

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM ON TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk

APM2024/1 Apologies

Mr T Pearcy and Mrs Z Richards
City of York Council Ward Councillor Kate Ravilious

APM2024/2 Minutes of the APM 2023 Resolved – Approved (Unanimous)

APM2024/3 Annual Report

With temperature and rainfall records broken, several named storms, it has been another eventful year of weather. It has been a challenging time for all, especially our local farmers with flooded fields affecting planting. It is expected to have a dire effect on this year's food production harvest.

We all look forward to a warmer and more settled summer.

For the first time, York and North Yorkshire has recently elected a mayor, who will chair the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority. We await to see the benefits this will bring locally.

There is change ahead in Heslington too.

All banks have now closed in Main Street South and premises are up for sale.

The old HSBC (Bank House) is in the process of being converted into two individual dwellings.

The Hive (previously the Norwegian Centre) is up for sale. The Parish Council will be kept updated by the University as the sale progresses.

The ACV (Asset of Community Value) on the Deramore Arms has been renewed. New tenants are in situ, and we wish them every success.

The Parish Council are pleased to have worked with the University on the siting of a defibrillator, installed on the wall next to the notice board in Main Street. By using a defibrillator before an ambulance arrives, you can significantly increase someone's chance of survival. Once turned on, it will give clear step-by-step voice instructions.

Our Neighbourhood Plan continues to make steady progress. We are waiting the outcome of the Local Plan before being able to go forward with the resident's pre-submission **consultation. We will welcome your feedback. All responses will be considered before** the plan goes to the local authority and independent examiner prior to a Parish referendum.

The excellent interior refurbishment of the Meeting Room has ensured its continuation to host a wide range of activities. Many thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.

It is now the exterior that needs work- the existing roof needs replacing. The Meeting Room is a Grade 11 listed building, dating back to 1844. We aim to replace the roof with high quality durable materials to ensure longevity, whilst incorporating energy efficient insulation to reduce long-term operational costs.

We have procured the necessary consents and obtained quotes which are in the range of £30,000.00 though of course, with buildings material prices always changing, the cost is more likely to go up than down.

To fund the project, the Parish Council has, over the last number of years, set some monies aside, has increased the parish precept by a small amount, is completing grant applications and has written to several large companies with connections to Heslington for their consideration to give a donation.

We will be asking residents in the next newsletter to "get on board" and consider donating and "sponsor a tile" or even several!

Sadly, CYC were unable to gain agreement by involved parties to improve the pathway access to the Meeting Room and consequently the Ward grant has been rescinded. We remain keen to make a more comfortable approach for wheelchair users.

We have recently undertaken an Accessibility Audit with CYC's help. We look forward to receiving the report and any recommendations being implemented, subject to priority and available funds.

Parish Council information can be found on the website www.heslington.org.uk and the noticeboard.

The Parish Clerk contact details are heslingtonpc@outlook.com

We continue to print and deliver our quarterly newsletter and grateful thanks go to Cllr Blacketer for editing.

And of course, we always welcome resident's attendance at Parish Council meetings, (dates and agenda on the website) your comments on a planning application, suggestions of village projects, etc.

We have a new Councillor, Caleb Pell, a York University student, who joined us in May, a very worthy addition to the council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank;

my fellow Parish Councillors, Clerk and Ward Councillor for their efforts, contributions, and thoughts this year.

Vice Chair, Cllr Hilton, who did an excellent job of standing in whilst I was indisposed. our lengthsman for a fabulous job of keeping our village looking spick and span.

residents, who help in numerous ways.

It is very much appreciated. Thank you to all.

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Reports/Representations:

Heslington Church had submitted an Annual General Meeting Report Booklet and Financial Statement November 2023.

The Village Trust had been invited to submit an annual report – nothing received.

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Parishioners question and answer session: None

Chairman's Signature

Date