

Approved Minutes of the Allerthorpe Annual Parish Meeting 2013

Held on Wednesday 29th May in the Village Hall

Chairman: Mr. K Macleod; Clerk: Mr. T W Howard-Smith

There were 15 electors present (as listed in the record of attendance)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting and explained that this was an open meeting at which any elector was free to speak. He noted the small numbers present and thanked those who had taken the time to attend, emphasising that only by attending meetings and making your voice heard could local government prove to be effective. The meeting is also seen as a good vehicle for resolving many general village issues. He then proceeded to quickly summarise the agenda items.

2. MINUTES OF 2012 MEETING

Mr P. Wiltshire proposed, seconded by Mr T. O'Gram that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were agreed as a true record of the 2012 meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- BT had offered us the option of adopting the Telephone box on Main Street, with an annual rent:
As the rent wanted was prohibitive, the Parish Council decided it would not adopt.
- One parishioner asked if we could have a larger post box as it is proving difficult to fit larger letters in:
Royal Mail has advised that they will monitor this and replace the current box if it is felt appropriate.
- BT Phone Box:
This is Grade II Listed and some parishioners asked if we could do anything with it to keep it clean. The Council was asked to contact BT to get advice.
BT advises that kiosk cleaning is on a rotational basis and they have no plans to increase the frequency of cleaning.
- Pocklington Police Station opening hours:
Humberside Police advise that current fiscal constraints means that many local Police Stations will no longer be manned 24x7. The best means of contact remains as 999 for Emergencies and 101 for Non-Emergencies.
- Changes to Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:
NW is now supported by the Community & Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, part of Safe Communities of the ERYC.
- Children's Play Area:
This is a delicate matter that is on-going.

4. VILLAGE ASTHETICS

The Chairman made the following report and comments on the village, and the projects undertaken over the last year, asked for the opinions of those present at the meeting:-

- 2x benches have been procured and are awaiting installation. Community Payback Scheme is arranging unpaid labour but any offers of help are appreciated.
- 2 Small planters have been purchased for placement adjacent the new benches.
- 2 Large planters have been procured for the entrances to the Village and will be installed over the coming weeks. Again any offers of assistance are appreciated. Mr O'Gram asked if brick planters were to be fitted; the chairman explained that the problems obtaining planning and other permissions plus the higher cost made it more cost effective to install wooden ones.
- The chairman reported on the Community Payback Scheme would be providing labour to clean the leaf debris off the affected pavements.
- The chairman stressed that parking on Main Street contributes greatly to traffic calming through the Village.

5. NEIGHBORHOOD (LOCAL) DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr. Stageman gave a presentation on the rationale behind the new local development plans, the localism act and the dangers of not developing a plan for Allerthorpe Parish. He explained that it was not compulsory, but if we do not develop a plan we may not have as much of a controlling voice in future planning and development decisions.

Will take about a year to complete, after going through the following phases:

- ✓ Resources to develop plan
- ✓ Community and council support (Everybody to be consulted)
- ✓ ERYC Review of plan
- ✓ Independent review to ratify plan
- ✓ Local referendum to accept plan (over 50% agreement)

Essential components of plan:

- ✓ Vision
- ✓ Aims
- ✓ Steering (direction)
- ✓ Good Idea of community needs
- ✓ Protection of parish values etc.
 - * Allerthorpe Woods
 - * Rural aspects
 - * Controlled Development
 - * Controlled Industrial Development

If we don't develop our own plan, larger development plans from beyond the parish may prevail, especially because of the lower restriction from central government.

Question: What procedures are there? As the parish council presently only has an advisory role.

Answer: Mr Stageman explained that with the introduction of the new Localism Act, local parishes will have more responsibility regarding local development issues, and these responsibilities will extend beyond the village into the wider parish.

The Chairman concluded by stressing the need for us all to have our say in the future development of parish planning, and a comprehensive local development plan will go a long way in ensuring that.

6. CRIME PREVENTION/NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Chairman reported that there had been two burglaries in the village over the past year.

- * One sneak thief, entering and stealing property
- * One break-in, with damage and stolen property

The Chairman pointed out all the literature and security items on display at the rear of the hall and invited all present to help themselves.

7. TRAFFIC SURVEY 2012

The Chairman reported that as a result of last year's meeting, a full traffic survey was undertaken in November – December last year. With the survey showing that 21,980 vehicles drove through the village during the week of the survey, with 27.4% driving over the ACPO threshold for action. The PC would be working with the ERYC Road Safety Group to identify suitable options to reduce these figures.

A traffic survey spreadsheet comparing Allerthorpe to other parishes is attached to this document as Appendix 1.

Question:

Can we not have a 20mph limit?

Answer:

The Chairman responded, 20mph limits are not enforceable in law, and it is not thought appropriate in this village, but now that we have accurate statistics we can keep our eyes on the situation.

Mr. O'Gram also pointed out to the meeting that Greg Knight MP at a recent surgery in the Plough Inn, reported that every village in the locality with speed humps fitted, are requesting that they be removed as they do not control speed and sometimes cause damage to vehicles.

The Chairman again reminded the meeting that it was clear that where cars were parked on the street it had a positive effect in reducing traffic speed.

8. WINTER PRECAUTIONS – GRIT/SALT

There is a large quantity of road grit salt in store and in the three bins placed around the village.

ERYC will only grit the main street; all other village roads will be left untreated. It will be up to the parishioners to grit these, and help may be needed in winter.

9. OPEN FORUM

Question:

One parishioner asked if there was any plan to enforce kerb-side parking in the village.

Answer:

No, the Parish Council has no plans to go down that route. Also the Highways Department say that we cannot prevent people parking upon the grass verge, but if there is any damage caused then legislation would apply.

Question:

Are there any plans for the small grass area at the front of the pub car park?

Answer:

The possibility of refurbishing the grass area at the front of the village pub is being considered, turning into a more attractive feature. A number of options are being considered. More discussion is needed before anything is decided.

Question:

What is happening to the small triangle of land that is a result of the new roundabout being built?

Answer:

The meeting had no particular information about the land, but it had been grassed.

Question:

Is there any news regarding the closed golf club?

Answer:

Apart from the advertisement in the property pages of the newspapers, the meeting had nothing to add.

Question:

Is there any provision for maintenance of the new planters?

Answer:

The Chairman explained that we have negotiated an arrangement with an adjoining Council to enable us to hire their grounds-man to perform various gardening and landscape maintenance work for us.

Question:

Is there any news regarding the frequency of Back Lane grass cutting?

Answer:

The Chairman will contact ERYC about the grass cutting schedule. **Action: KM**

Comments from the Chairman:

- * The Chairman gave the meeting an update on the provision of broadband to the village, with the Pocklington BT Exchange not being in line for speed/fibre upgrade soon. Parishioners should check their installations and keep up to date with any news of further developments on the web-site.
- * The Parish Magazine is now delivered free of charge to everybody with an Allerthorpe PC insert in every copy.

- * The Chairman asked if the meeting thought that the bus stop was in the correct place. The meeting had no thoughts either way.
- * The Chairman has made tentative enquiries with ERYC regarding getting the path from the new roundabout down the lane into the village widened and resurfaced, as it is difficult for pedestrians with prams or bicycles to negotiate.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to the meeting, and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Attendance List (in no particular order)

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ken Macleod | Mary Williams |
| Maureen Macleod | Alastair Burnet |
| Mark Stageman | Tim O'Gram |
| David Geekie | Philip Wiltshire |
| Ian Douglas | Jon Metcalfe |
| Christine Douglas | Clare Metcalfe |
| S Wilkinson | Trevor Howard-Smith |
| | Keith Smith |

Signed.....
Chairman Allerthorpe Parish Council

Date.....

Traffic Survey – Comparison with other Surveys.

Sorted by Total Vehicles

| Location | Date | Total Vehicles | Av per Day | Offending over 35MPH | Av Off per Day |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
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