

Nawton Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
19:30 Monday 18 May 2015 at the Pavilion, the Beckett Recreation Ground

Attendees: Chairman Jo Powell

 Councillors Debbie Swift, John Windress, Russ Dickinson,

 Clerk Anne Twine

 Parishioners Ten

 Apologies from: Anne Douglas

1. Minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2014 were made available to the meeting by the Clerk. There were no comments. The Chairman signed the minutes and instructed the Clerk to add them to the minutes book.

2. Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked the parishioners for attending the meeting.. The Chair expressed how sad the Parish Council were to hear of the sad loss of Libby Capstick. Libby left a legacy of unconditional public service and enthusiasm as the Parish clerk for 35 years and she was very much respected in the village.

The Chair reported on the changes to the council this year
Liz Ives, Nick Smith and The Chair Jo Powell have stepped down
We welcome Mike Jackson, Anne Marshall and Joe Gregory

The Chair then presented her report

Main items:

Finances

The Chair explained that the Council had just over £13000 on the balance sheet and that the Council had spent just over £650 less than we received.

The Council decided to maintain the precept at its current level as the Council would be losing the subsidy from the RDC for grass cutting and from the precept.

The Chair reported that the LEADER grant would be available later in the year for businesses, individuals and communities to develop projects that will create jobs and help local enterprises to prosper. More information from www.moorscoastandhills.org.uk

The Council still have £100 from the CIF grant to maintain and replace any trees in the quarry area.

There were no donations made this year so the Council will be in a position to make some in the current year.

The Chair reported that the Clerk's salary had stayed the same this year and that it would be reviewed in November.

Road Safety

VAS

The Council was of the opinion that there had been a very real improvement to speeds through the village since the installation of the signs. The Chair said that the Council hoped to keep the signs as part of a continued sharing arrangement with Hovingham.

Pot holes were being repaired speedily, notably the 15-20 on Guncroft Lane and the Chair urged parishioners to contact the Clerk should any more become apparent.

Gale Lane

The Chair talked about the on-going challenges posed by Gale Lane and talked briefly about the hopes of a new access route.

Housing

The Sidings

The Chair reported that there was only one remaining house to be sold.

Ashton Green

The Chair reported that the next phase of 8 affordables at Ashton Green had been completed and all filled with local people except one.

Proposed new development on land West of Beckett Close

27 homes (9 affordable) all two storey. The Council has a draft objection letter available which may have to be modified to respond to the application once made.

Community Garden

The Chair reported that the garden is up and running and the school is very excited about it. Community involvement is limited but if you want to get involved helping with lunchtime club and after school club get in touch with the school.

Grass Cutting

Phil Gospel has taken over the contract for the village. We wait the usual 6 weeks after flowering before we can mow over the daffodils.

Bulbs

The Council plan to plant more bulbs in the autumn.

Bus Shelter

The Chair explained that Steve Clements has very kindly offered to donate the oak wood for the seating in the shelter and finish off the roof piece. The flagged path is being lifted and re-laid and a field maple will be planted in the autumn.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Council now receives regular emails from Terry Wallis. The Chair invited interested parties, who would like to be added to the distribution list, to contact the Clerk.

Oil Cooperative

The Chair reported that anyone who was interested in reducing their fuel bills can get the telephone number and email address from the newsletter.

Collective switch Scheme

Contact The Clerk to find out more

Internet

High speed fibre optic broadband is now available to almost all parishioners.

War Memorial

Beadlam PC has taken responsibility to do some restoration work

The Chair finished her presentation by thanking everyone for their support and stated that it had been a privilege to have been on the Council and that she looked forward to being able to support the new team in the years to come.

3. Items raised by electors

3.1 A parishioner brought up the problem of the state of Guncroft Lane. She reported that the road was deteriorating fast with edges crumbling away, the width of the road narrowing and many dips and potholes. The Clerk would look into this further.

3.2 A parishioner reported that the parking along Station Road was a problem and that it caused congestion. He asked if the occupants could be notified and asked to park their cars around the back. The Chair replied that the Council have notified the houses down Station Road and received very negative comments back.

3.3 It was noted that there was dismay that the footpaths had gone backwards on the register.

3.4 The parishioners would like an update on the cycle path. The Clerk will contact the Kirkbymoorside group to investigate.

3.5 The long standing problem of School Lane was mentioned and The Chair replied that the Council were supporting an appeal from the school to NYCC for help in maintaining it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00.

Signed: _____ Chairman