

RUFFORTH AND KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in Rufforth Village Institute On Monday, 4 April 2022, starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Rollings (PR) Chairman; Cllr Anne Powell (AP) Vice Chairman; Cllr Helen Butterworth (HB); Cllr John Flynn (JF); Cllr Jane Wright (JW); Cllr Nicholas Murray (NM); Cllr Mark Reynolds (MR):

In attendance: Ward Cllr Anne Hook (AH), the Clerk, Stephanie Warden and 7 members of the public

1 Welcome to the public by the Chairman:

Councillor Rollings welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Andrew Mate (AM)

3 Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting:

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting were taken as read as they had been circulated to all present before the meeting. The minutes of the 12 April 2021 Annual Parish Meeting were proposed by AP and seconded by NM, agreed by all and would be signed as a true record.

4 Chairman's Report 2021/2022:

A copy of the report is in the minute file reporting on all the work carried out by the council over the past year.

A copy of the report is also on the parish council website and is available from the Clerk in hard copy.

5 Financial Officer's Report:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated the report previously to all present. A copy is in the minute file. The balance brought forward from April 2021 was £93,610.15, income to the year ending 31 March 2022 was £68,989.58, expenditure during the year to 31 March 2022 was £23,115.07 leaving a balance to be carried forward of £139,484.66. Of this total £135,371.40 had been set aside from 40% of all fees coming into the burial ground for future maintenance once the Burial Grounds were full and from grants for projects still to be completed. This left funds available of £4,113.26

6 John Hawkins Trust:

The joint trustees of this trust are Celia Galloway and Alan Hodgson. JW presented the report and explained the history behind the trust. Its main income was from ground rents from land in Hessay and shooting rights. The purpose of the charity to give to the needy within Rufforth and to pay the vicar for two sermons a year (£1.20). Money had been given to 6 Rufforth residents.

7 Public Comments and Questions:

One Rufforth resident said that she was concerned about street lights being on all night and light pollution. She was also concerned about the large numbers of big HGVs through Rufforth.

PR said that all agreed there was more traffic and more HGVs but the main problem was that it was classed as a B road, therefore all traffic had a right to use it. The Parish Council had agreed with Yorwaste and York Pullman informal operating agreements whereby only necessary local traffic would go through Rufforth. The Services on the A1 at Wetherby had probably made the amount of traffic coming through worse. The data collected from the Vehicle Activated Signs will show the kinds of vehicles and speeds of vehicles through Rufforth. The parish council could lobby CYC but CYC Highways were responsible. The resident felt Biffa wagons were a problem especially as they came through so late at night and back early in the morning.

PR said that the subject of lighting could come up at a future meeting as residents would probably need to be asked how they felt about switching lights off at night. One resident felt they were necessary for security and should be kept on.

Another resident said he would like to see a circular path round the pond and Sand Dykes and onto Hannam Lane. It was agreed that this would be a big project and would have to come back to a full meeting at another time especially as the budget had been set in January. This resident also talked about the Ukrainian Appeal and that the person who had been collecting in Rufforth and taking it to Bradford had said they would not take any more as that was no longer needed. AH said that it was better to donate money to established charities, there was a page on the CYC website.

PR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

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