

THORPE WILLOUGHBY PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Thorpe Willoughby held on Monday, 14 May 2018 at St Francis Church, Thorpe Willoughby, Selby.

In attendance: Members of the public - None

Members of the Parish Council attending included:

Mrs J Pearse, Mr I Lawton, Miss E Smith, Mr C Lunn, Mr C Pearson, Mr N Dowell, Mrs I Burnell and Mr A Mifsud.

Mrs S Parkinson – Chairman of the Parish Council

Mr S M Peters – Clerk/RFO to Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council

All persons present signed the attendance register.

NB. This is not a Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting commenced: 6:34pm

Mrs S M Parkinson, as the Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone.

1. Public Session

There were no members of the public present, plus 9 Parish Councillors, and 1 Parish Council Clerk at the meeting

All those present remained seated to be ready for the Annual Parish Council meeting that follows.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2017

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: 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

Mrs S Parkinson read out her Chairman's report to the meeting (attached).

Mr C Pearson commented that the boundary change would ensure that those residents in the western corner of the village would become part of Thorpe Willoughby parish because they use our facilities and not those of an adjacent parish, and not for financial gain.

This sentiment was shared by others present.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i) That the above information was noted.
- ii) That the Chairman's Report be accepted.

4. Close of Meeting

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting is likely to be Monday, 13 May 2019, but will be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 6.50pm

Signed by current Chairman (Cllr Mrs S Parkinson)

Signed by current Clerk (Mr S M Peters)

Date: 14/5/2018

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THORPE WILLOUGHBY PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017-18

Well, it's certainly been a very "interesting" year, both fulfilling and agonising at times in equal measure.

We continue to use "professionals" as much as possible in our use of the precept and other funding of works throughout the village for the benefit of everyone. Unfortunately anti-social behaviour, vandalism, and negative and ill-informed social media only fuel unnecessary resentment. But it's impossible to please everyone and hopefully it will be seen that we have listened and strived to address any issues in a fair and positive manner as required of a public body with many legal constraints to work with.

In July we celebrated the official opening of the Activity Trail on the village green after being awarded £10,000 from Lottery funding. The village green has seen more activity, especially with the new equipment, than ever before and it is a joy to see so many families there on a sunny day winter or summer.

New housing is still on-going, with the knock-on effect on the village primary school. And hopefully a much wished for boundary change may actually happen next year, ensuring that at least the village could now benefit financially from existing and new housing currently designated as being in "another parish"!

We are so lucky to have some amazing volunteers working tirelessly over many years, about 35 or so of them delivering 1400 copies of the Monthly News magazine. With Special Thanks to Jan Oddy, Co-ordinator of the Monthly News Volunteers, and Christine Connell for her sterling work as the Editor, plus Andy Nixon for a terrific job as Editor of the website, which is growing from strength to strength thanks to his leadership and flare.

Thanks to Steve our Parish Clerk, he and I don't always agree but we try and follow the rules for the benefit of the village, which I know that we both love. Nick, our previous Chairman, continues with his extra help, especially with the Christmas tree lighting event, as he has done for many years. Frank Morrison does an excellent job as our Litter Picker taking such pride in his work. And thanks to Richard Deadman, our Handyman, for all his help over the year.

Last, but not least, thanks to all our past and present Parish, District and County Councillors, and their families, for their help, tolerance and understanding. And long may this continue please.

Well done everyone, thank you.

Sylvia Parkinson (Chairman)

May 2018