

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishes of Tickton and Routh held on Monday 15 May 2023 at Tickton Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillor Howard Sinkler (in the Chair)
20 Members of the Public including Parish Councillors and representatives of local organisations.
Mrs Michelle Middleton (Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Sinkler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

Annual Report by the Chair of the Parish Council

I have pleasure in presenting the annual Chairman's Report for 2022-23.

I would like to thank our retired Ward Councillors Bernard and Kevin for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

The PC welcomes Ward Councillor Diana Stewart who has been re-elected to the Beverley Rural Ward along with Ward Councillors Paul Smith and Jeremy Wilcock. We look forward to working together throughout the next Council term.

Grounds Maintenance & Play Areas

We continue to maintain Parish Council owned and managed land.

The facilities remain well used by our community as well as by fitness groups and football coaching.

The junior and toddler swing seats were replaced, play equipment was painted and the bark play surfaces were replenished.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Handyman for his hard work ensuring that our community, assets, and playgrounds are kept tidy and in good condition.

Streetscene

Dog fouling, litter and fly-tipping continue to be a problem. A local voluntary group has litter picked in various locations throughout the year.

Defibrillators

The defibrillators continue to be a great asset to the Parish. We would like to thank the Defib. Group for ensuring that lifesaving equipment is available in our community.

Planning

There continues to be a steady flow of planning applications.

Flood Alleviation

The PC is in dialogue with the Environment Agency, the Internal Drainage Board and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to find solutions to reduce potential flood risk in Tickton and the surrounding area.

Bi-annual Village Walkabout 2023

ERYC recently visited the parishes with the PC to consider general repairs and maintenance planned this year.

The Orchard Play Area

On the request of the PC, ERYC are working with children's play equipment companies with a view to improving the play area facilities.

New Parish Council Logo

Inspired by designs submitted from the children of Tickton Primary School.

New Community Magazine

Introduced this year which is edited jointly by the PC and Community groups.

Finance

The Precept for 2023-24 is £34,500; an increase of £500.

Development Projects 2022-23

The Parish Council strives to achieve value for money, wherever possible, by applying for grants to fund development projects. We are extremely grateful to all our funders for their continued support.

During 2022-23 the parish has benefited from: -

- Bench located on the boundary of Cullington Field – donated by ERYC.
- A second wooden bench and two trees planted on the Village Field, near the outdoor gym equipment – donated by the FITTA Group
- Jubilee Streetscene Project – The PC received 80% grant funding from the RWF to enhance all our villages by installing a range of replacement and new planters, flowers, and benches. Volunteers planted bulbs and trees. And a woodland walk was created through the trees on Cullington.
- The Kirkwood Community Orchard – Volunteers planted fruit trees and bulbs on the southern boundary of the village field. The project came to fruition early 2023 when the PC invited the land donor's grandson, Mr Kirkwood, and family to join the community to officially open the orchard. The orchard has been named after the Kirkwood family in recognition of their generosity. An information board has been installed detailing the history of the land. The PC received 80% funding towards the costs of this development.
- Village Field Accessible Swing Seat – Doggerbank and the RWF community funds generously donated 100% towards the installation of an accessible swing at the Children's Village Field Play Area.
- Platinum Jubilee Coins – ERYC awarded a Jubilee grant to fund 70% costs towards Commemorative Coins for children attending the Primary School and nurseries. Residents were given an opportunity to receive remaining coins. A second grant was awarded by ERYC toward Commemorative coins to celebrate the Coronation this year.
- War Memorial Lawn - A local lawn care company continues to treat grass surrounding the Memorial by way of gift to the community.

Our development plans for 2023-24 include (but not limited to) developing the community orchard, a proposed community library, Petanque court and the replacement and refurbishment of play equipment. All of which are subject to securing grant funding.

My thanks go to all our residents, volunteers and groups that work so hard to enhance and bring wellbeing to our community.

I would also like to thank Phillip, Simon and Victoria for their time and work representing our parishes on the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund Panel.

A special mention goes to Phillip who is coming to the end of his second term in Office. Phillip has brought great knowledge and skills to his role, as Tickton Representative, and more recently as Chair. We are all extremely grateful for his service to our community for the last 6 years.

We warmly welcome Julie who is our new Tickton representative, and hope that Julie enjoys her new role.

I would like to personally thank all my fellow Councillors, for their commitment and hard work throughout the past year. Especially, Vice Chair Councillor Stephen Caley.

Three Councillors retired in May. Richard Lenton, Nikki, and Tony Walker worked tirelessly for the benefit of the community, and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

As we enter a new 4-year Council term, I welcome back re-elected Councillors and new to the team, Councillor Liz Hallett.

The Parish Council has two vacancies for co-option. Anyone interested in applying can find further information on the website or please contact the Clerk.

I would like to personally thank our Parish Clerk, Michelle Middleton for all her hard work throughout the year.

Report from Humberside Police

No issues to report. PCSO continue to patrol the parishes on a regular basis and Hull Bridge during the summer months.

Report from Ward Councillor

No report received due to elections.

Reports from Local Groups

Local groups in attendance presented on activities during the year.

- Tickton WI
- The Churches in Tickton
- Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group
- Indoor Bowls Club
- Tickton Village Hall
- Tickton Players & Little Theatre
- Routh Wind Farm Community Fund
- FITTA Groups
- Tickton Youth Club
- Tickton & Routh Coronation Group

Please refer to Appendix A for full reports.

Electors' Open forum

Thankfully, no vandalism has occurred in the community, and it was noted that young people and children of the parish are overwhelmingly well behaved. Young people and children attended a Jubilee exhibition at the Church.

The Parish Council was thanked for the work in the community.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the groups for their presentations and their contribution to the parishes and closed the meeting at 7:45pm

The Minutes were approved and signed at the meeting held on the 15 April 2024.

Tickton WI

We closed last year's review with the hope that we could ease back into normal activities, those we enjoyed before the pandemic. We have now moved on and have had a more normal journey through the year with a welcome return to life post-lockdown. Everyone was pleased to be back with face-to-face meetings feeling more confident meeting in groups in the chapel as before. Confidence has grown through the year.

Coffee mornings and the book club meetings have once again been established along with knit and natter. Members supported the newly established community markets providing tea, coffee, and cakes. These have been well supported. Theatre listings are highlighted in our monthly Twittering's along with other events. The Fashion Show returned in May, staged at the village hall and this was our fundraising event of the year. Julie was able to open her garden in July for a lovely afternoon garden party. The money raised went to charity. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

We had a wide variety of speakers and activities for our WI meetings during the year. Debbie Brooks opened the year with a presentation on the history, design, and interpretation of Tarot cards. June saw the celebration for the Queen's Jubilee and members were invited to dress up, bring a china cup and saucer and decorate an umbrella. There was a quiz and members heard about the secrets of Buckingham Palace dining. Amazingly the meeting in July had to be postponed for a week because of the heatwave! So, a week later than expected, we enjoyed an Edwardian Tea with the Tickton Tarts! Although our WI birthday party was delayed by the pandemic it was organised for our September meeting but sadly this had to be cancelled because it was the day of the Queen's funeral. She was a great supporter of the WI and for everyone this was the end of an era. Our birthday celebration moved to October, members wore pink and ate delicious cake decorated by "Julie's Cake in a Box." We enjoyed our Christmas craft with Sue when we all made a spectacular snowflake and, at the following meeting, Derek, supported by Sue, presented a vintage quiz – we all thought the scoring was inventive!!

In January we learnt about the Puffin Trail from Emma and Katie. They designed puffins as part of the Trail. Marion presented an Antiques quiz with many familiar items in February and Sylvia finished the year with a talk about her writing and how she gets the ideas for her books.

In the middle of that we had our summer outing to the Hornsea Inshore Rescue Station. We all had lunch at the Station, brought in from Whiteheads – fish and chips and, for some, mushy peas! This was a very enjoyable day!

We have a full programme to look forward to in 2023/4 and we hope to continue to grow and make new friends from our surrounding communities.

The Churches in Tickton

The Warden reported that the Church has opened for a weekly service this year which has been well received.

There has been staffing issues, similar to that seen across the Country since the Pandemic. A retired Clergy and Vicar at the Minster has impacted on weddings and christenings. The Church has sadly lost some supporters of the Church including Katie Cross and are attracting new members.

The Methodist Chapel and St Pauls Churchyard is most expensive and require a new boiler and lawn mower. Dog fouling in the grounds is an issue and there are four volunteers who work in the grounds to keep the grounds looking nice. The Church does not have to open the grounds to dogs and would not want to close as it is a meeting place.

The Churches in Tickton have received considerable support from the Village Shop.

The Church holds a weekly assembly with Tickton Primary School. The Youth Kaf has started up again this year offering a safe space for all children, thank you for the grant.

The Methodist Chapel is being used as a 'Warm Space' and coffee morning on a Thursday morning.

Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group

The Chairman reported that all five defibrillator units are in good working order. The Committee checks each unit on a weekly basis including the casings and the batteries, pads which have expiry dates.

The Village Hall defibrillator has had a new casing and two replace pads during the year.

The entry code for each defibrillator is available by calling 999 and instructions can be found on the unit.

The Group plan to hold training sessions in the future.

Indoor Bowls Club

Tickton Indoor Bowls played on two new mats, part-funded by the Routh Wind Farm. Members finished the current playing season with a Presentation Evening annual dinner. If any new players are interested in playing in the winter season September 2023 through to April 2024, they can contact any club member or see the details on the Village Hall website. New and non-playing members are welcome, equipment provided, and advice and help are given.

Tickton Village Hall, Tickton Players & Little Theatre

Tickton Village Hall has had a fairly steady year. Most of the regular User Groups have returned and enquiries for family parties and ad hoc meetings are continuing.

Energy Costs have increased, putting an extra burden on the management of the building, at a time when maintenance and minor repairs are also increasing.

Trustees are working towards Major Remodelling and Improvements and have engaged an architect. The Trustees have come up with a 'wish list' to both maximise space and provide an aesthetically pleasing new frontage along with much needed increased insulation value so, watch this space!

There have been eight family friendly Fun Quiz Nights – held on the first Friday each month – providing very good social events. The Coronation quiz was particularly well-thought-out by our three regular quiz masters.

There have been two Gilbert and Sullivan productions and more recently a new music event providing very good social evenings - and there are plans for more but, in the main, Tickton Little Theatre is only very slowly recovering after the Covid pandemic. Sadly, the 50-plus people who worked together at each of the annual pantomimes have retired or moved on, but . . . never say never.

The new improved website is now providing up-to-date information.

Routh Wind Farm Community Fund

Victoria recently replaced David our previous Chair and Julie will replace myself, both representing Tickton. There is also a new representative for Leven, therefore most community panels members have changed, 3 out of 5. The fund has 11 applications this year with a value of Circa £120,000. There is approximately £65,000 in the fund with the 2023 grant from the wind farm so some difficult decisions to be made by panel members. The small grant fund is still available and is open all year for applications up to £1000. The panel is having some issues with the ERYC accountable body and have requested meetings with ERYC senior management to discuss and resolve these administrative problems.

FITTA Groups

FITTA Group have had a good year. Attendance at all five sessions i.e. indoor and outdoor exercise, crafts, art/painting, and IT technical assistance, have remained constant.

Craft afternoons are very popular; members made Coronation hanging decorations for homes and in Main Street, Tickton (with guidance from the Clerk to the PC).

With permission from the Parish Council, FITTA members supplied and planted two new native trees on the Recreation Ground - purple beech and small lime.

Cherry Lane Garden Centre held a public competition, and the FITTA group won an outdoor bench - which is in use on the Recreation Ground outdoor exercise area.

New this year – a regular cinema afternoon. Originally encouraged and funded by East Riding of Yorkshire Council (under the Warm Spaces banner) for three months, it is now funded by people attending on the first Monday each month. We will be looking for funding to renew the film licence towards the end of 2023.

Tickton Youth Club

The Chairman reported that the grant award from the Routh Wind Farm Community fund has enabled the Youth Club to re-open with qualified staff, managed by ERVAS.

The attendance has increased, and the Club needs to re-establish locally with the recruitment of Trustees. The local village shop is also supporting the Youth Club. The future is looking bright for Tickton Youth Club!

Tickton & Routh Coronation Group

The FITTA ladies have placed red, white, and blue ribbons on the lamp posts along Main Street to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The group arranged an afternoon on the Village Field with Tickton Primary School. The children planted an Oak tree and received a gift bag containing a Coronation Coin, Royal Gala apple and a waving flag.

Going forward the group plan to create a time capsule and produce a community tiled mural.

End of report.