



Millington cum Givendale Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Brooks, Burley (Chair), Cargill, Cheney, Francis, McConachie & Willoughby

In Attendance : Mrs Roberts

Members of the public : 3

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting Held on 28th April 2015

The minutes for the meeting held on 28th April 2015 were read out and signed as a true record.

3. Chair's Report - Report by Cllr Burley

As another year draws to a close it is my privilege to report on the work of the Parish Council in Millington Cum Givendale.

There have been a number of successful projects undertaken during this year.

Firstly, the Council is pleased to report that, with a great deal of hard work by our clerk, it is now compliant with the Transparency Code legislation. A large part of this included setting up a council website which will be used to publish council documents including agendas, minutes and financial information. The web site will also be used to provide useful and we hope interesting information about the parish to both resident and visitor alike, e.g. parish history, information about local businesses, churches, walks etc. Secondly, on a very positive note and after lengthy lobbying including a meeting organised by the Parish Council, super-fast broadband is now available to most residents in the village.

The Parish Council has also been making progress with developing a parish emergency plan and it is hoped that this will be submitted later this year. In addition, in conjunction with East Riding Council we have completed a Transport survey.

Village events are an important and enjoyable part of the work that the Council undertakes. Cllr Willoughby will be reporting on last year's events in his Swineridge report. This year to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday the Council is planning a street party in the village on 12th June. Also as usual we will be holding our biennial Yorkshire Day celebration.

For me as chairman this year has been highly successful in what we have achieved as a council, what we have tried to achieve and most particularly in the team working that has taken place on the Council. I would personally like to thank every member of the council of the part they have played

4. Representative Reports

a) Swineridge view - Report by Cllr Willoughby

The main event at Swineridge View, as most years, was the Bonfire Party. This was well attended by approximately 100 people, raising £450. The event was kindly sponsored for £100 by Paul Brooks. The soup and hotdogs were much appreciated. A local supplier, Ardent Fireworks, were approached to supply the fireworks but the display, whilst

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applauded by the crowd, was considered by the organiser to be of poorer quality than previously and will not be used again.

The Parish Council provided funds to purchase a chainsaw bar, chain and sharpening equipment to be used on a chainsaw kindly lent by Mike Cargill. This enabled good progress to be made in thinning of the wooded area at the top of the site. Special care was taken to preserve the few Beech trees on the site which is predominantly Ash. Other species identified growing in the area are: Silver Birch (one only), Scots Pine (4), Blackthorn, Hawthorn and Hazel. It was noted this Spring that there has been an increase in wild flowers in the thinned area. The top growth of the felled trees has been collected into piles to provide wildlife habitat and ensure the wooded area can be easily accessed. About 15% of the area is still to be thinned and this work will progress in this current year.

On 21 April at 20:30 a beacon was lit to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday followed by a brief firework display (paid for from the surplus in the Bonfire Party funds) the attendees then retired to the Gait Inn to toast her majesty - several times.

The site continues to be used by walkers and locals enjoying the spectacular views over the Plain of York. These views have reduced over the years due to growth of the hedge and trees to the South and West of the site. Consideration should be given to pruning these back to restore the view.

A history of Swineridge View, its use, flora and fauna will be published on the Parish website.

b) Village Hall - Report by Cllr Burley

The village hall committee are particularly pleased to report that a hot shower has finally been installed for use by our overnight paying guests. It is obviously hoped that this will help to increase the number of overnight guests.

There continues to be a varied programme of speakers and social events in the hall. The speakers have given talks, including a history of Morris Dancing in Millington and films of Tom Smith's Morris Men given by Mike Hadley.

There are now regular exercise classes for those wishing to get fit on Tuesday and Wednesday evening each week under the watchful supervision of Laura from Vibes Fitness.

c) Givendale Happenings - Report by Cllr Francis

There is increasing frustration with the state of the roads within the Givendale area of the parish. There are number of areas where the roads are full of pot holes, which are deteriorating due run off water caused by overflowing ditches that haven't been cleared in years. In the coming year we will be putting pressure on East Riding Council to resolve these issues.

On a more positive note, JSR's new barn has now been built and is being fully utilised. This whole project was very well managed and it does not seem to have caused any increase in traffic.

Givendale Church is getting welcome exposure. It has been used as a location for a David Mark film called 'Dead Pretty'. In addition, Dixie Willis, author of a number of books, is including St Ethelburga's in his latest work on the UK's smallest churches.

d) Wilkinson Trust - Report by Judy Dibb (Trust clerk) presented by J Roberts, Trustee.

Due to excessive rainfall The Poor Close tenant was unable to cut the grass, and there was no change to fencing, drainage or access. However the land had provided sanctuary for wildlife. The tenant is most reliable, always paying his rent on time.



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After much consideration it was decided not to award a donation from the Trust at this time.

Mrs. Berriman's extended position as senior Trustee is due to end and therefore we request that the Council advertise the vacancy as soon as possible. It would be helpful to suggest that a suitable candidate had some land management knowledge or an agricultural background. Mrs. G. Forth would then become the senior Trustee but we understand that Mrs. Berriman would remain a Trustee until her replacement had been appointed. We thank her most sincerely for all her hard work and expertise over the years.

The annual on-line returns are due to be completed by the clerk at the end of this month and this is in hand.

5. Community Policing

Unfortunately the representative could not attend.

6. Open Forum

This issues raised by the public were as follows:-

- **The poor condition of the roads in the parish.** The patching that East Riding Council have done does not seem to last. This will be added to the council's next agenda.
- **Overgrown Hedgerows** - the trimming of these is too superficial. This is particularly problematic by the fish ponds at Ousethorpe, which is used by a lot of large vehicles. The road is significantly narrowed and means that there is not enough space for vehicles to pass safely. This will be added to the council's next agenda.
- **Parking in Millington** - this continues to cause problems, particular at the pinch point by the Rambler's Rest. This will be added to the council's next agenda.
- **Village Plan** - an update was requested on the status of the village plan. Cllr Burley explained that this had been deferred due to the council having to focus its attention on getting the Council Website set up.
- **Transport Survey** - one resident felt that this had been a waste of time and money, especially as some of the data was incorrect.

Meeting closed at 8:16 pm