

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SNAITH AND COWICK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2014 AT 26 MARKET PLACE SNAITH

PRESENT

Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton, Cllr. J. Barrett, Cllr. G. Hulme, Cllr. R. McArthur, Cllr. G. Laughton, Cllr. J. Hollas and Cllr. N. Megson

Also present East Riding Councillor C. Fox 5 members of the General Public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the parish meeting held on Monday 25th March 2013 were handed to the public and circulated to council members prior to the meeting. The Minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor. Proposed Cllr. G. Laughton seconded Cllr. G. Hulme and agreed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. S. Jones, Cllr. M. Nicholls, Mr Heary – Neighbourhood Watch, Mrs S. Hulme – Snaith and Cowick Together

TOWN MAYORS REPORT

May 2013:

- * Firstly, I was very honoured to elected Mayor for the 2013/2014 session.
- * Councillor Hennessy has now left the Town Council, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his support.

June 2013:

- * Changes to the Local Plan have now been received, following consultations with the public during March 2013. The residents of Snaith and Cowick brought about the amendment to prohibit any building development on the Sports Field.

July 2013:

- * The Civic Service took place, and was very well attended by representatives of many Town and Parish Councils. The service and reception were both held in The Priory for the first time, and was well received.

August 2013:

- * The resurfacing works to the A1041 from Snaith through to Cowick Hall were completed.
- * The Town Council were pleased to support the Lifestyle Project for Young People, who cleared and weeded the triangle at Court Road.

September 2013:

- * Over 200 residents attended further public consultations held regarding the amended Local Plan.

* The Heritage Day was another successful event organised by Snaith & Cowick Together. This year's theme was 'Pastimes and Hobbies' and included a mobile Skate Park, the Faceless Performing Arts group and Morris Dancers.

* The Good Neighbour Award was given to Mr Ellin. Mr Ellin has voluntarily maintained the flower beds on the triangle at Butt Lane for over 50 years.

* Due to other commitments, Councillor Danny Tupling resigned from his seat on the Town Council, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his support.

* Councillor James Hollas was Co-opted on to the Snaith & Cowick Town Council.

* Resurfacing works to parts of the A1041 in East Cowick were undertaken.

October 2013:

* Speed Surveys were undertaken on the A1041 on both Pontefract Road and Cowick Road produced some frightening results. Nearly 50% of vehicles entering Snaith on Pontefract Road were exceeding the 30mph limit.

* Snaith & Cowick Youth Club have unfortunately had to close one of their sessions due to lack of funding.

November 2013:

* The Remembrance Sunday Parade this year was from the Methodist Chapel to The Priory, and I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the residents of Snaith and Cowick. Services at The Priory, the Commemorative Garden and Cowick Church were all very well attended.

* The annual Grant Meeting was held, with 11 local voluntary organisations applying for grants.

December 2013:

* Members of the Town Council met with the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils Dog Warden, where they undertook awareness training to help identify irresponsible dog owners.

* The Environment Agency undertook some investigative drilling through the flood bank to identify potential problem areas.

* An election was requested to fill a vacant Town Councillors position. The election was held on the 19th December 2013.

* The Town Council were able to secure a grant of £2000 from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for winter weather equipment and grit. Fortunately not all of this was used and the Council are now seeking to retain the surplus funding for 2014/2015.

* The Town Council were also successful in obtaining a £1000 grant from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in support of the Christmas Market.

* The first Snaith & Cowick Christmas Market and Christmas Light Switch-on was a resounding success which raised over £3000 for various charities. Bookings are already being taken for the 2014 Christmas Market.

January 2014:

* The Town Council were pleased to welcome Mr Nick Megson as a Councillor, following the elections held in December 2013.

* Strong winds brought down several trees and branches in the area. Some of these were removed very quickly by volunteers from within the community.

* The Town Council invited both residents and businesses to put forward ideas or proposals to try and resolve various traffic problems such as parking, speeding and HGV's throughout the Snaith and Cowick area. These proposals have been forwarded to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for consideration.

February 2014:

* The Town Council held final consultations for the Local Development Plan in Snaith. This stage looked at the Legal Framework prior to going before the Secretary of State.

* The Snaith & Cowick Emergency Plan has been updated. There are now 3 Emergency Plan boxes being prepared, which will be held at pertinent locations within Snaith and Cowick. One will be retained in the Town Office. All councillors are aware of the Emergency Plan procedures.

March 2014:

* The Annual Parish Meeting was held in March. Representatives of many local community groups, along with Humberside Police attended this meeting.

April 2014:

* Due to the growing number of people from the community coming into the Town Office for information, asking for support or reporting various incidents, and to adhere to recent changes by the Government regarding the legal status of Local Councils, we have recently appointed a new member of staff. Mrs Nicola Russell will now be assisting in the general administration of the Town Office, allowing Mrs Vicky Whiteley more time to fulfil her role as Town Clerk.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

EAST RIDING COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. J. Barrett

I would like to thank the Town Mayor Cllr. John Staveley – Churton and once again the town clerk and town councillors for allowing me to assist them both as a Snaith and Cowick Town Councillor and an East Riding Councillor.

Due to Snaith and Cowick Town Council being a professionally run council both East Riding Councillor Caroline Fox and myself have found that we all work well together for the overall improvement of this town and again I thank Town Councillors for that.

Town Mayor Councillor John Staveley – Churton has already covered most of what has been worked on and achieved in this area. I will therefore say no more.

Cllr. C. Fox

I would like to congratulate Snaith & Cowick Town Council, also Snaith & Cowick Together for a very successful year in their endeavours in achieving many community projects over the year.

I would like to just take this opportunity to mention Snaith Youth Club and the numbers of Young people attending this group as every child in the parish is important and we hope to have more volunteers to support the group soon.

HUMBERSIDE POLICE

PC Liddle has now taken over from PC Tim Morton. Michelle Greenfield is continuing with the drop in sessions at Snaith Library. No Major incidents to report. Anti – Social Behaviour and Burglary still accounts for the majority of incidents in the area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Apologies given by Mr Heery – No report given

SNAITH AND COWICK TOGETHER REPORT

Firstly I should like to thank the Mayor and Town Council for giving us this opportunity to share this year's achievements with the council and the community.

The working groups have met regularly and worked hard and the Steering Group has continued to monitor their activities.

Community and Leisure Group

We have engaged an artist, Steve Tomlinson, to work, with the children of Snaith Primary School to produce a series of sculptures depicting the life cycle of a butterfly, which will be installed on Ferry Lane to further enhance the picnic area. With the help of Groundworks, we have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from Eggborough Power Station for this project. We are grateful for the Town Council, Pinderfields Trust Charity and the Goole Lottery for their grants towards the 10% match funding. The school plans a non-uniform day to raise the balance. However, we still hope to raise some more money to fund a series of interpretation boards, designed by the children, to explain the finished sculptures and the project overall. The children have already completed a related homework challenge with outstanding results. We are all very excited about the project.

Tea Party Project

We thank the Town Council for their generous grant to fund our planned 'tea party' project, when we hope to arrange a series of tea parties in the community. This is still at the early planning stage and we struggling to find sufficient volunteers to make it viable.

General Improvement of Area

Once again, we thank ERYC for providing four large sacks of daffodil bulbs and Croda's 1% Club for helping us to plant them. We gave some to the two primary schools to plant in their grounds. I'm sure everyone is enjoying the daffodils all round the community – we reckon to have planted over 10,000 over the years!

We also hoped to organise a litter pick, but, again, we have insufficient volunteers, so are looking into alternative ways of cleaning up some of the litter in the area.

Transport, Town Centre, Traffic and Parking, Community Safety and Crime Group

Meeting with the Police

The first meeting we arranged was cancelled by the police at the last minute. The police officer did not attend the second arranged meeting, but sent a PCSO who had only ever worked in Goole and did not know Snaith at all.

The discussion included:- Speeding and speed limit enforcement, Flouting of the weight restrictions on Selby Road, Parking on Pavements , Waste bins blocking pavements all day, HGV's through the night on Pontefract Road – Speed and noise.

We are still waiting for the promised response from the police.

The PC for Snaith has changed three times in the past year and communication has been difficult.

Accidents near the Bridge

We have sent a letter to the Town Council requesting contact with North Yorks council following a series of accidents on the north side of the bridge. We would like to see reflective chevrons on the railings.

Controlled Parking Zones

The community plan of 2010 highlighted the need for improvement parking facilities in the centre of Snaith for shoppers and visitors. After looking at the range of options, we proposed to the town Council that Snaith should have a Controlled Parking Zone. The TC subsequently organised a residents' consultation exercise about parking, and traffic in Snaith and Cowick. Both organisations have sent papers to ERYC.

Heritage Group

This group has continued to function, and we are grateful to the Town Council for their generous grant towards the funding of Heritage Day. We had possibly the most successful Heritage Day in September on the theme of Hobbies and Pastimes with lots of involvement from many sections of the community. We have only just begun to plan this year's event, but we have a date of 13th September – and the title – Heritage Counts. We plan to put the emphasis on numbers, including the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 and the anniversary of the churches in Cowick and Hensall. We hope to involve as many community groups and organisations as possible and are always looking for help.

Open Door Project

Although the project has finished, the walks continue to be very popular. We were successful in requesting further funding from LEADER to print a further 600 walk packs – most of which have already been distributed!

Finally we should like to invite you all to our AGM on Thursday 6th June in the Brewers Arms at 7.30pm. There will be a free quiz, by John Machin and a raffle with great prizes as well as a short AGM. Please come.

Mrs Sally Hulme , Chair

SNAITH COMMUNITY PLANING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Normal operating year apart from 2 break ins at the club. General maintenance of the field and buildings have taken place. Introduction of safety netting to prevent balls into garden and also to prevent children running straight in the path of vehicles, with an introduction of 5mph speed limit

SNAITH COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL

Continues to have four meetings a year, struggle to get volunteers to support the Sports Hall however the volunteers and staff that do work there do a great job.

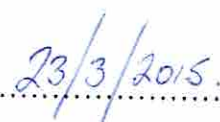
BALANCE SHEETS FROM CHARITIES OPERATING IN SNAITH AND COWICK

Balance Sheets from Snaith Charity, Snaith and Cowick Pinderfields Charity, and Otley Cottages Home Trust were received.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr V. Ramsker thanked the Town Council for all their work over the previous year. Mr Ramsker wanted to bring to the councils attention footpath 8 on South Parkways as it may need resurfacing.

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