

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishes of Tickton and Routh held on Monday 16 May 2022 at Tickton Village Hall.

PRESENT Councillor Sinkler (in the Chair)
17 Members of the Public
Mrs Michelle Middleton (note taker)

Welcome by the Chairman

Councillor Sinkler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies – were received from 2 Members of the Public, Humberside Police, Chair & Secretary of Tickton Indoor Bowls Club and the Church Warden and Steward on behalf of The Church in Tickton with assurance of continued support for community initiatives which have meant a great deal over the last difficult few years.

Notes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 26 April 2021 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 2021-22.

The last APM was held virtually in 2021. Parish Council meetings resumed in the Village Hall from the 7th May 2021 as a result of success of the national Coronavirus vaccine roll-out.

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

Grounds Maintenance & Play Areas

We continue to maintain Parish Council owned and managed land. The facilities remain well used by the public, fitness groups, football coaching and Tickton Primary School. The basket swing was fitted with replacement chains, play equipment was painted and the bark play surfaces were replenished. Unfortunately, the roundabout on the Village Field had to be replaced following an incident that resulted in unrepairable damage.

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 continues 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 Parish Council is in dialogue with the Environment Agency to find solutions to reduce potential flood risk from the river Hull. Work has recently been undertaken to strengthen the riverbank following seepage near to the Crown & Anchor. Engineers continue to undertake further investigation work in order to resolve issues in the Parish. The Environment Agency confirm that the rating has reverted to flood zone rating three.

Finance

The Precept for 2022-23 is £34,000.

Development Projects 2021-22

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.

This year the parish has benefited from: -

Hull Bridge Road Bus Shelter Street Lighting; 80% funding from the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund.

The Community Woodland Orchard Project; 80% funding from the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund. The Parish Council will complete the project by planting fruit trees and bulbs on the Village Field later in the year.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Coins; £500 funding from East Riding of Yorkshire Council Jubilee Fund towards costs. The Parish Council has purchased Coins for our children aged from Birth to Year 6. It is expected that we will have a small quantity of coins left over. We will invite our older children to apply

and then any remaining coins will be available to anyone with a connection to the parishes on a first come first served basis.

Chatty Bench on the verge near GL Cullington Field; donated by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Hedgerow at GL Cullington Field; 100% grant from the Tree Council and planted with the assistance of Tickton Primary School.

War Memorial Lawn: A local lawn care company continues to treat grass surrounding the Memorial by way of gift to the community.

Outdoor Gym Equipment & Accessible Bench: I would like to thank the FITTA Group for securing funds to add two new pieces of Outdoor Gym Equipment and a picnic bench on the Village Field. This equipment has since been handed over to the PC to maintain on behalf of the community.

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

I would also like to thank Graham Jones, Phillip Milne and Simon Lloyd for their time and work representing our parishes on the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund Panel. A special mention goes to Graham who is coming to the end of his 2nd term in Office. Graham has brought great knowledge and skills to his role, as Tickton Representative, and more recently as Chair. We are all extremely grateful to Graham for his service to our community for the last 6 years. Congratulations to Phillip on his appointment to the role of incoming RWF Community Fund Chair. And we warmly welcome Victoria Brooke who is our new Tickton representative, and hope that Victoria enjoys her new role.

I would like to personally thank all my fellow Councillors for their commitment and hard work throughout the past year. Finally, thank you to Councillor Stephen Caley (Vice Chairman) and the Clerk, Michelle Middleton.

Report from the Chair of the Parish Development Working Group

The working group was set up to review and respond to the results of the Parish Appraisal undertaken in 2020-21. The main theme of the appraisal is "Our Environment" and relate to: -

- 1) Safety; personal, anti-social behaviour and roads
- 2) Appearance; flowers, trees, dog fouling and litter
- 3) Access; transport, information, shops, and facilities.

A 'Chatty Bench' donated by ERYC has been installed on the verge outside Cullington Field.

The Parish Transport Champion has worked with EYMS to install timetables at bus shelters and stops.

A grant application has been submitted to the Tree Council to plant hedgerow at Cullington Field. A second application has been submitted to the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund to install planters and a bench and to plant trees and bulbs to celebrate the Jubilee year.

The group plan to further consult with residents on facilities in Weel, Routh, Hull Bridge, Eske.

The provision of play facilities in Tickton, a community venture café, community library and first aid training to be reviewed. Meetings with ERYC are planned to improve St Pauls Green, road safety concerns and the puddle outside the Primary School. Work will continue to improve our parishes based on the community's needs.

The community is looking to reinstate Tickton Youth Club.

Report from the Tickton & Routh Jubilee Team

After putting out adverts for interested residents living in Tickton, Routh, Weel, Hull Bridge and Eske, to get together, to plan ways to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, the 'Jubilee Team' was set up.

A successful application was made to the Tickton & Routh Parish Council for a Community Grant to provide funding for celebration items.

This Small Team has completed a massive task – by personally circulating Jubilee Information to the 700+ properties in Tickton, Routh, Weel, Hull Bridge and Eske. Telling everyone that there are celebration items available upon request. There is free Bunting & Jubilee picnic tableware and, in addition, a packet of Jubilee Mix Wildflower seeds to sow into a pot and - hopefully put them at the front of their properties, along with the bunting.

This is Jubilee Year, and the Team is hoping that we may have wonderful colourfully dressed houses and streets with the decorations staying up for the Summer. During the Jubilee Weekend, there is a Crown & Corgi Quiz Trail around Tickton; a Jubilee Cafe at the Village Hall on Saturday afternoon and Jubilee Singing & Games at St. Paul's Church on the Sunday. The main aim of The Jubilee Team is to try and ensure that there are ways to join in and that no-one in Tickton, Routh, Weel, Hull Bridge or Eske will be left on their own or unable to enjoy some decorations. The proceeds of the grand Right Royal Raffle will be distributed to LOCAL

charitable and good causes. The draw will be made on Saturday 11 June at the Village Hall – there may even be cake & treats.

There may be other Jubilee Events during the year.

Report from Humberside Police

No Report.

Report from Ward Councillor

Ward Councillor Gateshill updated the meeting on their role representing Tickton and Routh as part of Beverley Rural Ward and reported on the following topics: -

Northern Forest Scheme has recently received £5m funding over 5 years from central government to assist tree planting for environmental benefit. Grants are available to encourage tree planting on the M62 corridor.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council have introduced the Town & Parish Council Charter to achieve greater communication between the authorities and cluster meetings are planned to discuss particular issues. Tickton & Routh Parish Council has adopted the Charter.

The planning system was explained including the weight attached to objections of residents received by East Riding of Yorkshire Council Planning Department.

Reports from Local Groups

The groups presented on activities during the year. The following written reports received are attached to the Minutes (Appendix A).

Community Led Housing

FITTA Groups

Tickton Indoor Bowls Club

Tickton WI

Tickton Village Hall, Tickton Players and Tickton Little Theatre

Routh Wind Farm Community Fund

Mr Jones reported on his retirement at the end of May and Mr Milne will take over as Chair. Applications received were limited across the area perhaps due to the pandemic.

The fund is available across East Riding with priority to the local area. A year ago, the fund totalled £77k; £20k had been spent and a further £35k due to be paid on applications received. A new fund was launched for applications up to £1k that is open all year round which has proved successful.

This year the fund has received seven applications with a total value of £45k. The decision panel will meet later in the month to consider all applications received.

Tickton & Weel Neighbourhood Watch

The main issues last year were around the footbridge. Abuse of locals, noise levels including loud music, litter and jumping off the road bridge. The legal position had little and was such that it really made no difference whatsoever. Complaints from the pub as the business was affected. Those living closest were most affected. The calls made were almost daily (good weather dependent).

Electors' Open forum

Opportunities to facilitate activities that would appeal to men was discussed.

Mr Parker was thanked for his voluntary work in supporting the East Yorkshire Foodbank and a local resident was thanked for litter picking in the parish including the Hull Bridge Road area. A resident thanked the Parish Council for their 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.

The Minutes were approved and signed at the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 15 May 2023.

APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Tickton Community Homes - Your local Community Led Housing Group

What we have achieved: -

- Completion of Stage 1 of East Riding requirements for funding (Parish Council Led)
- Interim Constitution and Bank Account
- Wayshapers to identify ultimate form of group.
- Start to identify possible sites in the three settlements.
- Discussion with other Social Landlords in the area to identify our strengths and weaknesses.

What we are moving on to: -

- Recruitment of additional members and stakeholders.
- Application for Stage 2 funding
- Refinement of aspirations
- Further liaison and training with Other Groups
- Regular meetings
- A full skills audit to identify the skills we already collectively have, and the gaps we need to recruit members against.

Thanks: -

- To the Parish Council for getting us started, and to those Councillors who give or have given their time to help move us on.
- Peter Hirschfield and David Siddle who have given us practical help and advice.
- To all members of the Community who have helped us so far with the hope of their future involvement

FITTA GROUPS

Starting as a gentle exercise group for “over fifties” in 2011, we are now in our eleventh year, it has proved invaluable to the regular and supportive membership.

We are now back to in-person meetings, although Zoom was an unbelievable experience for 20+ members, many of which are well over 70 years of age.

The Group continues to expand its activities, and now boasts a ***social group with interests***: -

- Weekly Light Exercise & very competitive sporting activities
- Twice monthly Sewing and Crafts
- Monthly IT assistance and brainteaser quizzes
- Weekly outdoor exercise in the park, at the rear of the Village Hall, using the new equipment.
- And the latest, very new, twice monthly - ArtfulBodgers – Art and paper crafts.

Long may it continue – and I really do hope that when I get too old to do this that someone else steps up to carry this Group forward.

TICKTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Despite the loss of a full season between 2020 and 2021, due to Covid, Club members managed to complete a full season from September 2021 to April 2022. All Eight local Competitions at the Village Hall were completed with Cup winner’s presentation evening held at the Beverley Westwood Golf Club on Thursday 5th May 22.

Tickton Indoor bowls club registered two Teams with the Humberside League competitions for the 21/22 season. One team (“Titans”) finished in mid position of Division One one, the other team (“Tornadoes”) finished at the lower end of division two. the Tornadoes managed runner up Trophy in the Plate Competition.

Tickton’s Humberside teams compete against Clubs stretching out over the East Riding. Members are given the opportunity to play at County Level.

Our Pre-Season meeting for the 2022/23 season will be held on Thursday 25th August 2022 and the season will start on Monday 12th September 2022.

Anyone wanting to join the club will be welcome to attend our pre-season meeting. The normal joining fee is £10.

To protect the mats, we insist on proper bowls shoes with flat soles. We have a selection of different size woods (bowls) which new members can use.

For those wanting to try out bowls for the first time we offer opportunities for people to try the game out before committing to joining. In this instance we can provide disposable overshoes.

During the closed season up to September 22 we are in the process of upgrading our equipment and investing in two new Bowls Mats.

We welcome any opportunity the Parish Council can provide in promoting the Tickton Indoor Bowls Club to its parishioners.

TICKTON WI

During 2021 many things changed and one of the things is that membership was extended until the end of March 2022 instead of renewing on the 1st January. This was welcomed by members to relieve financial pressure over the festive period. Also, the WI Federation gave individual WIs the option to reduce membership fees if they wished because of the lack of actual in-person meetings during the year. Tickton WI committee decided to reduce the subscription by £10, so requiring members to pay only £34 for the year and dual members only paid £11.60.

For this reduced fee over 15 months, members enjoyed Zoom meetings each month, Christmas and Easter 'goody' bags, monthly newsletters full of quizzes, interesting facts, WI Federation news and views, recipes, and ideas to keep everyone in touch with events. Speakers were invited to some of our Zoom meetings, and we have had a very interesting mix of characters along the way. We've learnt about the life and times of a Burlesque dancer (in costume), Jack the Ripper and all his doings, the history of Tickton, and how to embellish a cupcake using fondant icing and modelling techniques. We've also played bingo and increased our general knowledge with quizzes, word games and challenges, all on Zoom. Secretary, Julie, opened up her garden in July for a lovely afternoon garden party outdoors, socially distanced and covid safe, and the weather was kind to us.

Although we weren't able to organise an outing for all our members in August, a small group of members enjoyed a visit to a National Garden Scheme garden in Beverley in July. Even this had to be rescheduled because of bad weather but did finally go ahead two weeks later. Because of the uncertainty of whether meetings could or would be held in person, it was decided that meetings for the rest of the year would be social evenings only and no speakers were booked. Members enjoyed various games and quizzes, although numbers were not at the usual level. Our birthday celebration party in September was postponed, but that was when we invited the Burlesque dancer to be our speaker and dusted off the feather boas and fishnet tights.

Covid infection levels continued to rise and, although in December 2021 we were all set to have a Christmas party in person, we had to revert back to a Zoom meeting and all the 'Secret Santa' gifts of chocolates or other consumables for the bran tub had to be redirected elsewhere instead.

January was also a Zoom gathering with various puzzles to solve, but in February we met in person and that's when Stephen Wells told us the story of Jack the Ripper. Our much-postponed Yorkshire-themed evening was held in March, with flat caps and mufflers, Yorkshire curd and parkin to the fore, plus Yorkshire facts and figures and many white roses. As restrictions ease, future meetings will probably be held in person back in the Chapel, but with appropriate measures still in place.

The book club has continued throughout on Zoom with a variety of books to read and discuss, but the Knit and Natter group were unable to meet, and theatre visits came to a full stop. There were a few online theatre productions which members attended via Zoom, but members have not been confident about attending performances when theatres finally re-opened, even with restricted audiences. However, we hope that confidence will return and theatre visits can resume. Since January, coffee mornings have once again been established, with the cafe at the Federation's new office at Waffle 21 on Swinemoor Lane being successfully tried a couple of times.

Our President, Kay, and Secretary, Julie, have worked very hard to keep members interested in the WI over the past two years and have provided a good support network for us to resume when it was/is possible to do so. Our appreciation and thanks go to them both, and we hope that they have enjoyed their spell "in the chair."

An outline programme for the remainder of 2022 is in place with much to look forward to. The first fundraising event of the year will be a return of the fashion show staged at the Village Hall, with everyone welcome. We hope that this will help to ease us all back into the activities we enjoyed before the pandemic hit, although we are still aware that care of ourselves and others needs to be taken at any events and meetings.

We hope to attract new members, have interesting and fun meetings, make new friends and be of benefit to the inspiring women of Tickton, Routh, Weel, Hull Bridge and Eske for the foreseeable future.

TICKTON VILLAGE HALL, TICKTON PLAYERS AND TICKTON LITTLE THEATRE

The last two years of the pandemic has given us ups and downs in our fortunes.

Income from hires stopped, and fortunately government grants permitted us to keep our head above the water.

User Groups were paused. Some have thankfully returned. Some ended.

The Pre-School continued and, as such, created some additional cleaning and sanitising problems - which have now become standard procedure – mainly the misting of the facility with sanitising solution and requesting people use hand sanitiser.

In the future we need to upgrade the building, enlist more Trustees and committee members, and encourage more people to use the facility - in no particular order - as they are all “needy.”

The Little Theatre is currently in abeyance.

End of report.