

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
23 APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Hookem (Chairman), Payne, Swindin and Taylor

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Jo Haslope, Ward Councillor Walker and 2 members of the public

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – RESOLVED –That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the annual Chairman’s Report for 2017/2018.

First of all I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and commitment over the past year, not only for their work on the Council as a whole, but also for their additional work on the various Committees. I would also like to thank our new Clerk, Jo Haslope, who has now completed her first full year in the position, for all her hard work, enthusiasm and invaluable support.

Parish Precept and Finance

As ever, we as a Parish Council are conscious that the money raised from the Parish Precept is ‘your money’ and endeavour to get the best value we can at all times. I am therefore pleased to confirm that due to careful planning and budgeting, the amount residents will be asked to contribute for the forthcoming year remains unchanged, meaning for example, those in a Band D property will continue to pay £42.98 per year.

Melton Fields

I am also pleased to confirm, as has already been reported separately in our Village News, that the Court of Appeal has finally dismissed the appeal by St Modwen Development in its entirety in respect of its proposals for substantial housing developments in Melton Fields. This particular housing application has been hanging over Ferriby since 2013, and I believe the majority of residents will welcome this outcome.

Playing Fields

Due to irresponsible dog owners not picking up after their dogs, it has unfortunately become necessary to ban all dogs from the Playing Fields as dog mess can have serious health consequences if ‘chanced upon’ by those using the open space, be it for organised play or just enjoying a breath of fresh air.

Access to the Playing Fields has also been much improved this year by the resurfacing of Grange Lane following the resurfacing of the car park area last year.

I would also like to thank those residents, in conjunction with the Co-op, who chose the Playing Fields as one of the recipients of the Co-op’s Community Fund grants. This enabled a wonderful £1,448.60 to be raised which enabled the Bowls Club to make repairs to the much dilapidated Club House roof, with a little left over to fund some improvements to the bowls playing surface.

Should you be interested in taking up bowls, perhaps after enjoying watching the various competitions at the Commonwealth Games, I am sure the Bowls Club would love to hear from you.

The Playing Fields Committee has also recently commissioned a professional artist to decorate one of the skate park structures with a design chosen in consultation with the young people who use the facility, which now really makes an impact.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....

Open Gardens

The Ferriby Open Gardens and Scarecrow Festival, held on 2 July, proved once again to be a very popular annual Village event, raising an impressive £4,859.81, an increase of more than £400 over the previous year. This year's Festival is to be held on 1 July 2018, and let's hope it will be just as successful. If you would like details of how to take part in this year's event, please get in touch with The Friends of North Ferriby School.

Merchant Navy Day

Over the weekend of 1 – 4 September, for the first time, North Ferriby commemorated Merchant Navy Day by raising the Red Ensign on the Riverside Walkway where it could clearly be seen by passing shipping, and another at the War Memorial. Merchant Navy Day is held each year on 3 September and not only honours the brave men and women who kept our 'island nation' afloat during both World Wars, but also celebrates our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK's imports, including much of the food we eat, plenty of the fuel we burn and virtually all the products and goods we take for granted.

Ferriby Remembers

Remembrance Day 2018 will be an extra special commemoration day, being the centenary of the ending of the First World War with a number of national events taking place up and down the country. Among other things, we will be taking part in the lighting of beacons, and Ferriby's Knit and Natter Group are already well on the way to producing what is bound to be a spectacular display of knitted and crocheted poppies, inspired by the ceramic poppy display at the Tower of London. If you wish to get involved with the poppy project please get in touch with the Group who meet every Tuesday in the Library at 1.00 pm. All help will be appreciated, whether it is by producing poppies yourself, or simply helping with the supply of materials.

Freshen Up Ferriby

On 16 September Ferriby held its first 'Freshen Up Ferriby Day', when groups of volunteers got together and as the name suggests 'freshened up Ferriby' by collecting litter, gardening in Coronation Gardens and cheering up the bus shelter near the Co-op by giving it a bright, fresh coat of paint and installing artworks produced by South Hunsley students.

We plan to repeat the event again this year but have decided to move the date slightly to the weekend of 6/7 October in readiness for the Remembrance Day commemorations. Please do consider getting involved in whatever way you can and in the meantime, if there are any specific 'freshening up' projects you think should be undertaken, please get in touch with either the Clerk, or any Councillor.

Freshen up Ferriby is in addition to the much appreciated work undertaken by a group of Ferriby residents who volunteer their time and effort all year round keeping the village neat and tidy, and I would like to take this opportunity of recognising their work by thanking them publicly.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

In December, the traditional Christmas Tree was once again erected at the War Memorial and looked as splendid as ever. Following some excellent singing by pupils of our Primary School, this year the lights were switched on by the 'Fabulous Four from Ferriby', who undertook a Lifestyle Project with the Humberside Police and who not only raised almost £500 for the Sick Children's Trust in the process, but who were also selected as a finalist in the Junior Section of the Lifestyle Awards and came 2nd out of over 300 other teams. Well done to them.

Whilst mentioning Lifestyle teams, special recognition should also go to another team, the High Five Lifestyle Group who created the 'Enchanted Wood Family Trail' which can be found in the snowdrop area of the Riverside Walkway.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....

Carols by the Lychgate

The final Wednesday before Christmas once again saw the very popular Carols by the Lychgate accompanied by the Church Band and Riverside Quintet. The occasion was well attended and enjoyed by all those present. Refreshments of soft drinks and mulled wine were served afterwards, along with mince pies which were once again very kindly donated by the Co-op.

Post Office

As you will be aware, to the major disappointment of many, the Ferriby Post Office has now closed, something which the Parish Council had no control over. However, fortunately the village still has the availability of postal services which can now be found in the Select Convenience store, which does benefit from extended opening hours.

Defibrillator

We are lucky to have a defibrillator in the village in case of emergency, and this will shortly be moving from its current location outside the 'old' Post Office to outside the Village Hall. Access is gained by way of a numerical code, which is held by the Emergency Services. The ambulance service will give this code to the person who makes the initial 999 call, once they have confirmed that they are dealing with a cardiac arrest.

Planning

We have now had a full year of planning applications no longer been notified directly to neighbouring properties, applications now only being advertised by way of notices in the vicinity, attached, for example, to nearby lampposts. However, you are able to receive email notification of any applications made in the area by signing up to Public Access on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council website and we encourage you to do so. Although if you feel this new system has caused any particular difficulties, please do let your Councillors know.

Finally, a quick reminder that North Ferriby has its own website, maintained by Graham Latter, (thank you Graham) where you can find not only current and archive information on the Parish Council, but also details of clubs, societies and activities in the village, and once again I would like to encourage everyone to join in and support all village activities wherever possible as these are what gives North Ferriby its individual personality. Remember your Councillors are here for you, please don't be afraid to contact them.

Belinda Hookem (Chairman)

North Ferriby Parish Council

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PUBLIC FORUM

The first member of the public to speak, raised the issues that the condition of Turners Lane was very poor and no longer a safe route for cyclist. The surface is very uneven and the hedges on the side of the road are overgrown. They also raised the point that the junction of Station Road with New Walk/Parkfield Avenue has become very dangerous with the increased level of parking in the area. They requested that yellow lines be painted on the junction.

The second member of the public to speak agreed with the above points and also said that parking on the corner of Marine Avenue and Humber Road reduced visibility and made this a dangerous spot. They requested that this area also be painted with yellow lines. They also raised questions regarding the distribution of the Village Newsletter which were answered satisfactorily.

It was agreed that the items raised about the road conditions would be discussed with the ERYC during the Village Taskforce Walkabout scheduled for 18th May 2018.

Signed by the Chairman.....Date.....