

THORPE WILLOUGHBY PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thorpe Willoughby held on Monday, 16 May 2016 at St Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby, Selby.

In attendance: Members of the public - Three

Members of the Parish Council attending included:

Mrs J Pearse, Mrs S Parkinson, Mr I Lawton, Miss E Smith,
Mrs I Burnell, Mr C Pearson and Mr P Bishop

Mr N Dowell – Chairman of the Parish Council

Mr S M Peters – Clerk to Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council

All persons present signed the attendance register.

NB. This is not a Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting commenced: 6:30pm

Mr N Dowell, as the Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone.

1. Public Session

There were three members of the public present, plus 8 Parish Councillors, and 1 Parish Council Clerk at the meeting

Two members of the public raised their concerns over the safety of the play area in the light of an injury to their child on the roundabout.

The Chairman explained that following discussions with the Council's play area Inspectors, subsequent site visits, and a meeting by the Clerk with one of the two members of the public present, it had been necessary to close the play area altogether.

Warning signs and tapes to warn users of the problems with the roundabout and the blue slide had been added by the play area inspectors and the Clerk, but had been subsequently been removed by someone.

The Chairman reassured the two members of the public that the Council treats this matter very seriously and will not reopen the play area until it is felt that it is safe to do so.

The two members of the public said that they felt reassured that the Council took their concerns seriously and looking to address matters to ensure no other accidents occur due to faulty equipment.

The Chairman thanked them for raising their concerns and they then left the meeting

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on Monday, 18 May 2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Prop: Mrs J Pearse Sec: Mr C Pearson

3. Parish Council's Chairman's Report

Mr N Dowell read out his Chairman's report to the meeting. (attached)

IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Chairman's Report be accepted.

4. Close of Meeting

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting is likely to be Monday, 15 May 2017, but will be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 6.52pm

Signed by current Chairman (Cllr N Dowell)

Signed by current Clerk (Mr S M Peters)

Date: 16/5/2016

Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council Chairman's report 2015-16.

Another busy year has come and gone,

The new Linden home development is up and running which can only be good for the village as it brings new blood & interest along with the additional precept the set aside funding has been set for use on projects which otherwise would be difficult to justify and do to make improvements in the village.

The wind farm "fight" has finally gone away, but the Fracking question is just around the corner and may affect us at some point. House prices remain good in the village which would indicate people still want a village/rural location.

Communication between the Parish council and local groups remains positive and thanks go all members who manage to attend out of council meetings and groups so links remain.

The precept was set with small increase for the year, the council felt it still remained excellent "value" when you take into account what amenities our village has to offer and we had another year free from any member of the Parish Council claiming any expenses relating to meetings attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal band of volunteers who deliver our monthly news magazine, yet again it has prove to be invaluable in keeping the village informed with what's going on, a special thanks to Jan Oddy for her role as co-ordinator & Christine for her work as editor. Additional thanks to Dennis for his work on the website and hope the new website administrator will continue to make it grow and infrom.

I would also like to thank Sylvia (vice chair) for her continuing support and Steve (clerk) for his tireless work for the Parish Council, as a chairman's aid he takes the everyday strain off me and keeps us on the legal straight and narrow, he puts far more time in to the role than he is contracted to and takes the flack when things don't go according to plan.

I would like to thank all the members of the Parish Council (old and New), District and County council for their hard work and commitment over the last year and look forward to the challenges that lay ahead for us in the next year.

Nick Dowell (Chairman).