

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SNAITH AND COWICK TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 26 MARCH 2018 AT 26 MARKET PLACE, SNAITH

PRESENT

Cllr. D. Butterfield (in the chair), Cllr. R. Lyons, Cllr. J. Barrett, Cllr. J. Hollas, Cllr. G. Hulme, Cllr. D. Hill,  
Cllr. D. Bromley

Four Members of the public present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the Parish Meeting March 2017 were circulated and handed to members of the public. The Minutes were noted as approved at the Full Council Meeting on 10 April 2017.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Vernon Ramsker, Cllr. S. Jones, Humberside Police, Snaith Community Playing Field

TOWN MAYORS REPORT

**Town Mayor's Report 2017/18**

**APRIL**

St. George's Day

Another very successful St. George's Day celebration took place with a good turnout from the community.

**MAY**

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Town Council took place and I was delighted to be appointed as Mayor for the forthcoming year.

The Link

May saw the last edition of The Link magazine being published.

Market Place

The white road markings on Market Place were refreshed following the decision to revert back to two-way traffic.

**JUNE**

Summer Market

The Summer Market was another great success, with a 1940's theme and the completion of The Marshes cycling club peloton adding to the atmosphere. Over £2000 was raised for local charities.

Cemetery Committee

It was with regret that the Clerk to the Cemetery Committee resigned from her position. Mrs Vicky Whiteley kindly agreed to step into the role with support from other council staff.

**JULY**

Training

Council staff received first aid training and are now certified in Emergency First Aid at Work. Various councillors attended 'How to be a Good Councillor' training courses over a series of weeks.

Street Furniture

A new bench was installed at Court Road Triangle.

**AUGUST**

Joint Use Play Area

Research on the refurbishment of the Joint Use Play Area was commenced.

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Thanks to Cllr. John Barrett who took over the role of coordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and erecting signs across the parish.

#### Council Meetings

It was voted to change council meetings from fortnightly to monthly due to the increase in other committee and community meetings being attended by councillors and staff.

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### Village Task Force

The ERYC Village Task force visited to refresh the appearance of the town by painting seats, bollards, litter bins etc. and making minor repairs to roads, lampposts.

The parking area on Buttermarket was repaired.

#### CCTV

CCTV signs were erected to tackle some anti-social behaviour

#### Street Furniture

Two new litter bins were provided; one in West Cowick and one next to The Marshes and public footpath.

### **OCTOBER**

#### Youth Club

It was with regret that the leader of the Youth Club resigned.

#### Visit from Chairman of East Riding Council

Cllr. Stephen Parnaby and Chief Executive Caroline Lacy visited the council and were presented with all the current initiatives and activities that the town council were currently involved in.

#### Graffiti

The town council liaised with North Yorkshire County Council to have graffiti removed from the Carlton Bridge.

#### Guide Dogs for the Blind

A very interesting afternoon gaining appreciation for how difficult it is to walk around Snaith if you are visually impaired. This highlighted a number of improvements needed.

#### Street Furniture

A new bench was installed at the bus stop on Selby Road outside Wetheralls

### **NOVEMBER**

#### Grants

A total of £6000 was given to 9 different community groups.

#### Youth Club

A new staff member was appointed to the Youth Club, with an existing Level 2 worker promoted to the leader of the club.

### **DECEMBER**

#### Christmas Market

The Christmas Market continues to be a phenomenal success, with a fantastic turnout from the public. In excess of £3000 was raised for local charities.

#### Youth Club

It was with regret that one of the Youth Club workers resigned.

#### Precept

It was agreed to increase the Precept by 2% due to the devolution of services from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

### **JANUARY**

#### Community Magazine

The first edition of the new community magazine, The Gateway, was published. This will be a quarterly magazine managed by a local businessman.

#### Tour de Yorkshire

The route for the 2018 Tour de Yorkshire was announced and it was great to hear that the race would pass through our parish on Thursday 3 May.

### FEBRUARY

#### CCTV

The new CCTV camera at the Joint Use Play Area became operational and will now hopefully deter incidents of anti-social behaviour in the park.

#### Future Developments

The Town Council met with a potential developer of land within the parish to discuss what the community would like to see built.

#### Joint Generation Council Meeting

Myself and Cllr. Barrett attended a Joint generation Council meeting with local schoolchildren who wanted to help us with ideas to keep Snaith and Cowick a nice place to live.

This last year has been a very busy one for the council, moving more into the 'business' world as more services are devolved from the parent authority onto the local town and parish councils. Over the last 12 months, Central Government have also implemented a raft of changes to council policies and procedures, including compulsory membership to the Information Commission and, more recently, new regulations on Data Protection imposed by the new GDPR Act.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my wife, Alison, all councillors, staff, the ERYC and all the local community groups for their continued support over the last 12 months. Finally, I look forward to offering my support to the next Town Mayor and to the council as it moves forward into another year.

## REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

### EAST RIDING WARD COUNCILLORS

John Barrett ERYC Cllr. Report March 2018

Ward Councillor Report:

I would like to thank all the employees of this town council, who do a remarkable job for the town. I would like to thank the town councillors who do what they do for nothing for very little thanks, for the good work that they do.

My cabinet role has changed at the East Riding Council to Portfolio of Operational services. I am very pleased with the work of our winter maintenance team this year. Before that, tremendous work was completed by our highways team on the roads in the East Riding last year. You will have noted that the grass cutting is better than it was and I am hoping it will be the same this year.

My role means I have a bit better understanding of what the East Riding Council does. As a result I can assist the town council in getting things done that bit quicker or at least pointing them in the correct direction, which I have done on numerous occasions.

I continue to be on various committees and continue to be a stake holder Governor at North Lincs. and Goole Hospital Trust. This does mean I am able to promote this area.

I have been very fortunate to be involved in a very small extent in what is happening at Junction 36, Goole. I am not sure if you are aware but ninety per cent of what Siemens are doing is in this ward. There will be more announcements to come and I am sure this will all lead to more prosperity in this area and help to keep our shops and similar open.

Once again I would like to thank this Town Council for the work it does.

### HUMBERSIDE POLICE

Apologies from Humberside Police

A full report was handed to councillors and as brief report read by the Town Clerk.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Despite advertising etc. no one has come forward to take on the role of chair of Snaith & Cowick Neighbourhood Watch. I will continue to do what I can.

I concentrate solely on the Snaith & Cowick Neighbourhood Watch face book page. And all information regarding criminal matter and home security etc. is on that.

I receive information via, residents, Humberside Police, East Riding Council, Crimestoppers and other areas. I believe it is well worth being on face book just to look at the neighbourhood watch page and of course, the town council page.

I continue to be on various Police type committees and was at a recent rural crime seminar which all the top Police brass and the crime commissioner attended.

I attend, when I can the Police Surgeries at Snaith & Cowick Town Council, the dates of which are well published.

If anyone wishes to be involved with neighbourhood watch please let me know.

## SNAITH AND COWICK TOGETHER

Firstly, I should like to thank the Mayor and Town Council for giving me this opportunity to share what S&CT has been doing this year. Our Steering Group has continued to meet every two months to monitor the work of the working groups. We have sent objections to the planning authorities of East Riding and North Yorkshire about the proposed plans for developments on Pollington air-field which would substantially increase HGV traffic through Snaith and East Cowick. Our web site is kept up to date by our hard-working secretary, Sheila Leigh, and we thank the Town Council for their grant to maintain this. Unfortunately, we were unable to plant daffodils this year, because of a lack of support. We note, with disappointment, that thousands of daffodils planted over the years along the main road and on the triangle at the top of Mill Lane have been destroyed by the Harron Homes development.

### **Community and Leisure Group**

The group has not met this year as there is no current project to work on.

**Snaith and Cowick Growing Together** (SCGT) There have been difficulties with this new group. After a successful open meeting, when the purpose of the group was explained and lots of ideas were suggested, there were several meetings resulting in some very ambitious plans for improving the environment around Snaith and Cowick. Unfortunately, due to a range of misunderstandings and diminishing support, nothing has come of these plans. The group contacted the Town Council (TC) for advice and their position as an independent working group of S&CT has again been explained. The TC has suggested that SCGT should concentrate on small, manageable projects like planters around the town, which was what the TC originally envisaged, when they asked S&CT to set up the group. The TC has also requested that SCGT should appoint their own officials and nominate a representative to join our steering group to report on progress, in line with the other sub groups. We are awaiting developments.

Meanwhile, we thank the Town Council, and especially Councillor John Barrett, for organising the delightful large planter and hanging baskets in the town centre last summer.

**Transport, Town Centre, Traffic and Parking, Community Safety and Crime Group** This group has not met this year.

**Heritage Group.**

This group is also suffering from the lack of volunteers, but continues to function, and we are grateful to the Town Council for their generous grant towards the funding of Heritage Day. This year we also had a grant from Goole Fields Wind Farm to help fund a very successful Heritage Day on the theme of Circus. We had a big top with opportunities for children to have a go at various circus activities and there were performances from jugglers. Other highlights included the ukulele band, an art and craft activity for children, a performance from Anna's Academy of Dance, mobile scooter time trials, Morris Dancing, and a circus-based family treasure hunt. All accompanied by a street organ! A good time was had by all.

This year's Heritage Day will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The theme will be Entertainment and we are already developing plans. We really do need more help, so please, if you know anyone with a few hours to spare, could you persuade them to get involved. Any suggestions or offers of help will be gratefully received.

Finally, I should like to invite you all to our AGM which is booked for Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm in the Brewers Arms. There will be a raffle and a quiz, by Jenny Machin, with the AGM in the interval. Please come and bring a team.

Sally Hulme  
Chair 2017-2018

**SNAITH COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

The Town Clerk read a report on behalf of Mr Steve McKiernan.

The PFA has had a relatively uneventful year. It has been a period of normal operation and maintenance of the field and buildings. This included the bi-annual painting of the outside of the building with special fire resistant paint.

The football club financed the majority of a new road way to ease parking on the field during the winter months. We have written to the ERYC regarding the formal extension of our lease.

Please thank the council for their continued ongoing support.

**SNAITH COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL**  
No report was received.

**BALANCE SHEETS FROM CHARITIES OPERATING IN THE PARISH**

Balance sheets were handed in by Snaith Charities, Ottley Cottages and Pinderfields Trust and open for inspection by the public.

**ANY QUESTIONS FROM SNAITH AND COWICK ELECTORS**

None

..... Signature

..... Date