

RUFFORTH AND KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in Rufforth Village Institute On Monday, 7 April 2025, starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Peter Rollings (PR) Chairman; Cllr. Nick Murray (NM) Vice Chairman; Cllr Victoria Kirk (VK); Cllr Linda Young (LY); Cllr Frank Di Lorenzo (FD); Cllr Terry Edmonds (TE); Cllr Gary Thompson (GT):

In attendance: Ward Councillor Anne Hook (AH), The Clerk, Stephanie Warden and 2 members of the public.

1 Welcome to the public by the Chairman:

Councillor Rollings welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Suzie Flynn (SF) and Jane Wright, trustee for the John Hawkin's Trust

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

The minutes of the 8 April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were taken as read as they had been circulated to all present before the meeting. The minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were agreed by all and were signed as a true record.

4 Chairman's Report 2024/2025:

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.

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 2024 was £105,754.05, income to the year ending 31 March 2025 was £37,975.96, expenditure during the year to 31 March 2025 was £29,402.12 leaving a balance to be carried forward of £114,327.89. Of this total £105,318.39 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 general reserves. This left funds available of £9,009.50.

6 John Hawkins Trust:

The Clerk presented Jane Wright's report. Jane apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. There were only 2 contributors now as the Badsworth and York Hunt no longer used the field in Hessay. Two farmers still contribute,

one pays for shooting rights over the field and the other, now 90 years old, has no cows on it but happily pays into the charity.

The Hawkins account has £626.81 at the Leeds Building Society. 6 residents in Rufforth received gifts of £25 and the Vicar received his traditional £1.33 for a sermon preached on St John's Day.

It is important to remember this charity was set up in the early 17th century. Jane was thanked for her report.

7 Public Comments and Questions:

A resident whose land backs onto Southfield Lane reported the surface was so bad on Southfield Lane he had fallen and hurt his legs. Also, cars that drive down it on occasions throw up huge amounts of dust onto their property. AH would mention it to CYC and recommended that the resident who had fallen makes a complaint to CYC. The resident would like to see the Lane resurfaced up to where the lane narrows by the burial ground.

PR stated that it was certainly something the PC could look at but resurfacing Southfield Lane would cost a huge amount of money. Poppleton Community Centre had recently resurfaced their car park which was of similar size and it had cost £36,000 and the parish council own it. Southfield Lane is on Highways land.

It was agreed to put resurfacing Southfield Lane on the June agenda.

As there were no other comments or questions PR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

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