

**NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
22 APRIL 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors Hookem (Chairman) J.Abraham, M.Abraham, Allmendinger, Black, Blogg, Dennett, Holborn, Knight & Wood

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk J Haslope, Ward Cllr Corless, Ward Cllr Hopton and one member of the public.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the annual Chairman’s Report for 2023/2024.

I have no apology for starting my report as usual in offering my sincere thanks to all my fellow Councillors, for their continued hard work and support over the past year in managing the village’s facilities, with a warm welcome to our two new Councillors, Claire Allmendinger and Muhammad Shaikh, who joined us following last May’s elections, and hope their new roles have proved to be all they expected and more. Of course many thanks must as always go to our Clerk, Jo Haslope, for her continuing commitment and enthusiasm for the role of Parish Clerk. Thanks also go out to the many volunteers, who as their name aptly describes, 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.

Thanks must also go to both the Knit & Natter group who have provided numerous colourful knitted displays around the village throughout the year and Ferriby Shed who have also created wonderful wooden decorations such as those in Coronation Gardens over the Christmas period and for the King’s Coronation. We are particularly grateful for the excellent refurbishment work they have done on the fingerpost at the Church Road crossroads.

As you will be aware, we try to keep residents up to date with village matters by way of both our website and our quarterly village Newsletter, which you will have noticed this year has had a makeover and is now a full glossy colour publication. Going forward we have now also launched our own Facebook page simply called ‘North Ferriby Parish Council’ which is to be a virtual notice board and enables us to provide up to date village news without having to wait until the next Newsletter print date, and we encourage all residents who use Facebook to follow us.

Once again the prolonged and continuing dispute over designs for the Open Space alongside Long Plantation Wood has taken up much of the Parish Council’s time this year, as we continue to fight for the retention of the original grassland meadow which was designed to protect the village from the development on the Amazon site, which necessitates the removal of the bunds that have already been placed there, and that permission cannot be given for installation of any new bunds. In this respect, and as detailed in our Spring Newsletter, this has meant that the Parish Council has now regretfully had to commence legal proceedings.

Whilst the Open Space, along with Long Plantation Wood are designed to protect North Ferriby from the industrial development to the west of the village, it may surprise some to learn that they do not currently fall within the Parish Council’s boundary. However, following representation from the Parish Council and local representatives, it has now been agreed that from 2027 this area of land will be incorporated into our Parish. This boundary change does not of course have any effect on the ownership of the land. In addition, two properties on Woodgates Lane will also be transferred into Ferriby’s Parish, as their location is closer to our village than Swanland.

With regard to the Amazon site itself, the Parish Council sends a representative to the Amazon liaison meeting which takes place on a monthly basis to give updates on progress on the site.

Plans have not yet been finalised for the proposed 115 new houses to be built to the east of the village as the Parish Council continues to try to get agreement for an increase in the number of much needed bungalows in the make-up of properties. The Parish Council, and particularly through those members on the Playing Field Committee, is also

making progress on ensuring the successful creation and integration of two new football pitches as a result of the application, and also the provision of additional car parking spaces on the existing car park.

And finally for planning, in the Autumn the Parish Council took the opportunity to make representation at the East Riding Local Plan Examination in Public on a number of issues, including that of air quality. With increased economic activity both locally and elsewhere in the East Riding, the Parish Council was keen to remind East Riding Council about residents' concerns over emissions likely to be generated by additional heavy goods vehicles travelling along the A63 and the potential impact on our residents' health. The Planning Inspector agreed with the comments we made and we look forward to seeing an improved policy on this issue (or more consideration of this issue) in the final version of the plan which is due for consultation later in the year.

This past year we have continued to enjoy regular village events such as the welcome return of the annual Gardeners' Club Village Show, the moving Remembrance Parade and Church Service, lighting of the Village Christmas tree accompanied by Carols from the School choir, and more Carols, this time round the Church Lychgate followed by mulled wine and mince pies

We celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May, with the installation of a new bench for Coronation Gardens, and the children at North Ferriby Primary School were presented with commemorative bookmarks.

In May we finally managed to welcome 'nos amis' from our twinned village of Le Pellarin – their visit was originally planned for 2020, but for obvious reasons had had to be postponed. Amongst other planned activities, the village held a 'meet and greet' afternoon tea, open to all residents, with entertainment from the primary school choir whose repertoire included a song sung in French which went down very well with our visitors.

May was also the month for the Ferriby Festival, which was held at the Football Club and ran into the evening. This was a great success and is to be repeated again this year.

What used to be our annual Open Gardens event unfortunately ceased in 2019, but it is pleasing to note that it is to return later this year on 16 June, and in addition to the gardens on show, it will include a number of activities in the school grounds such as a classic car exhibition, ice cream van, stalls and musical performances.

In September, thanks to the hard work of some of our residents, North Ferriby was included in the nationally celebrated Heritage Open Days, and this was another huge success. The Anne Turner Memorial Allotments and All Saints' Church and Bell tower were opened to the public. There was an exhibition of the Oakleaf replica Bronze Age boat by the Ferriby Heritage Trust on the Riverside Walkway along with a collection of classic and super cars and there were free guided walking talks around the village by local resident Ian Wiles and Hull Tour Guide Paul Schofield.

Our Environment Committee has continued their hard work this year to improve the woodland area of the Riverside Walkway, and in conjunction with Mires Beck Nursery, have planted numerous native whips, which were kindly donated by the Nursery itself. The Parish Council is keen to improve the conditions for wildlife and plant life on the Walkway and around the village. In December we formally adopted our Biodiversity Policy which means that we will consider protecting and enhancing biodiversity in all of our future decision making.

Once again the Parish Council has been able to allocate a number of grants from the Wind Farm Fund, this year's successful recipients being the Ferriby Heritage Trust, North Ferriby Cricket Club, North Ferriby Village Hall, North Ferriby Hedgehog Rescue, the Anne Turner Memorial Allotments Committee, Ferriby Shed and North Ferriby Primary School. Information on how to apply for the next round of grants will be advertised towards the end of the year, on our website, in our Newsletter and of course via our new Facebook page.

Finally I would just like to remind everyone that the Parish Council is here for you, and we are always happy to see residents at any of our Council Meetings, the details of which can be found on the Village Notice Board in Coronation Gardens and on our website.

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 122