

Kirkby in Cleveland Parish Council

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Minutes

Annual Parish Meeting held in Kirkby Church Hall on

Monday 28th April 2014 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for the meeting: PC C, Skelton, T.Seymour, R.Tomlinson, H.Moorhouse.

Present: Councillors M.Frew, J.Hugill, J.Barr, District Councillor M.Skilbeck, Parish Clerk Smith, 3 Kirkby Residents.

1.0 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th April 2013 accepted and signed by M.Frew.

2.0 Matters Arising. District Councillor M.Skilbeck asked if the broadband was any faster. The discussion was that it was satisfactory. Councillor Frew thanked Mrs Gillian Lane for her hard work over the last five years as Parish Clerk and welcomed the new Clerk Mrs Lynne Smith.

3.0 Chair's Report.

Councillor Frew outlined the key events from the year which are detailed below.

- 3.1 Parish Website/Neighbourhood Watch/No Cold Calling Zone. The website continues to be updated regularly and the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to function efficiently. Both these projects are implemented by Mr David Chadwick and the council offered their thanks for all his hard work on behalf of the Parish Council. The residents were reminded that Kirkby is a No Cold Calling Zone and if necessary the police should be contacted on the 101 number. Police attendance at the meetings has been spasmodic due to shift patterns but a report is normally forthcoming. Residents were reminded that a local Beat Surgery has been held at the Little Shop in Great Broughton.
- 3.2 Faster Broadband. This service has been now been installed and hopefully are feeling the benefits.
- 3.3 Village Enhancements. Since the ending of the funding for the parish caretaker, the Parish Council has been able to continue the scheme from its own budget. This together with the regular Village Tidy Up sessions helps to keep the village tidy. The next session is to take

- place on 10th May with coffee after at Appleton House. The Parish Council is trying to obtain funding for bulbs to plant at the entrance to the village near Emmersons. A reminder was made to all dog walkers to make use of the dog waste bins at the crossroads and up Hill Road.
- 3.4 Planning. Hambleton District Council has advised the Parish Council that it is not appropriate to have an Article 4 Direction applied to conservation areas in relation to the positioning of solar panels on roofs visible from the highway; however this may be reviewed at a later date. The planning application for the demolition of Station Cottages, Station Road, Stokesley and construction of a new bungalow was refused by Hambleton District Council and has now gone to appeal. Recently there has been a proposal mooted for the development of the farmyard on Hill Road. No definite plans have been proposed and the Parish Council will consider any future planning applications if and when received, taking into account any interested parties' comments.
- 3.5 Highway Matters. The resurfacing after the installation of the broadband has been completed. As North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council have changed their street lighting policy, street lights in the village now go off at 12 midnight and come back on at 5am, leaving two lights at the crossroads and one wayfinder light along each branch of the crossroads which stay on all night. No changes in the level of crime have been reported in the areas that were piloted for this scheme.
- 3.6 Kirby Bank Trod. North York Moors National Park are preparing a report that will recommend that the Trod be closed to motorised vehicular traffic after the Local History Group have had the Trod classified as a Scheduled Monument. This is not expected to be completed before the end of the year.
- 3.7 Parish Liaison Meetings. As the Stokesley Area Forum meetings were cancelled early last year, Parish Liaison Meetings have been initiated by Hambleton District Council to improve communication between County, District, Parish and Town Councils.
- 3.8 Councillor Frew thanked all members of the Parish Council, District Councillor Margaret Skilbeck and North Yorkshire County Councillor Heather Moorhouse for all their hard work on behalf of the village.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

Councillor Frew presented the Finance report in the absence of Councillor Tomlinson.

The total funds available for 2013/14 amounted to £4830.

Total payments approved by the Parish Council for 2013/14 were £2269.

The precept for 2014/15 is £3000.

5.0 Henry Edmonds Trust Report

Councillor Hugill gave an update on the Trust. The key points were as follows

- 5.1 Chris Parsonage has retired.
- 5.2 Clare Kerr was co-opted a Trustee for a 10 year term
- 5.3 Alison Seymour and J Hugill have been re-appointed as Parish Council representatives for a 5 year term
- 5.4 All administration work for the Trust has moved to the Newcastle office.
- 5.5 The school has benefitted by
 - i) A new interactive whiteboard
 - ii) The replacement of 8 laptops (approx. 80-90% of cost)
 - iii) IT packages through the school
 - iv) Bibles for year 3 students

Councillor Hugill queried if the report provided by the Trust was useful to the Parish Council. It was agreed that it was.

6.0 Great Broughton village Hall Report

The Local History Group is to help fund the internet in the village hall so the group can use room upstairs.

7.0 Any Other Business

Mr G. Frew thanked the all the members of the Parish Council for their work on behalf of all the residents.

Councillor Hugill thanked Councillor Frew for her work as Chair of the Parish Council.

