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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ROSSINGTON MEMORIAL HALL AT 6.30 PM on TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018

Present: Parish Cllrs: C Beaumont (Vice Chair), D Harper, G Dutton, R Greaves, J Cooke (Ward Cllr), J Gibson, C Stone, W Reynolds, G Baker, R Anderson and K Guest
Chair: Cllr A Harper
Clerks: A M Hammond and Z Attridge-Chambers
Ward Cllrs: J Cooke
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5131. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr A Harper opened the meeting and welcomed Cllrs to the meeting.

5132. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE

5132.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs B Johnson, N Smithard and J Parkin which were approved by the Parish Council.

5132.2 There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

5133. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS

5133.1 A Harper, Chair of Rossington Parish Council

In yet another busy year, the Parish Council has welcomed 4 new Parish Cllrs, Ken Guest, Clive Stone, George Baker and last but not least Bob Anderson who joined us only just last month.

The Summer Festival in July 2017 was another great success with over 5,000 people attending over the weekend. We took on board all your feedback, so this year should be even better.

The weather was very kind to us on Wednesday 30 August 2017 when we had our first village fete on Radburn Road. It was well attended, so we are looking forward to this year's fete.

The Parish Council put this event on to celebrate the fact that we'd just finalized the lease on the land adjacent to Coronach Way and Allenby Crescent, keeping a green space for the residents on the Radburn Estate.

The Parish Council funded the RAP Summer Program of activities which was a great success all round. I particularly liked the Street Art on the Skateboard Park with the theme of Every Rose has its Thorne. I also enjoyed my visit to the Holmescarr Arks and Crafts sessions.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Environment Group, who kindly donated a seat to Rossington residents. After a vote on Facebook, the seat will be put up near Asda on Grange Lane, so you can rest your weary legs and heavy shopping bags.

The Parish Council has had a number of very productive meetings with Doncaster Council, the Environment Agency, Attero, Harworth Estates and Morris Metals. They not only kept us up to date on the progress of the new road from the roundabout into Attero, but it gave residents of the village an opportunity to have their say. Such a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes, so fingers crossed this coming year will see the completion of Phase One of the new Road and possibly even Phase Two.

After much consultation, the draft Neighborhood Plan is almost ready to be submitted to Doncaster Council for their approval. Once this has happened the report will be made available to local people to comment on.

As all youth provision ended on 31 July last year, the Parish Council has been looking into how we can provide some kind of youth provision for local young people. We are currently consulting with them and visiting potential venues.

Police Inspector Mark Payling visited the Parish Council in October 2017. He informed us that by January 2019 he will have 5 new Police Officers, with Rossington having a dedicated officer who would be able to attend Parish Council meetings. That Officer would be able to look into the issues such as nuisance quad bikes and motorcycles. Mark said there would be an increase of up to 15 PCSOs to support much of this.

After much discussion and deliberation, the Parish Council is happy for Harworth Estates to put up the Miner's Wheel in the new Country Park as part of their restoration of the site. Nearer the time they will consult with the Parish Council on the finer details.

The Parish Council met with Gary Rafferty, the Senior Consultant for Lidl in January of this year. He said they were hoping to have the Distribution Centre on the iPort Centre opened by March 2019 and the Lidl Store before that. Their goal is to employ as many local people as they can in both the store and Distribution Centre.

The Parish Council now has sponsorship from Lidl, Attero and iPort and Verdion for new village signs for Rossington.

5133.2 J Gibson, Chair of the Planning Committee

In giving this report for the period I don't intend to make reference to all submitted applications but to simply make reference to any that we have commented on and have raised issues with Doncaster Council Planning Department.

Inland Port Development. There have been a number of full applications to this development as the site progresses following the outline applications dealt with previously, construction has continued with the completion of the large Amazon unit and Rail Port, Lidl Distribution should be completed this year.

Site of the former Colliery. There have been no further applications beyond Plot 1 and 2. Harron Homes have completed Plot 1 with all properties being sold. Taylor Wimpey have progressed quickly with Plot 2. Work has commenced on restoring the land formerly the pit baths, car park and stocking ground in preparation for the next housing development area. The Rossington link road through the site has been welcomed by residents of the village with reduced journey times. On the downside we continue to have lorry traffic travelling through the site to Bankwood Lane. There have been a number of issues with the road resulting in many reported accidents or near misses resulting in the road needing to be closed for both decontamination and resurfacing on the bends. This was due in part to the ongoing work in restoring the land in preparation for housing development with vehicles crossing over the road. Plans have now been submitted to establish a direct link road into Attero site and possibly beyond to connect the whole of the industrial site, a parish council consultation meeting was held on 10 April 2018.

Light Retail Area. A planning application has been submitted for a Lidl Supermarket plus 4 small units and parking.

Harworth Estates Former Colliery Tip Project and Country Park. During the period the company were given planning permission to restore the colliery tip in 3 phases, after completing some remedial work at the colliery end of the tip, works have commenced on phase 1 from the Wadworth Lane end working back towards the colliery site. The parish Council arranged a consultation meeting with Harworth estates to get a full update on the project on 30th January 2018 a commitment was given by Duncan Armstrong Payne to establish the car park at Grange lane Cemetery and work with the parish council to establish a site for the half wheel and other memorabilia in the area of the former colliery shafts.

ISSUES RELATING TO BANKWOOD LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The Parish Council, Doncaster Council & the Environment Agency have continued to receive many complaints as follows;

1. The ongoing movement of Lorries travelling through West End Lane to Bankwood Lane Industrial Estate.
2. The continued use of the former factory site without planning permission,
3. Vehicle movement through the village out of normal working hours and parking
4. The obnoxious smells, dust and mud on roads and paths from vehicles
5. Infestation of flies again despite assurances from the Environment Agency.

Attero Have submitted a planning application for the link road direct to their site also to include a lorry park, Rail loading point and new enclosed buildings to contain their waste processing. This will have to go to The Secretary of State for approval and back to Doncaster planning Committee this may delay approval until later in the year. The Parish council held a consultation meeting on 10th April 2018.

Doncaster Airport Consultations

1. This was a presentation to give more information on the proposed upgrading of the Navigation systems to that will improve flight safety, Noise and pollution levels.
2. Proposed Master Plan to include a rail link.

FARRS Link Road Phase 2

The second part of the link road is due to open in the next few weeks

Future Planning

1. Link Road to Attero Site, Lorry Park, Rail loading & new covered waste Processing buildings.
2. Colliery Tip Restoration Project
3. Future Housing plots on the former Rossington Colliery site
4. Future iPort Development
5. Rossington Hall European Tour Golf Course Development
6. Yorkshire Wildlife Park new entrance

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Planning Committee, Parish Clerk and Deputy Parish Clerk for their contributions and efforts in attending meetings in this period. I would also wish to thank them for their support and confidence in re-electing me to the position of Chair.

5133.3 C Beaumont, Chair of Projects Committee

This has been yet another good year for the Parish Council with another couple of community events added to the agenda at very little extra cost.

The first new event was the Village Fete last August on Coronach Way to celebrate the Parish Council leasing the piece of land, so it would remain an open green space for the community for the foreseeable future. This was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The second new event was the Pride of Rossington held to thank local people who go the extra mile to help people in the village. Doreen Rhodes won the adult award for her work with Good Neighbours. The children's award went to 11-year-old Harry Nicholson and the young person award to 12-year-old Danny King. We hope to have a lot more nominations this year

The Summer Festival in July was a resounding success with 3 days of music and fun for all the family. Fortunately, the weather was kind to us and all went well.

The Fireworks was its usual fantastic display with Fuse Fireworks doing their usual great work. The event was really well attended and it was almost impossible to get into the Welfare afterwards, so I hope they did well too.

The third new event last year was the Carol Concert held at the Memorial Hall. This was for people of all religions and no religion at all. The concert had to be held indoors due to the weather but it was still a success. We hope it will take place again this year with the help of local churches and groups.

The pantomime last December was Dick Whittington. We had to have 2 performances due to the demand and was a sell out again. The ever-popular Santa (*you know who you are*) was in attendance. We have to say a huge thank you to Rossington Outreach Group who very kindly dressed the Parish Room up as Santa's Grotto. Let's hope they offer again this year.

Unfortunately, the Easter Eggstravaganza on 1 April this year had to be cancelled due to the terrible weather in the weeks leading up to the Sunday. We were very reluctant to make this decision but it's a blessing that this is the first event we've ever had to cancel and hope it's the last.

I wish to thank all the Cllrs and volunteers who have helped to make all these events the great success they've were. Although these events are important, we must not forget all the other things the Parish Council has achieved such as the flower beds, the Christmas lights and the sponsorship of the village signs.

5133.4 W Reynolds, Chair of the Governance Committee. The Parish Council adopted new Communication and Lone Working Policies. All other policies were reviewed and updated. The website was updated with the Standing Orders and Parish Policies being posted. The sanctioning of payments by the Clerks was reviewed and updated. The relationship between the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall and Good Neighbours was clarified.

5133.5 C Beaumont, Chair of the Finance & General Purpose Committee

This year, through necessity the parish office computer system had to be upgraded to meet legal requirements. In October, Ann Hindley from Cross Keys Associates was contracted to consult with the community, so she could develop a Feasibility Study and Business plan. This would help the Parish Council look into potentially taking on the youth club building and youth service provision in Rossington. A condition survey was also undertaken on the youth club building.

In November, current parish policies were reviewed with new ones being adopted and ratified. It was decided that Cllrs would undertake a monthly internal audit of Parish Council accounts. In November the Parish Budget for 2018/2019 was set and ratified by the full council. I am pleased to say that once again, we came under budget through careful financial management.

5135.6 A Harper, Chair of the Triple A Committee. After much consultation with the community and the support of Andrew Towlerton from YourLocale (funded by a Locality) the latest draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Doncaster Council.

RESOLVED to note the following:

- Clerk to contact Peel Airports to invite them to a Parish Council meeting or to offer support to their consultations.

5134. TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM THE ELECTORS

RESOLVED to note there were no items received from electors.