursday the 4th. Those eligible to vote should have received their polling cards by now, and for the first time, voters must now provide photographic proof of identity in order to cast their vote. Further information on what forms of identity are acceptable, or what to do if you do not have any of these documents can be found online, or by contacting East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

With regard to the Parish Council precept for this year, as you may have seen from the Council Tax Bill which will have dropped through your letterbox recently, and as detailed in our Spring Newsletter, we have the 'good news' that we are able to reduce the amount we are asking for this year by £15, meaning that Band D properties will now pay £40 instead of last year's £55. Every little helps!

Unfortunately despite many objections from our Ward Councillors and the Parish Council, and after 18 months of repeated planning applications, approval has finally been given to Transwaste for 24 hour working, which will disappoint many residents whose lives have been blighted by odours and noise. However enforceable conditions have been attached to this permission including the need to ensure all buildings are fully enclosed in attempt to give the village better protection. In the meantime complaints regarding odour and/or noise can continue to be reported to ERYC, details on how to do this can be found on our website.

Following the recent consultation on ERYC's Local Plan, the Parish Council's Planning Committee have been successful in demonstrating the village's need for an extra area of Open Space. This will be created next to the current Playing Fields. We have also been successful in drawing attention to the implications on air quality with the increased amount of industrial traffic along the A63 corridor and development to the west of the village. As a result ERYC has now agreed that consideration must be given to the potential implications on air quality when considering new planning applications and will create an Air Quality Management Area if national objectives are not met locally, resulting in an Air Quality Action Plan.

At the time of writing, there is still uncertainty over the plans for landscaping the Open Space alongside Plantation Wood and the Parish Council continues to fight for this to reflect the wishes of residents as identified in the results from last year's Village Questionnaire. We are also still awaiting updated details for the proposed 119 new houses to the east of the village. However, we will keep you informed of any developments when we have them, both via our Newsletters and Parish Council website.

With regard to Parish Council Meetings, residents are always welcome to attend and to speak should they wish to. Agendas are posted on both our notice boards and website, and we would ask that if attending, you register with our Clerk beforehand, especially if there is something controversial on an agenda to ensure we can accommodate all.

Finally we must say farewell and thank you to both Parish Councillor John Mabbett, who returned to the Parish Council after a short break, bringing his many years of invaluable experience to the role and has been a significant member of the Planning Committee, and also to our hard working Ward Councillor Julie Abraham who after 20 long years has decided to step down from her role as one of our Ward Councillors, supporting and looking after not only the parish of North Ferriby, but also the parishes of Swanland and Welton. We wish them both well for their future 'retirements', and look forward to working with whoever the successful candidates are for the roles of our Ward Councillors at the forthcoming election.

Belinda Hookem (Chairman)

North Ferriby Parish Council

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PUBLIC FORUM – No questions were raised so the meeting closed at 6.40pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....Pg 92