

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishes of Tickton and Routh held on Monday 14 April 2025 at Tickton Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillor Howard Sinkler (in the Chair)
15 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 15 April 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024 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 2024-25.

I would like to thank our Ward Councillors Diana, Jeremy and especially Paul for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

The Chair reported:

Grounds Maintenance & Play Areas

We continue to maintain land owned and managed by the Parish Council.

The grounds and recreational facilities remain well used.

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 and litter continues to be a problem. The Parish Council provides dog bags in case of emergencies and is grateful to those residents doing the right thing and picking up after their dogs.

We are grateful to local voluntary group, the Wombles, who have litter picked in various locations throughout the year, along with those residents who can often be seen litter picking around the parishes. It is testament to the community spirit in the parishes that residents are willing and able to do this.

Defibrillators

The defibrillators continue to be a great asset to the Parish. We would like to thank the Defibrillator Group for ensuring that lifesaving equipment is available in our community. A grant application has been submitted to the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund to assist with the replacement of all five units that are now nearing end of life. The Defibrillator Group is fund raising for match funding this project and is actively seeking volunteers, please contact Group members if you would be interested in helping.

Flood Alleviation

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

Highways and Traffic Management

In response to an increase in road traffic accidents on the A1035 and Meaux Lane, the Parish Council has consulted directly with Humberside Police, ERYC, and our Ward Councillors with the aim of improving the condition and safety of our local road networks for all users.

Planning

There continues to be a steady flow of planning applications including applications from proposed Solar Farm development.

Community Magazine

The Parish Council continues to contribute towards the delivery costs of the magazine to household in the parish. The magazine is well received by residents, especially those with no access to the internet.

Finance

The Precept for 2025-26 is £38,250 - an increase of 3.99%.

The Clerk reported on:

Development Projects 2024-25

The Parish Council strives to achieve value for money for our resident by applying for grants to fund development projects. We are mindful that access to current local grant funding is not finite and there are no guarantees that applications to any grant fund will be successful, partially or in full.

During 2024-25 the parish has benefited from: -

D-Day 80 Anniversary

In response to public consultation and the support of volunteers, the Parish Council held two community events on 6 June to commemorate D-Day 80 Anniversary.

One hundred and twenty residents were served a fish and chip supper in the Village Hall entertained by 1940s singers and a quiz. Those in attendance received a 'Light of Peace' to take onto the field to join members of the public for the national tribute. The Beacon was lit at 9:15pm and representatives of the Church in Tickton read 'The International Tribute' accompanied by the Last Post.

Bug Hotel

The Bug Hotel and tyre herb planter were built by volunteers with donated materials to create an environmental haven on the southern boundary of the Recreation Ground to enhance and provide an educational resource on The Kirkwood Orchard.

Children's Play Equipment 2023-24

The Parish Council completed the replacement and installation of play equipment on the Village Field and repainted the zipwire and teen shelter on GL Cullington in June 2024.

The new equipment included an infant multiplay unit, frog springer and balance beam.

Children's Play Equipment 2024-25

The replacement of the Tom Thumb play unit on the Village Field was undertaken in October 2024 with the installation of inclusive equipment including a junior multiplay unit, a 'me to you' swing, and four wheelchair accessible play boards and benches.

This equipment was selected by the children of Tickton Primary School as part of the Parish Council's commitment to community engagement.

Play Park Open Day

The play provision was celebrated and evaluated at an open day held in the village hall and field. A face painter and Mr Moos ice-cream was available to children in attendance. This was also an opportunity to speak to residents of all ages to obtain feedback for future development.

We are extremely grateful to all our grant funders for their support including: -

- Routh Wind Farm Community Fund
- Smile Foundation - East Riding Community Action Grant
- Dogger Bank Community Fund
- ERYC - Do It for East Yorkshire Grant
- ERYC Active Grant
- ERYC D-Day 80 Anniversary Fund

Grant funding enables the PC to serve the community, ensuring that diverse aspirations of our residents are achieved where possible.

Our development plans for 2025-26 – includes (but not limited to):

- Village Field and GL Cullington Play Park development Stage III
- GL Cullington Accessible roundabout and swing unit
- Community Library
- Bike Shelter Canopy
- A1035 Milestone Refurbishment
- River Hull Water Level Replacement

All of which are subject to approvals and securing grant funding

The Chair then continued with the following:

VE-Day 80 Anniversary

The Parish Council has received a small grant from the RWF Community Fund and ERYC VE & VJ Day 80 Anniversary Fund towards the costs of hosting events on 8th May 2025.

Tickets for the fish and chip supper in the Village Hall have all been taken. We hope that anyone not able to secure a ticket will join us on the village field for the ceremony and lighting of the Beacon.

Thank you' s

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

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Tim as Routh representative on the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund Panel and thank Simon who has now retired. I would also like to thank Victoria and Julie for their time and work representing our Tickton on the Panel.

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

Sincere thanks to Michelle as Clerk and all-round volunteer who keeps the Parish Council on course and striving for improvements.

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

Report from Humberside Police

No report received.

Report from Ward Councillor

Ward Councillor Smith advised that it had been a challenging year and reported on the following matters: -

- Cllr Smith is a representative on the Crime Panel, Planning Committee, Safer Communities and Licencing Committees.
- Cllrs across ERYC have expressed concern regarding the potential industrialisation of landscape through large scale solar projects. Every ERYC Cllr signed the motion objecting to large scale solar developments.
- No progress has been made regarding the A1035 cycle path. ERYC has applied for grants with a view to purchasing a machine to cut back overgrown vegetation on pathways.
- ERYC cannot commit to road improvements schemes, including the A1035, due to current budget constraints.

Reports from Local Groups

Local groups in attendance presented on activities during the year including: -

- Tickton Village Hall
- Tickton Players & Little Theatre
- FITTA Groups
- Indoor Bowls Club
- The Churches in Tickton
- Tickton Youth Club
- Tickton WI
- Tickton Defibrillator Group
- Coronation Petanque Group

Please refer to Appendix A for full reports.

Electors' Open forum

The Parish is lucky to have so many groups enhancing the community and the work and dedication of the volunteers who keep the groups running was acknowledged.

It is delightful to see how many groups support the health and wellbeing of residents within our community.

The Village Hall thanked the Ward Councillor for the letter of support to submit with their grant application.

The Chairman and Parish Councillors were thanked for their continued support and voluntary work in the community throughout the year.

Tombola prizes can be delivered to members of the Defibrillator Group, the Clerk or the Village Hall Secretary.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the groups for their presentations and their contribution to the parishes and closed the meeting at 7:50pm

Signed: _____ **(Chairman)** **Date:** _____

APPENDIX A

Tickton Village Hall

Tickton Village Hall has had another steady year. User Groups have increased and enquiries for family events, ad hoc meetings continue.

Some good news. After achieving grant funding from the “National Lottery’s Awards for All”, solar panels were installed last week.

But the rolling programme of improvements continues, and Trustees are still working towards greater energy efficiency; increased insulation; replacement windows and doors; remodelling to maximise space; update toilets and kitchen; upgrade drainage system.

There have been 31 monthly Quiz Nights, held on the first Friday each month and are proving to be enjoyable social events.

However, Trustees are currently implementing new ideas for raising funds, as there is greater competition from other venues locally, who now provide entertainment.

As grant-funding is much harder to link into, Trustees have introduced a small lottery, a 100+ Club to raise additional funds. In addition, and, new to the Village Hall, is “easyfundraising”. Anyone who shops online, can help raise donations from their shopping. Details for both fund raisers are available from the Village Hall Secretary.

Tickton Players & Little Theatre

Little Theatre and the Tickton Pantomime Players Group is much reduced, due to lack of able-bodied volunteers to organise. Events will be advertised if there is any volunteer support.

FITTA Groups

Tickton’s F.I.T.T.A. Group is now in its fourteenth year.

Primarily an over-sixties social group with day-time activities provided in a safe and friendly environment. The activities available are: -

- A monthly afternoon film show.
- Weekly, light indoor exercise & sport, outdoor exercise and Petanque.
- Crafts, Needlework, Dressmaking, Woodcraft and Art – twice a month.
- Support with IT, smartphones, iPads etc., monthly.
- Bodgers art club is another creative afternoon session.
- The “lunch club” remains popular – although it could be breakfast or afternoon tea - all at local eateries.

A small subscription covers room hire and refreshments.

All activities are advertised on the village hall noticeboards.

The Churches in Tickton

Apart from regular weekly worship, activities this year have included the wedding and Christening costumes display using both our buildings as part of Heritage Open Weekend, a very successful summer fair, held indoors after heavy rain, the Christingle on Christmas eve, filling the Methodist Church as it usually does, a Pet Service, to be repeated this summer, and various activities involving the school, including Experience Easter this month.

We are currently working up plans with a specialist company for updating the kitchen at the Methodist Church to meet regulations for making it available to hirers as well as our own use. We are also looking at funding issues with their advice. Watch this space.

Indoor Bowls Club

Tickton Indoor Bowls Club continues to provide exercise and social wellbeing, during the winter months. Bowlers are very competitive with the aim of getting their name on one or more of the six trophies. Established players enjoy competitive games and new players are always welcomed to learn. The Tickton Titans team, in the wider Humberside League, won their matches, and will move up into the higher division. The team also won their inter-village Cup Match.

Tickton WI

The Tickton branch of the WI continues to provide a social group locally for women and girls from age 18 to 108 (or older), which meets once a month, except in August when members are offered an outing instead.

Following on from last year when we transferred our committee meetings from the chapel to the small hall in the Village Hall, from January 2025 our main meetings are also being held there. This is partly due to our numbers decreasing as members move away from the village and are no longer able to attend meetings, and the fact that the small hall offers the added facility of a Wi-Fi connection, which means that we can access the WI Learning Hub provided by the National Federation. This gives us access to international speakers on a wide variety of subjects, from crafts, health and wellbeing, fitness, cookery, art, history, travel and much more.

However, we still enjoy welcoming local speakers in person and this year the programme has ranged from an insight into the wider role of the local and national Federations, a refresher on the finer points of our driving skills from Safer Roads Humber, various crafting sessions, a Petanque workshop as an introduction to the new village terrain, a talk about 1950s Beverley entitled "The Co-op has Bananas"(!), a very sweet evening with a chocolatier from Butterflies Chocolate, and, of course, the usual Christmas social. January 2025 gave us the opportunity to celebrate the Chinese New Year (of the Snake), which was followed by a very interesting evening with Jonathan from the Beverley Beekeepers (another sweet event) and we finished off our year with the author of a book with the strange title of "A Pig in the Pulpit" as he was a policeman and a priest at the same time, and his tales were a mixture of both. A visit to Skirlaugh church as part of their Heritage events in May was very interesting, and our August outing was a visit to Burnby Hall Gardens, with afternoon tea in a marquee in the grounds; a very pleasant reminder of places to enjoy within a fairly short drive from home.

We have continued to offer coffee mornings at various venues, although members seem to prefer Cherry Lane to all others, and the Knit'n'Natter group are still producing hats for premature babies and in addition are now busily knitting 'comforter' hearts for bereaved parents. Theatre visits are organised when members express an interest in any production and our Secretary continues to keep members up to date with the monthly TWitterings sheet.

Tickton WI offers much more than just a monthly meeting in the village. It gives members the chance to take part in local and national events such as the Beverley Minster Christmas Tree Festival, International Women's Day and have an input into an annual campaign chosen by members nationwide, plus many local events throughout the East Riding of Yorkshire. Our programme from April 2025 to March 2026 is in place and promises to be as varied and interesting as always. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (except August) from 7pm until about 9pm, and new members are always welcome.

Tickton Youth Club

The Youth Club took over from Community Vision 18 months ago. The Club had difficulty recruiting Trustees and were advised to discuss this with Leconfield Youth Club. As a result, the clubs joined together to form a charity known as Beverley Rural Youth.

Tickton has seen an increase to over 18 young people with 4 youth leaders running the club with activities ranging from a summer programme, logo design, hot chocolate and pizza events.

Coronation Petanque Group

The group thanked the Parish Council for providing the facilities and the Handyman for keeping the terrain in good condition.

An increasing number of players, between 10 and 15 meet on a Monday at 1.30pm. All welcome to come along and join in.

Members of the public have expressed an interest for the group to organise a day to learn how to play.

Four of our players are now playing at Yorkshire Petanque level and have entered competitions in the local area – they are doing very well.

The Coronation Petanque Court has been included in the Yorkshire Petanque brochure listing locations for this year.

The Coronation Petanque Group is very sociable, enjoyable and the spirit of competition is developing.

Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group

The defibrillator units and cabinets are getting old and need replacing. A joint grant application has been submitted by the Parish Council and the Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group which requires match funding of £1400.

The Defibrillator Group plans to raise funds throughout the year including a tombola at the VE-Day 80 Anniversary event on 8 May, and we hope that everyone will offer their support. We rely on residents of the parishes of Tickton and Routh for donations.

End of report.