

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2022 at The Priory Church, High Street, Snaith

Present

Cllr. Laura Thompson (in the Chair) Cllr. Richard Lyon, Cllr. Steve Jones, Cllr. Caroline Fox and 3 members of the public.

To review and note the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 15 March 2021, previously approved at the full council meeting on 19 April 2021

Noted by council Members

Apologies for Absence

Cllr. James Hollas, Cllr. Gary Williams, Cllr. Helen Miley, Cllr. Joanne Whiteley, Cllr. Matt Duffy

Town Mayor Report

Annual Parish Meeting - Town Mayor's Report

Good Evening. As Town Mayor I would like to welcome you to the annual parish meeting, thank you to all those members of the public who have chosen to attend. We do have public participation later on the agenda but I will start by giving an update of the Town Council's activities over the last 12 months. We will then have community group updates before moving to the public participation section. If residents have any questions, then please do take this opportunity to ask them and if there is anything that we are unable to answer we will place it on the agenda for discussion at our April meeting.

I will first update you on the assets that you can physically see within our community before moving onto the administration work taking place every day by our excellent staff.

Spring

In April 2021 we installed a new bus shelter with a seat in West Cowick; the previous one had been damaged. We now have 6 covered bus stops with seats serving the 2 bus routes through the parish.

We continue to purchase dog foul bags to replenish the dog poo dispensers around the parish. Despite putting up signs highlighting that they are provided for emergency use, last year we had to purchase 32,000. We are currently looking at alternatives as, whilst we absolutely want to support residents who find themselves in a tricky situation, we do not believe that paying for so many is acceptable.

Summer

We installed a number of new seats around Snaith, the first at Beast Fair and the second, a picnic bench, in the Princess Diana Play Park. A new bench has also been fitted on the East Cowick circular walk with support from the Vale of Snaith Walking Group. A very successful grant application for the new benches and picnic benches led to us receiving 10 which would have otherwise cost approximately £10,000.

We have had 4 new waste bins installed in East Cowick, 2 on Pontefract Road and 1 at the Joint Use Play Area.

Following the flooding and the subsequent lockdowns the parish was in need of some TLC and we employed an external company to tidy up Court Road, Crosshills and the tubs outside the church.

Snaith is known throughout the area and within the East Riding of Yorkshire Council as the 'Gateway to the East Riding' and this has helped us to promote the area and bring many visitors into the parish. After a difficult period of time local businesses needed support so we invested in another year's advertising in 'Welcome to Yorkshire' to support the local economy.

In June this year Snaith High School opened the 3G pitch on their grounds, an impressive facility which is for the use of the whole community. The Town Council supported this project by successfully applying for £53,000 of Section 106 funding.

Autumn

The Remembrance Parade was very well attended with the parade this year leading from the Methodist Church to The Priory where a service was held. Wreathes were laid on behalf of the parish at the Beast Fair Memorial during the parade and in Snaith Priory during the service. Later in the day wreathes were also laid at the Pollington Airfield Memorial Garden and at Holy Trinity Church in East Cowick during their Remembrance service. Thank you to all those who attended and supported these important events to ensure that we never forget.

The safety flooring in the Princess Diana Play Park was completely updated. This was at a cost of £8,000 but, as identified in the 2021 ROSPA report, this was much needed work to ensure that the area is a safe place for children to play.

Winter

After a year away due to the restrictions in place in relation the Covid-19 pandemic, we were once again able to have a brilliant Christmas market. Without an immense amount of hard work from our Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to identify and overcome some major health and safety and logistical issues this would not have been possible. The Priory Church once again supported the Town Council and I would like to thank them and everyone else who supported the event. I look forward to the return of the superb Bandarama and an even better Christmas market later this year! Whilst the Christmas market takes place in Snaith we tried to extend the Christmas cheer across the parish with the purchase of Christmas trees and lights for both East and West Cowick.

Investment has been made in the Town Council office this year with the garden cleared and made secure as well as new software and electronic equipment purchased for use within the office.

We continue to support the Priory Church in funding the electricity for the floodlighting which, I'm sure you will agree, makes the building look beautiful. We also keep up to date with CCTV equipment which has helped a number of people as well as Humberside Police over the years.

From what you will have seen to what has been taking place behind the scenes then. It has been and continues to be a very busy year. A really significant project this year has been the Community Led Housing Questionnaire. This comprehensive booklet was produced by our office staff and distributed to every dwelling in the parish by our councillors. The information returned is being collated in the office. We hope that, once enough booklets have been returned, we will get a really good picture of what the residents in our parish want in the future. We will then be able to work on this and relay information to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Once again, a successful grant application provided the funding for this, £4,000.

We continue to press the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on highways issues including:

- The alarming number of HGVs travelling through West Cowick
- General road conditions in West Cowick
- Requests for a pedestrian crossing in Snaith
- Flooding of roads in wet weather
- The need for speed reduction signs on entry into the parish

Many other points have also been raised with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council this year including rumble strips on Bourn Mill Balk Road, dropped kerbs to improve disabled access, street lighting, Parish paths, bike repair stations and parking to name but a few.

Another big part of council discussions this year has been planning. We are pleased to state that after the Town Council's objections to a redesign of a planning application which would see a reduction in the number of proposed bungalows, ERYC saw fit to reject the application until a review took place.

We continue to work closely with other important community partners including Humberside Police, The Environment Agency, The Internal Drainage Board and the local school authority.

Play Park inspection and maintenance continues to take place every week to ensure that our children are safe. Some of the play areas in Snaith are in an extremely poor state at the moment but these are unfortunately owned by and the responsibility of ERYC. We are aware of these and have contacted the council to request maintenance. The Town Council have signed the lease on the Community Playing Field Support to ensure a smooth transition of management if the current trustees were to step down.

We all know that the cost of living and inflation is a major concern to all. With this in mind, even with very little in reserve the Town Council made the decision to keep the precept for 2022/2023 the same as the previous year with 0% increase. We hope that this will come as good news to many but does mean that the focus for the council this year will be that of maintenance rather than the further development of the parish with the purchase of new assets.

Finally, I would like to give some thanks to various people. Once again thank you to those residents in the parish who have chosen to attend this meeting. Thank you to the people who lead and support the many different community groups within the parish, many of whom we were lucky to speak to and find out more about during our annual grants meeting in November. Thank you to my fellow councillors for giving up their time over the last year for the benefit of the community – particular to my fellow drowned rats who supported the setting up (and taking down) of the Christmas market and the members of their families who, by virtue of their spouse/parent or similar's decision to join the council found that things like this are now their job too. And Councillor Lyons, I'm sure you didn't realise when you set off on your Sunday morning walk this week that you were about to do a full shift in traffic management. The biggest thanks go to our staff however. I hope that Ian is feeling better as the streets wouldn't look anywhere near as good as they do without him. As for our Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk... Vicky and Nicola, we wouldn't be able to do even a small number of the things which I have gone through without you. Whilst I'm sure that there are people who just believe this to be your job, I know how very wrong they are. Watching the river levels online whilst you should be relaxing on holiday, interrupting a Sunday morning to explain to relevant authorities that they really do need to rectify the traffic lights in Snaith even if it is Sunday, and I could go on for a very long time. You too have dragged your relatives and friends in to help when that has been needed. You are at the heart of everything great

that this Town Council does and you are the only reasons I have been able to navigate being Town Mayor alongside my new role in education since September. Thank you

Reports from Organisations in the Parish

East Riding Councillors Report

Cllr. Caroline Fox wished to thank the Town Council for all their support over the last 12 months. Cllr. Fox stated Snaith and Cowick residents had endured so much over the last 24 months with flooding and covid19 and that they had shown such resilience.

Humberside Police

Please find a summary of work Community Policing have completed in SNAITH over the last 12 months. This does not include any arrests /enforcement etc. from patrol. Crime figures will be also on the HUMBERSIDE Police website.

FAIRWAYS ISSUED (ASB RELATED ONLY AND DO NOT INCLUDE COVID BREACHES) MAY 2021 =2 FEB 2022=6

Throughout 2021 continuing into 2022 we held drop in surgeries. We also carried out street surgeries where we patrolled the hot spot areas encouraging members of the public to join us.

May 2021 meeting held at CRODA in relation to ASB.

May 2021 speeding initiative actioned in WEST COWICK.

May 2021 meeting held at with Scout commissioner from TABLERS WOOD regarding ASB.

May 2021 ASB presentation delivered at an assembly SNAITH HIGH.

June 2021 speeding initiative actioned in WEST COWICK.

June 2021 the Joint generation council panel was launched.

June 2021 Snaith Primary had a personal responsibility input.

July 2021 Joint visit with ERYC to Villa Fields. CCTV camera fitted.

September 2021 drug swipes took place at Public houses in SNAITH

January 2022 Passive drugs dogs carried out checks in SNAITH'S licensed.

Jan -March 2022. Mini Police scheme ran at the SNAITH PRIMARY school which appeared on RADIO HUMBERSIDE and LOOK NORTH.

Details below:

Community engagement with young people is our main focus of the Mini Police Scheme.

We work with schools to help teach children about the work we do and the importance of being active members of their community.

Inspiring young children to be good citizens which they will carry though their lives.

Additional information

Mini police is a seven-week programme provided to primary school children.

Pupils are invited to specially prepared sessions, run by PCSOs, teaching them about a range of topics to help them become our mini ambassadors.

The sessions will include information about online safety, crime prevention and social responsibility as well as lessons about the impact that bullying and antisocial behaviour can have on a community.

We encourage them to share it with the classmates to help inspire more pupils to think about their safety and their role in the community.

Piloted in 2019 but delayed due to pandemic – now being rolled out across the Force area.

February 2022 SNAITH HIGH to enforce on a group that had caused issues in town.

Feb 2022 A complaint regarding an off road motorbike going up and down GEORGE ST SNAITH. Male identified whilst making other enquiries in relation to ASB. Being dealt with for traffic offences.

Neighbourhood Watch

Apologies were given from Neighbourhood Watch Group

Snaith and Cowick Together

A representative of Snaith and Cowick Together advised Heritage Day was well attended and the Classic Bike Event attached to the day had been very popular. Events were planned for this year and they hope the event will be even more successful. The council were advised the Bike Event would take place again in the Market Place, Snaith and Children Events would take place in East Cowick.

Snaith Community Playing Field Association

No representative was present at the meeting

Snaith Community Sports Hall

No representative was present at the meeting

Balance Sheet and Charities operating in Snaith and Cowick

Snaith and Cowick Together to email accounts to the Town Clerk.

Any questions from Snaith and Cowick Electors

Parishioner 1 – Requested the Town Council investigate Speed Signs in West Cowick as well as stickers to place on wheelie bins. To be placed on the next agenda.

Parishioner 2 – Asked who was responsible for the land between Snaith Doctors and West Cowick. The Town Council advised it was Harron Homes. Parishioner 2 stated this would be a great area to plant trees. Noted by council members.

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16/05/22 Date