

RUFFORTH AND KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in Rufforth Village Institute

On Monday, 3 April 2023, starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Rollings (PR) Chairman; Cllr Anne Powell (AP); Cllr Helen Butterworth (HB); Cllr Linda Young (LY); Cllr Victoria Kirk (VK); Cllr Nicholas Murray (NM) Vice Chairman; Cllr Mark Reynolds (MR); Cllr Andrew Mate (AM):

In attendance: The Clerk, Stephanie Warden and 6 members of the public, including Jane Wright (JW) trustee for the John Hawkins Trust.

1 Welcome to the public by the Chairman:

Councillor Rollings welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence: Ward Cllr Anne Hook (AH)

3 Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting:

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting were taken as read as they had been circulated to all present before the meeting. The minutes of the 4 April 2022 Annual Parish Meeting were proposed by NM and seconded by AM, agreed by all and would be signed as a true record.

4 Chairman's Report 2022/2023:

A copy of the report is in the minute file reporting on all the work carried out by the council over the past year.

A copy of the report is also on the parish council website and is available from the Clerk in hard copy.

The report outlined all the considerable work done by the Parish Council during the past year and many thanks to councillors Anne Powell and Andrew Mate who would not be standing for re-election. AP had served for 20 years and had taken on the chairmanship at a very difficult time and AM had served 8 years.

5 Financial Officer's Report:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated the report previously to all present. A copy is in the minute file. The balance brought forward from April 2022 was £139,484.66, income to the year ending 31 March 2023 was £54,775.17, expenditure during the year to 31 March 2023 was £102,394.40 leaving a balance to be carried forward of £91,865.43. Of this total £135,371.40 had been set aside from 40% of all fees coming into the burial ground for future maintenance once the Burial Grounds were full and from grants and reserves. This left funds available of £11,532.54

6 John Hawkins Trust:

JW presented the report and explained its main income was from ground rents from land held in trust in Hessay and shooting rights over that land. The purpose of the charity to give to the needy within Rufforth and to pay the vicar for two sermons a year (£1.33). £25 had been given to 6 Rufforth residents. The Trust had £432 in the bank at the start of the year which had earned 47 pence in interest. A local farmer rented the field for £85 and another paid £60 for shooting rights over the land. The Hunt had not paid anything into the trust. JW was concerned what would happen to the Trust if the Solar Farm got panning permission as it would mean the field could no longer be farmed and shooting rights would no longer be available over the land.

7 Public Comments and Questions:

One of the parishioners present thanked the Parish Council for all the hard work done over the past year.

The Rufforth Speedwatch Co-ordinator was concerned about the area between the two chicanes as speeds were not recorded. He felt it important to have a method of recording speeds between the chicanes. CYC will do data collection and if it justifies a more permanent collection they will look at it. Data collection is no longer free of charge.

The same resident also wanted the Parish Council to look at putting in a path to the Play Area at the Playing Fields. It was pointed out that the Playing Fields owned the land and the Parish Council had no say over that land. The resident living beside the Parish Garden was thanked for cleaning the telephone box.

JW said that it was the WI's 70th birthday this coming year and were looking at the possibility of a bench in the Parish/Millennium Garden. PR thanked the WI, on behalf of the parish council, for all their work in the Parish Garden and asked JW to convey the parish council's thanks to the WI.

PR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed_____ Date_____

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