

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th April 2022 AT 6PM,
IN THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE, HIGH STREET, CRIGGLESTONE, WF4 3EB

Present:

Cllrs, P Crompton, P Daniels (Chair), C Platten, A Roe, M Oxspring Cynthia Binns, Paul Denton, A Wilby (as members of the public as this is not a council meeting).

Sarah Knowles-Clerk to the Council, Claire Cooper – Deputy Clerk

District Cllrs Sam Harvey, Cynthia Binns and Ian Sanders

1. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 April 2021 are received and noted.

There was no Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to the Coronavirus lockdown.

2. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT Councillor Peter Daniels 5th April 2022

I would like to say it has been an honour and pleasure to have served as Chairman of the Parish Council for the past 12 months.

In April 2021 we were still having zoom meetings, but in August 2021 we went back to face-to-face meetings.

(2021) In April Councillor Margaret Skinner resigned. I would like to thank her for all the time with the Parish Council and her contribution to the community, through the work she did.

(2021) July 29th saw the 80th Anniversary of the Crigglestone Pit Disaster. We held a small commemoration in Betty Eastwood Park, where in my capacity as Chairman of the Parish Council I laid a wreath in remembrance of those who died and the Rev. Kevin Greaves of St James' Church, Chapelthorpe gave a blessing.

(2021) In September we welcomed Grant Maconachie and Nathan Spencer, who were co-opted on to the council. We also welcomed Claire Cooper as our new Deputy Clerk.

(2021) November Remembrance Day services were held at both Crigglestone and Newmillerdam. I would like to thank Rev Greaves and Rev Cotton for conducting the services and all who attended.

(2021) In November Cllr Paul Crompton and I attended the Local Development Plan Public Hearing on behalf of the Parish Council and residents to give evidence against planning development in our area, but not for the benefit to our area. We did our best!

The Parish Council Continues to keep an eye on planning applications. There are still problems with Greenbelt land being considered for development.

The Police Safe Scheme continues but is still under review.

(2022) The precept for 2022-23 has seen a decrease of 1.23% in the charge levied on individual bills.

I would like to thank Paul Crompton Vice Chairman for his support and help over last year. I would also like to thank all the other members of the Parish Council for all their time and effort in serving the parish through the various committees that they are members of who all give their time voluntarily.

I would like to thank our Parish Clerk Sarah Knowles and Deputy Clerk Claire Cooper for performing their duties efficiently and appreciate all the hard work put into managing the ever-changing situation over the last year.

Appreciation is extended to the District Councillors who attend our monthly meeting, for their input into issues that are relevant to the Parish.

This year saw changes to the bus services which are not very good. On 24th March Arriva Bus and Northern Rail announced more cuts to both bus and rail services in Wakefield resulting in more cars on the roads.

(2022) March we installed 3 new defibrillators. Village Institute, Hall Green Community Centre and the New Inn Pub in Durkar.

Finally, I would like to remind the residents of the Parish that the first 15 minutes of every monthly full council meeting, is a public session. Here you can bring issues you would like to discuss.

The aim of the Parish Council is to serve the residents to the best of their ability, following the Government Legislation that allows us to do so.

No questions were raised.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS CAPABLE OF BEING DEALT WITH

No other business was raised

The Chairman thanked those that did for attending and closed the Annual Parish meeting at 6.07pm

SIGNED

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CHAIRMAN