

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parishes of Tickton and Routh held on Monday 15 April 2024 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 May 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2023 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 2023-24.

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

Grounds Maintenance & Play Areas

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

The grounds and recreational facilities remain well used by our community as well as by fitness groups and more recently England Netball.

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 are a great asset to the Parish. We would like to thank the Defibrillator Group for ensuring that lifesaving equipment is available in our community. I understand that the group may be in need of additional volunteers.

The Orchard Play Area

On the request of the Parish Council, ERYC have refurbished the children's play area with new, more inclusive equipment.

Flood Alleviation

The Parish Council remains 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.

Highways and Traffic Management

The Parish Council have liaised directly with 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.

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 2024-25 is £36,300 - an increase of 3.99%.

Development Projects 2023-24

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 grant funders and donors for their support. Such funding enables the Parish Council to serve the community, ensuring that diverse aspirations of our residents can be achieved where possible.

During 2023-24 the parish has benefited from: -

The Kirkwood Community Orchard Development

The Parish Council received edible Cherry trees generously donated by the Kirkwood family to plant in the Orchard.

The south-western corner of the field was tidied by volunteers to accommodate perennial herb and rhubarb tyre planters donated by local businesses.

Volunteers also prepared the boundary for Year 5 Primary School children to plant hedgerow funded by The Tree Council.

War Memorial

The missing letter 'I' was replaced on the War Memorial in time for the Silent Soldiers and annual FITTA Group poppy display to commemorate Remembrance 2023.

Crocus bulbs donated by the Rotary Club in support of Polio were planted and a local lawn care company continues to treat grass surrounding the Memorial by way of gift to the community.

Coronation of King Charles III

The children from the Primary School and Nursery joined Parish Council representatives and Coronation Group volunteers on the Village Field.

An Oak tree was planted, and the children received a gift bag containing a Coronation Coin, Royal Gala apple and union flag.

The Commemorative Coins were part fund by an ERYC grant. Residents were given an opportunity to receive any remaining coins.

Children's Play Equipment

The Parish Council has secured funding from the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund, ERYC Active Facilities Fund and East Riding Community Action Grants towards the costs of replacing older pieces of play equipment on the Village Field and to repaint the zipwire and teen shelter on GL Cullington. The work is expected to be completed by the summer.

Petanque Court Project

In response to a request from a group of residents and the parish appraisal, the Parish Council agreed to apply for grants to fund the pétanque court.

Despite the unprecedented wet weather, the project came to fruition and an open day was held in November. Volunteers, experienced in the game, held 1-hour sessions with each year group at Tickton Primary School.

An informal group of residents now play regularly on a Monday afternoon.

Petanque is a low-cost recreational pursuit, suitable for all ages and abilities benefiting health and well-being.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who supported the events as well as the project funders including:

Routh Wind Farm Community Fund
ERYC - Do It For East Yorkshire Grant
Smile Foundation - East Riding Community Action Grant
Dogger Bank Community Fund
Tickton WI
FITTA Group
Wyke Millenium Lodge and,
the Warren and Whymant families and residents.

Our development plans for 2024-25 includes, but not limited to:

- building a bug hotel on the community orchard.
- replacing Tom Thumb play equipment on the Village Field.
- and, replacing the water measure at Hull Bridge with the approval of the Environment Agency.

All development is subject to securing grant funding.

D-Day 80 Anniversary

The Parish Council has received a small grant from the RWF towards the cost of a gas Beacon.

The Beacon will be lit at 9:15pm on 6 June to commemorate the D-Day 80th Anniversary.

A representative of the Church will read 'The International Tribute' accompanied by the Last Post. The King has announced this day the 'National Fish & Chip Day.'

With the support of the Parish Council, our community may wish to consider making this into a bigger event.

If not already done so, we invite you to complete the expression of interest forms that are available this evening.

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 also like to thank Simon, Victoria and Julie for their time and work representing our parishes on the Routh Wind Farm Community Fund 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 two vacancies for co-option. Anyone interested in applying can find further information on the website or please contact the Clerk.

Report from Humberside Police

No issues to report in the parishes of Tickton and Routh.

There has been a rise in burglaries and stolen cars across East Riding, especially larger towns. Residents are reminded to always keep doors locked and store expensive items includes bicycles in a shed.

Humberside Police confirmed that door knockers should have a licence and ID if unsure call 101.

Residents were encouraged to register on the “My Community Alert” free messaging system operated by Humberside Police and Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, giving live information about incidents happening in the area - www.mycommunityalert.co.uk

Report from Ward Councillor

Ward Councillor Smith reported that the first year in office had been challenging.

Councillor Smith is in discussions with ERYC regarding residents’ concerns relating to maintenance of the Beverley to Leven cycle path and potholes on Weel Road.

Reports from Local Groups

Local groups in attendance presented on activities during the year.

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

Please refer to Appendix A for full reports.

Electors’ Open forum

A resident asked why extraordinary large loads i.e. wind turbine blades, were not transported at night to avoid travel disruption. Humberside Police advised that vehicles are required to travel during daylight hours to avoid cables and trees. It was request that Humberside Police consider introducing live updates to map the location progress of the transportation vehicle to support road traffic users.

The Parish Council reported that it was a pleasure working with the primary school during the year. The children are polite, a joy to work with and a credit to the head and the teachers.

The Chairman and the Parish Council were 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 14 April 2025.

APPENDIX A

Tickton Village Hall

Tickton Village Hall has had a fairly steady year.

User Groups have returned and enquiries for family parties, new leisure groups and ad hoc meetings are continuing.

High energy costs put an extra burden on the management of the building, at a time when maintenance costs are also increasing.

As reported last year, Trustees are still working towards greater energy efficiency - increased insulation – solar panels. Major remodelling and improvements to maximise space - update toilets and kitchen - upgrade the drainage system.

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

However, we are currently seeking new ideas for raising funds, as competition for entertainment and activities locally is greater than ever.

And lastly, the Heritage Mosaic Mural - a snapshot of 2023 Coronation Year.

Around two hundred local residents and businesses designed an individual picture, which was then reproduced onto a ceramic tile and the finished mural is hanging in the Main Hall.

A commemorative booklet is available – at a minimum donation of £2.

It features all the tiles, with a short description by the sponsor of each tile, detailing what their tile represents.

Tickton Players & Little Theatre

Little Theatre & Tickton Players paused due to lack of volunteers to organise. If anyone here is interested to know more and willing to take this on – please get in touch with Celia, the Village Hall Secretary.

Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group

The Tickton Defibrillator Campaign Group is a community driven initiative in the Parish of Tickton.

Our mission is to raise funds and awareness of these life saving devices.

Defibrillators can make a critical difference in the survival of someone experiencing cardiac arrest. Our efforts over the last 9 years have led to the installation and maintenance of five defibrillators across the parish and have been used successfully in the last couple of years, saving two lives.

We would love more people to get involved in supporting the group, volunteer, help raise funds, learn basic life support and how to use a defibrillator, support with training, donate.

If you would be interested, please contact June, the Defibrillator Campaign Group Secretary.

The Churches in Tickton

The Churches in Tickton has two buildings to maintain. The biggest cost this year has included the damaged roof and a tree. The grounds maintenance is undertaken by volunteers.

The Church has seen a slight increase in congregation and visitors to Services including Armistice Day. The Church was full at Christmas of people of all ages. The Church continues to link with the school and each child has been invited into the Church including at Easter. Events to appeal to families including 'Blessing of People's Pets,' the Church Garden Party and a Heritage Weekend displaying wedding dresses and christening gowns is arranged for 13-15 September.

The Church is available in time of need and to celebrate joy.

The Youth Kaf continue to meet in the Chapel and has seen membership increased to 29+ children since Covid-19. The group enjoy themed nights, sports and arts and crafts. Members pay £1 subs and donate an item to the Food Bank.

The Food Bank has three collection points in Tickton and is well supported by parishioners who have donated 29,400 items for distribution across East Riding.

Tickton Indoor Bowls Club

Tickton Indoor Bowls Club continues to provide exercise and social wellbeing, during the dark winter months. Bowlers are very competitive with the aim of getting their name on one or more of the six trophies. Member numbers are steady, and new players are always welcome.

FITTA Group

Tickton's F.I.T.T.A. Group is now in its thirteenth year.

Primarily a social group with day-time activities provided in a safe and friendly environment and currently these are: -

- A monthly afternoon film show.
- Light indoor exercise & sport, outdoor exercise & pétanque - all held weekly.
- Crafts, Needlework, Dressmaking, Woodcraft and Art – twice a month.
- Support with IT, smartphones, iPads etc., monthly.
- The most recent addition to the group is to the “lunch club” – and it could be breakfast or afternoon tea - all at local eateries.

There is a small subscription to pay for the room hire and refreshments.

All activities are advertised on the village hall noticeboards.

Tickton Youth Club

The Youth Club had closed due to lack of funding. A new charity, Beverley Rural Youth has been established to support youth provision in the area. To date the group has set up a Youth Club in Tickton and Leconfield which is expected to open on 7 May 2024. The charity thanked Tickton & Routh Parish Council for the donation to assist with set up costs for the club in Tickton.

Tickton WI

This year has passed very quickly, as years seem to do these days – nothing to do with age! After the events of the last few years, we seem to be back in full swing now. We have thirty-two full members and four dual members. The members meetings are still held in the Chapel, but the committee meetings are now held in the Village Hall.

Coffee mornings have been organised across the year at various locations and, despite saying they natter a lot, the Knit 'n' Natter group have produced over four hundred little hats for the baby unit at the Hull Royal Infirmary. The book club is taking a break at the moment, but perhaps this will be looked at again in the future. We continue to get theatre listings for any members interested in a visit and, in support of all activities and meetings we have the monthly TWitterings sheet which contains up to date information and reminders.

Throughout the year we have had a variety of speakers and activities. The programme started with Sally from Smithy Sea Glass, who shared her exploration of the seashore looking for interesting pieces of sea-worn glass to turn into works of art. In June, the Hornsea Ukulele Band joined us for a musical evening, which is always a favourite, but we need to work on our Sand Dance for their next visit! Colin gave us a talk in July about the role of women in the Second World War, and gardening was the topic for September with an ex-Wisley trained speaker. In October we were entertained by Helen with miniature Jim, a wartime grocer. There was so much detail in

her talk, along with a model of the shop, items, and people. Members enjoyed a festive crafting session with Sue in November when we made a table or hanging decoration from doyleys, and December was our usual Christmas social.

In January Lynne was our speaker on the subject of Retail Psychology highlighting some interesting facts that could influence our supermarket shopping. The Spanish-themed night in February was a big success, with Spanish food and a quiz, and the year finished with Hazel Hutchinson sharing her personal experience of finding a suitcase full of letters between her parents during the 1950s and turning them into a book of their love story. We had two summer outings in August. The first was a visit to the Sutton and Wawne Museum and a guided walk around Sutton village was included, followed by afternoon tea, and the second was another afternoon tea, this time at the Eastfield Garden Centre in Bridlington.

It is good to mention that as well as enjoying speakers and activities at meetings, we also contribute to a variety of different charities as our speakers often donate their fee to their favourite one, and members have donated items to the Food Bank, and clothes and relevant items for the Women's Refuge in Hull have been given to Suzanne to pass on. We have also contributed funds towards the seating around the new Petanque Terrain in the village and supported the refreshment stalls at the Christmas market and community markets throughout the year. Our main fundraising event at the beginning of the year was the Fashion Show.

We have a full programme of meetings and events to look forward to this year and will continue to move forward, making new friends and providing a social group for Tickton and the surrounding area.

Petanque Group

The Petanque Group thanked those who contributed to the court. The Open Day was well attended. The facility is bringing people and families together especially during the Easter holidays.

The group has developed quickly as has reached a good standard of game and can now compete.

In addition, members enjoyed supporting the two-week sessions with the children from Tickton Primary school and facilitated by the Parish Council. Each year group played Petanque with the group. The children were well behaved and proud to be part of their community.

End of report.