

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY 16 MAY 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Mr D Blacketer, Mrs P Bramley, Mr R Bramley, Mr J Garner, Mrs R Hilton, Ms B Heap, Mr C Pell and Mrs Z Richards

In attendance:

Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

APM2023/1

Apologies

Mr T Pearcy

City of York Council Ward Councillor Kate Ravilious

APM2023/2

Minutes of the APM 2022

Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

APM2023/3

Annual Report

2022-23 has been an eventful royal year – the Queen’s Jubilee party, then sadly the death of Queen Elizabeth11 and just recently the King’s Coronation.

On the parish’s behalf, the Parish Council, were pleased to have awarded grants towards the golden jubilee and a full grant to celebrate the King’s Coronation Lunch to the village trust, who organised the events. Both were very enjoyable events with good turn outs. We thank the organisers for their hard work.

Michael, our village Lengthsman, has now been with us for over a year.

He has made a huge difference in keeping the village clean and tidy, a real asset to our community and has received much well-deserved praise from both Councillors and residents.

Michael was particularly grateful to residents for their assistance with raking fallen leaves in the autumn, on the Main St grass verges, into piles ready for collection.

During the year, the Parish Council has been awarded two Meeting Room grants from the Ward Committee.

The 1st for improving the pathway to the Village Meeting Room to ensure it provides suitable access for all users. CYC have been commissioned to do the work which we hope will begin early summer.

The 2nd to improve the area at the rear of the building where the bins stand and to install a bike stand.

Sadly, we are losing two very valued members of the Meeting Room Committee – Dot and John Lawton. We thank them for their many years of commitment and hard work and wish them all the best for the future.

This does mean that the committee needs new members.

You would be made very welcome. Contact details can be found on the village Noticeboard.

Over the years, the Parish Council has responded to each consultation of the Local Plan. Councillors attended the recent Hearings. A special thank you to Cllrs R Bramley and Cllr R Hilton for speaking on behalf of Heslington residents at those hearings.

The Parish Council is keeping a watching brief on proposed Active Travel Routes affecting the Parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to move forward. Councillors are working closely with the consultant.

Parish Councillors recently met with our local police sergeant to discuss the safety of crossing from the footpath to the Outgang entrance. He was very supportive of improvement suggestions, and he has written to CYC for their input and support. The Council continues to follow this up with both parties.

Peter Hall decided not to re-stand this year for the Council. We thank him for his many years of service and commitment to Heslington, both as a Parish Councillor as well as Chairman, and for producing the Parish Council newsletter.

Please visit the Parish Council website to find out who your Councillors are, for Heslington news and updates and information on Parish Council vacancies, meeting dates, agendas and minutes.

We always welcome residents’ attendance at Parish Council meetings, your comments on a planning application, suggestions of village projects, etc.

Keith Aspden took the decision not to re-stand for the York City Council. Over the many years as Heslington Ward Councillor, he has provided valuable input with information, advice and hard work. We thank him and wish him all the best for the future.

Kate Ravilious has been elected as York Councillor for [Fulford and Heslington Ward](#). We hope she will take a keen interest in Heslington issues. We look forward to working with her.

I personally would like to thank all Councillors that represent Heslington so well, voluntarily giving up their time to support the community.

A special thanks to our Parish Clerk, Fiona Hill, who goes over and above her responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of the council.

There are so many people in Heslington that deserve thanks, too many to mention personally, but thank you, your work does not go unnoticed.

The Parish Council continues to serve, support and represent the people of Heslington.

I thank you for your encouragement and support.

APM2023/4

Parishioners question and answer session:

Those present discussed the recent closure of the banks and the possible closure of other businesses and the affect this would have of the parish.

Chairman's Signature

Date