

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SNAITH AND COWICK TOWN COUNCIL ON MONDAY
15 MARCH 2021

PRESENT

Cllr. S. Jones, Cllr. L. Thompson, Cllr. R. Lyons, Cllr. J. Staveley – Churton, Cllr. D. Bromley, Cllr. J. Whiteley, Cllr. R. Spencer, Cllr. H. Miley

Three members of the public present, as well as two members of the press. Cllr. C. Fox was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2019 were circulated to council members prior to the meeting. The Minutes were noted as approved at the Full Council Meeting on 15 April 2019.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

TOWN MAYORS REPORT

Town Mayor's Report 2020/2021

APRIL

Support for Flooding Victims

The Town Council continued to offer support and assistance to those members of our community who were affected by the Flooding in February 2020.

Snaith, Cowick & Rawcliffe Volunteer Support Group

Snaith & Cowick Town Council were instrumental in the establishment of the Covid-19 support group for the area, which provided shopping facilities, medicine deliveries and postal services for those members of the community who were isolating due to the Pandemic.

MAY

Annual General Meeting

Following guidance from the Government, the AGM of the Town Council did not take place as it usually would but I was delighted to be asked to continue as Mayor for the forthcoming year. I duly accepted.

VE Day - 75 Anniversary Celebrations

Celebrations throughout the country were muted due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, but it was lovely to see so many of our residents holding socially-distanced street parties to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The Town Council also bought flags to decorate the parish.

JUNE

COVID Secure

The Town Council made the decision to purchase Covid Safety equipment ready for when the council office reopens.

JULY

Police Surgeries

Town Councillors met with Humberside Police and Ward Councillors to carry out Police Surgeries and patrol Ferry Lane.

Bench

The Town Council took delivery of a new bench for Beast Fair Memorial.

AUGUST

3G

The Town Clerk applied and was successful in been awarded 43k for the 3G Pitch at the Snaith School.

SEPTEMBER

In line with Government guidelines the Snaith and Cowick Town Council website was brought into line with the new Disability Act for impaired vision and hearing.

OCTOBER

The Town Council agreed to increase the hours of Maintenance staff to support the cleaning of town council assets.

NOVEMBER

Flood Report

Snaith & Cowick Town Council submitted their own independent review into the flooding in February 2020 to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Section 19 Enquiry. This was a report based on the observations and experiences of both Councillors and council staff during the event and raises queries many of our residents have as to how the flooding occurred.

Housing Application for 300+ Houses by Gladman

The Town Council were pleased to hear that a Planning Application for 300+ houses off Butt Lane was refused by the ERYC Planning Committee. This was in part due to the support of the community who wrote many letters of objection.

Grant Funding

A total of £4,150 was given to 5 different community groups.

Remembrance Day

There was no Remembrance Day Parade or Service this year, but I was honoured to lay wreaths on behalf of the whole community at The Methodist Chapel, the new War Memorial, East Cowick Church and the RAF Memorial Garden in Pollington.

DECEMBER

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market for 2020 was sadly cancelled due to the on-going pandemic but the Town Council are looking forward to holding the event once again in December 2021.

Canal Breach at East Cowick

The Town Council once again stepped up to support local authorities when the canal bank broke at East Cowick, Councillors and staff supported for a number of days either face to face or over the phone.

JANUARY

Precept

Town Councillors agreed to keep the Precept the same as the previous year.

Bellway Housing Development

A proposal by Bellway Homes to build 160 new homes in Snaith was approved by the Planning Department at ERYC in January. This was a disappointment to the Town Council but it will now work to try and ensure that the community receives the best out of it that it can.

FEBRUARY

Multi-Agency Flooding Review Meeting

Following the publication of the ERYC's Interim Section 19 Report into the flooding of 2020, the Town Council requested a meeting with the Environment Agency, the ERYC and the Internal Drainage Board to discuss the contents.

Extended Double Yellow Lines - George Street

Following numerous complaints to the Town Council about irresponsible parking and damage to vehicles at the bottle neck on George Street, the ERYC was asked to extend the double yellow lines to alleviate these issues. This was approved and the lines were extended in February 2021.

New Bus Shelter

A new bus shelter was installed outside The Ship Inn on High Street, West Cowick, to replace one which had been damaged.

MARCH

The Freedom of Snaith

The Freedom of Snaith Parade for the RAF 51 Squadron usually takes place every three years, with a military display and service in the town, and was due to take place on Sunday 21 March.

Unfortunately, due to the on-going Pandemic, formal celebrations are unable to take place and been deferred to 2022. However, a small on-line meeting with the RAF 51 Squadron will still take place on Monday 22 March to acknowledge the Freedom of Snaith granted to them.

Flood Warden Group

The Town Council have been working to establish a Flood Warden Group for Snaith and Cowick, working with community volunteers and the Environment Agency. I am pleased to say that the first meeting will be held tomorrow - Tuesday 16 March. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered.

REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

EAST RIDING COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr. Caroline Fox spoke on behalf of herself and Cllr. Liz Sargeantson. Cllr. Caroline Fox wished to thank all the councillors for their continued support and wished to praise the community for their grit, determination and resilience over the last 12 months following the floods and the pandemic. Cllr. Caroline Fox stated Ward Councillors continue to work on many projects within the community.

SNAITH COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL

Representatives of Snaith Community Sports Hall advised of the current situation with finances and use of the facility. Representatives advised the previous year had been an unusual year with the Coronavirus Pandemic restricting use but also with recent flooding in the community and how the Sports Hall had supported residents in their time of need. The Community Sports Hall requested the Town Council advertise any community events taking place.

SNAITH COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

A representative of Snaith Community Playing Field Association thanked the Town Council for their continued support. The Community Playing Field is still open to the community and has been a much needed open space over the last 12 months.

ACCOUNTS FROM CHARITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

No accounts were presented, however, Snaith Community Sports Hall advised they would forward audited accounts by email.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS