

Notes of Annual Parish Meeting of Tickton and Routh held in Tickton Village Hall, on Monday 21 May 2015

Present: Mr Howard Sinkler (in the Chair)
Mrs Cathy Lloyd – (note taker)
Ward Councillor Pollard
14 Members of the Public

WELCOME

The meeting began with Mr Sinkler welcoming everyone to the meeting

INTRODUCTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Sinkler informed everyone that he was the Chairman of Tickton and Routh Parish Council. Councillors Oliver, Lenton, Morris, Webster, and Wells were introduced. Apologies were given by Councillors Caley, N Walker and T Walker. Following the elections two positions for Tickton were vacant and a notice for volunteers for co-option to come forward would soon be advertised locally.

NOTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

Notes of last year's meeting were available on the village notice board or on the parish council web site www.ticktonandrouthparishcouncil.org.uk

UPDATE FROM POLICE

The police were unable to attend but any issues could be raised with them via the clerk or a Councillor.

The clerk fed back on information given by Divisional Commander Darren Downs on the planned restructure of front line policing in Humberside. Front Line services were to be organised over three commands - **specialist** - consisting of high cost, high skilled staff for high impact or complex incidents; **operations** - which will focus on high and immediate priority incidents that are suitable for immediate resolution; and **communities** - which will focus on crime reduction and crime investigation where problem solving is required. Generally PC's in operations team would cover the same area as before unless in an emergency it was prudent to send in others. Neighbourhood Policing was to be enhanced as the team would now contain a designated detective or two (based on the level of crime), as well as a designated PC and PCSO - with one PCSO per ward. Generally speaking there would be little change in the staffing of communities command and therefore no loss of local knowledge. The names of the staff assigned to work locally would soon be available. Due to the necessary budget cuts there had been an inevitable erosion in numbers but with the change in shift patterns it was hoped to better match the number of officers available to the time when demand was at its peak and in the locality where it was needed.

INTRODUCTION TO WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillor Pollard introduced herself to the meeting and invited questions from those present. She reported that if anyone had any ward issues they could contact her directly at any time or through the parish council clerk.

ACTIVITES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Lloyd reported that during 2014/5 the Parish Council raised £25160 through the precept and a further £5331 from grants, rent and interest payments.

In total £37483 was spent which included £6808 on staff costs, £4040 in grants and donations to local organisations and £14445 on replacement play equipment. The rest was spent on recurring running costs such as grass cutting, insurance, the purchase of salt, safety inspections for the play equipment and so on.

As expenditure exceeded income the carry forward figure has reduced to £42924. Some of this is for projects carried forward such as playground development and the jubilee memorial window at the chapel and some for particular known future expenditure such as playground equipment replacement and election expenses.

The precept this year was set to maintain the level of contribution from each household, meaning that although this has generated less money for the Parish Council over the years the amount paid by residents has been maintained or reduced annually for at least 5 years.

In this year's precept a sum was included for the renewal of the tennis courts which was match funding for an application to Routh Wind Farm Community Fund. We had been successful in receiving some funds but not enough to allow the project to start without additional funding sources being identified. A sum was also included to replace the nursery swings on Tickton Play Area.

PRESENTATIONS FROM LOCAL GROUPS

The following local groups presented on their activities and their plans

- Tickton Church of England School
- The Church in Tickton
- All Saints Church in Routh
- The Village Hall Committee
- Tickton Little Theatre
- Fitta-U
- Tickton Youth Kaf
- Tickton WI
- Tickton Youth Club
- Routh Wind Farm Community Fund

All local groups had had a successful year, but were open to new members or supporters.

The Chairman thanked all groups for their presentations and their contribution to the parish.

PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

Mrs June Agius outlined the benefit of defibrillators and suggested that it would be invaluable to have a defibrillator/defibrillators in the Parish. Support was shown from those present and many were willing to be involved in a campaign to raise money to purchase these. Mrs Agius agreed to take this forward.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.