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14th May 2024

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at The Meridian Centre, Queen Street, Withernsea.

AGENDA

1. Introduction & Welcome.
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2023.
3. The Annual Report of the Town Council by The Mayor, Cllr Ian Blackburn
4. Presentation of Town Award.
5. Representations/Reports by community organisations.
6. Charity Accounts and/or Reports.
7. To invite **electors of the Parish** to raise any matters of interest or concern.

Signed

I.Blackburn

Cllr Ian Blackburn.
Mayor of Withernsea

14th May 2024

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for Parishioners on the electoral role for the Parish of Withernsea to discuss any matters of interest or concern that relates to their local community.

We require written notice of any matters to be raised or presentations to be made. Please contact Withernsea Town Council on 01964 614984 or email info@withernseatowncouncil.co.uk by Friday 3pm 17th May 2024

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The draft minutes (until signed) of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd May 2024, at The Meridian Centre, 201 Queen Street, Withernsea.

Abbreviations: WTC = Withernsea Town Council ERYC = East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Present:- Rebecca Hannant, Sam Hawcroft, Terry Bearpark – Holderness Gazette, Ernie Oldfield – Withernsea and District Lions, Jon Dimberline – Withernsea Karate Club, Jeremy Catt – Withernsea Tennis, Darren Hickey – Withernsea RNLI, John Hickey – Withernsea Coastguard, Rev. Clive Hall – St. Matthews Church, Darrin Stevens – Friends of St. Nicholas Church, Peter Cook – Millennium Green Trust, Lin Wilson, Will Wilson – Withernsea Pirate Festival, Gill Walker, Jackie Ritchie – Withernsea Ladies Choir, Paul Pike – With One Voice Choir, Jenny Lount – Active Withernsea, Janet Farrer, Heather Robson – Cuppa & Chorus, Lily Elms-Humphrey, John Patchett – Withernsea Carnival, James Stothard – Withernsea Police, Rachel Chester-Wood – The Lookout, Mark Zubrzycki – Withernsea Youth Action.

Residents: Lyn Evans, Lorraine Clark, Jim Blake, Carol Hewitt-Smith

Councillors: Ian Blackburn (Chair), Alex Camplin, Jacqui Blackburn, Brian Cloke, Brian Dawson, Kelvin Smith & Felicity Walmsley. The Town Clerk, Jayne Moxon and Deputy Clerk, Carole Brattan.

Minute.

5121 Introduction and Welcome.

The Mayor, Councillor Ian Blackburn, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

5122 Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2023.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

5123 The Annual Report of the Town Council by the Mayor Cllr Ian Blackburn.

The Mayor presented the Annual Report for the year tonight. Copies of the report were left on the tables and can also be found on the Withernsea Town Council website.

5124 Presentation of Town Award.

Paul Pike was presented with the 2024 Town Award and Certificate. The Mayor gave a summary of the numerous groups in Withernsea that Paul is involved with, and Paul accepted the award and gave his thanks.

5125. Representations /Reports by community organisations.

a. Withernsea Police – PC James Stothard.

PC Stothard gave a brief introduction of himself and his role at Withernsea. He reported that Operation Coastline will be starting on Saturday to coincide with the school holidays and that extra staff will be on duty in coastal towns. This will also run during the school summer holidays and the patrols aim to be highly visible and support visitors and residents alike. PC Stothard asked that community groups

inform him of any events that are taking place in Withernsea.

b. St. Matthews Church – Reverand Clive Hall.

Reverand Clive Hall introduced himself and said that most people would know St. Matthews as the place that they get their Covid injections. He explained that he once saw a sign outside of a church that said, we are a church in this community and for this community and how he liked that as that is what he feels and that St. Matthews is there for everyone including weddings, baptisms and funerals, D-Day services, Remembrance Day services and RNLI services too. St. Matthews have recently started a family midweek club called Matts Place where there are games, stories and tea every Tuesday after school during term time. During the Carnival Fun Day next Wednesday, the church will be open from 11.30 if people want to call in. The church is there to support the community, if you need a listening ear, bereavement and life in general can be very hard, call in and have a chat. The church will pray for Withernsea and the people and communities of Withernsea – the town of Withernsea is an amazing place and we all want to see it grow and prosper. The new church bell will be rung for the first time this Sunday and we are looking at putting on an open-air Nativity.

c. Withernsea RNLI – Darren Hickey

Darren gave an update on the work that Withernsea RNLI do and reported that there had been 19 'shouts' last year and that many of these are related to mental health issues. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the lifeboat returning to Withernsea and highlighted the many fundraising events that are planned for this year and thanked the community for their support. Darren also reported that crew members Malcolm Watkinson and Matthew Ainley were representing Withernsea RNLI at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

d. Withernsea Pirates – Will Wilson

Will explained how the Withernsea Pirates came to be resurrected and thanked everyone that had helped them get this venture off the ground. The Pirate Festival is a free event and is suitable for all the family with entertainment and competitions. There will even be a competition for those with disabilities making the event fully inclusive. Food and bar at the event and there will be four local bands providing the entertainment in the evening. Look out for posters with more information coming soon for this fabulous event in Valley Gardens on the 20th July.

e. Friends of St. Nicholas Church/Town War Memorial Clock – Darrin Stevens.

Darrin reported on how the people of Withernsea originally raised the funds for the Town War Memorial Clock at St. Nicholas and the current work that is taking place to restore it. More donations required to restore the clock face. There will be plenty of fundraising events taking place at St. Nicholas throughout the year and Darrin explained that the church is available for community use and is a fantastic space. The Withernsea Ladies Choir will be at the Prosecco, Proms and Pastries event on the 29th June and tickets are available for this.

f. The Lookout – Rachel Chester Wood

Rachel gave a summary of the support that the group gives to families of children with SEND. They meet every Wednesday at the Victoria Day Centre 5-7pm and at the Pavilion Leisure Centre every 4th Saturday for inclusive swimming sessions. It is hoped that the group will receive some funding to put on swimming lessons and that recently some members have completed a Makaton course.

g. Withernsea Karate Club – Jon Dimberline

Jon explained that the Withernsea Karate Club had been nominated in the ERYC Chairmans Awards in the sporting category. Very grateful to Cedarville Guesthouse for their nomination and proud to have been selected as the winners at the ceremony in Bridlington last week. Jon talked about the ethos at the karate club and how they aim to create a good ethos within the club and how the discipline and structure helps to prepare the younger members for the tough world outside and that in return they gain confidence and respect for everything and the community in which they live in. Withernsea Karate Club welcomes members of all abilities and is inclusive to all needs. The club also puts on

seminars for community groups and clubs as an introduction to karate. Anyone that is interested in joining the club can contact Jon or call in to the club for a chat.

h. Active Withernsea – Jenny Lount.

Jenny gave an overview of the projects that Active Withernsea are involved with including the PACE network. The PACE network was launched in July 2019 and more than 155 groups have been involved. The PACE network meets quarterly. The Skate Park has recently undergone a major refurbishment thanks to Sport England funding. The Skate Park is for all abilities and is suitable for scooters, skateboards, and BMX riders. On Saturday 25th May the Skate Park will be holding a Skate Jam. Bespoke artwork by illustrative artist Sarah Smizz will be displayed at the Skate Park. Skateboarding lessons have been funded via the Active Withernsea Get Going Grants and this will help boost the confidence of users. Active Withernsea have funded a Hybrid PE teacher at Withernsea High School, this has enabled more staff to give their discretionary times to run clubs within the school with more than 140 young people attending. Overall more than 250 of the pupils have regularly engaged in physical activity and sport outside of the school day, alongside 44 Sport Leaders, 10 Sport Ambassadors, 12 Active Travel Ambassadors, 14 Youth Health Champions who have been trained to deliver activities and events.

i. Withernsea Carnival/Carnival Princess – Lily Elms-Humphrey.

Lily reported on her year as Carnival Princess and how much she has enjoyed the experience. Thanks to WTC, ERYC and Withernsea & District Lions for their support and many other local businesses too. Lily also thanked the Carnival team for their support and in particular John Patchett for his direction and guidance. Lily is looking forward to being a part of the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Withernsea Carnival and wished Crystal and Edward all the best as they start their reigns as Carnival Princess and Prince.

j. Blue Light Weekend.

Report submitted on behalf of Blue Light Weekend by K. Dawson (report attached).

k. CRY.

Report submitted on behalf of CRY by K. Dawson (report attached).

l. SHAPE – Brian Cloke.

Brian spoke on behalf of Peter Hirschfeld (Support Officer & Secretary of the SHAPE group). The group covers all 13 parishes in South East Holderness and looks at common issues of concern to all parishes and try to resolve them. In the last 12 months the group has had presentations from the following – Mark Zubrzycki from Community Vision in January and September. A talk and presentation by Dr Simon Cox – Place Partnership Manager at the new NHS Trust and CEO at Holderness Health talked to the group in February. The group also discussed highways issues in Keyingham – the crossroads in the centre of the village with the plans put forward for a safer crossing point now on hold indefinitely. The next SHAPE meeting takes place tomorrow evening, and it is hoped that we will receive some feedback from the discussions held with Amalia Booker of Holderness Health at the February meeting.

m. Withernsea Tennis – Carolyn Sumner.

Carolyn reported that the aim of the project at Withernsea Tennis is to install three all weather, floodlit courts on the former site of the three courts (two grass and one hard court) at the Bowls Club on Lascelles Avenue that have fallen into disrepair over the last thirty years. Withernsea Tennis have so far received funding of over £50,000 from various funding streams and donations and that for the last five months have been in talks with Sport England, and they have awarded up to £300,000 to complete the project. Before the work can be started there are some pre-commencement conditions, set by Sport England, and once these have been addressed Withernsea Tennis are hopeful that the project can be started.

n. Withernsea Art Club – Carolyn Sumner

Withernsea Art Club meets every Thursday 7-9pm at the Meridian Centre. Everyone brings their own projects to work on. It is getting increasingly difficult for the Art Club to cover the cost of hiring the Meridian Centre as there are only a maximum of nine members that attend, and often it is only five to seven members. If the cost of hiring the Meridian Centre cannot be reduced, the Art Club will either finish as a group or look for an alternative venue.

o. WAFVBC/CWGC/RBL Poppy Appeal.

Reports submitted by D. England (Reports attached).

p. Withernsea Ladies Choir – Gill Walker/Jackie Ritchie.

The Withernsea Ladies Choir attend many events in Withernsea and can do so thanks to support from the town and Withernsea Big Local. During 2023 and 2024 they planned and delivered a project that was named 'SING', the aim of the project was 2-fold. Firstly, we wanted to bring to our community an opportunity to sing with others in unity for fun and to hopefully give people the opportunity to try out singing in a group of people without the pressure of an audience or making a big commitment. Secondly, we hoped to attract new members. Our choir has been going 96 years and we want to create a legacy that would keep it going for another 96 years. We held 5 sing sessions, 3 in Withernsea at the Willows Holiday Park, The Meridian Centre and at the Methodist Church along with 2 at Patrington and Hollym. Most were well attended, and we gained some new choir members so that was great. Now we have run this project we feel it is something we could do again, and the added bonus was that several participants said that they appreciated the opportunity to get out of the house for a couple of hours of fun and friendship, so all in all we felt it was a success.

q. Withernsea & District Lions – Ernie Oldfield

The Lions continue to function well and have recently recruited 1 new member with 1 in the pipeline. Sadly, we have lost 1 through ill health. As is usual, we received many requests for funding and assistance during the past year, I am pleased to be able to report that most were successful and that donations were distributed to over twenty organisations or families to a total of approximately £11,500. The amounts donated varied from £110 to £1,000 and covered many aspects of life in Withernsea and District, including SHORES pantry again, Keyingham Village Hall, RNLI, CGA, ST. Matthews Church, assistance with purchase of defibrillators for Patrington Village Hall and Withernsea Bowls Club, Withernsea Ladies Choir AFVBC D-Day events, and many more. We had a presence at several events in the area in an effort to bring our organisation more to the publics notice, we also provided two weeks holiday at the Filey Lions caravan. At national level we have supported the Police Lifestylers project, the disabled fund and sports day at Doncaster and donated to our District Governors Ladies Appeal. Internationally we support the Lions International Foundation and Lions Sightsavers by the donation of funds, this year totalling £1500, towards disaster relief worldwide. We are pleased to say that our charity shop in Queen Street, continues to trade well therefore enabling us to be able to support the many applications we receive for funding. We thank most sincerely those who donate goods for sale and our loyal customers and shop staff. The Lions motto is 'We Serve' and this we will continue to do to the best of our ability, we shall again be present at several functions in the area this year, please come and have a chat and support us if you can.

r. Millennium Green Trust – Peter Cook.

The Trustees have not reported for a few years, in large part due to illness, so this report covers significant events and issues over the last 3 years. We currently have 7 trustees including the Town Council representative. Thanks to Trustee Mrs Jayne Eames-Thornton we have two Facebook accounts to keep people informed of events. Litter picking and safety management tasks are held throughout the year. Through Jayne and her expertise, we have held successful 'dawn chorus' birdsong identification sessions and a nature study experience targeting young people. Dog fouling

and illicit motorbike riding have been perennial problems for each of our 25 years of history. For income we have a small reserve from a grant given by Sir James Reckitt charity and individual trustees have given generously to finance events. We have also benefitted from a Spread Eagle fund-raising quiz. In 2022 we began negotiations with Northern Power Grid to receive Wayleave compensation for the electricity poles and cables on our land. The result is a small (£28) annual income which is enough to off-set our Trustees liability insurance. In 2022 we had the entrance gates at The Hut widened to facilitate entry by emergency vehicles. The original compliant gates had been replaced by ERYC without consultation with us. ERYC therefore agreed to fix new wider gates, but within a few weeks the new somewhat flimsy pedestrian gate was broken off its hinge by vandals. We have waited a long time for repair to this but have had to do it ourselves, the job completed in April this year. The Skate Park is not the property or responsibility of the Millennium Green Trust. However, since the renovation and before the official opening, I have received complimentary comments, which I pass on to Active Withernsea. I guess we might also pick up adverse comment in time, especially regarding the amount of litter! We have permissive access issues to resolve. The freehold of the land occupied by the Millennium Play Park belongs to this Trust. The land was given to the town by British Gas to be held by WMGT as Charitable Custodians. We do not have the legal powers in our Trust Deed, or the experience to manage the play park. The Play Action for Withernsea and Holderness Trust that originally managed the play park became defunct about 10 years ago. Mercifully SHoRes stepped up to the mark and performed brilliantly to keep the play park safe and viable, often against the odds. They have provided new equipment and have repaired vandalised play equipment. However, we have received notice that SHoRes is unable to carry on management of the play park beyond August. We are left trying to find a viable organisation that can meet all the legal requirements, including our commitments to the National Lottery. If we cannot find a replacement by August, sadly, we will have to remove the play equipment and convert the land to open Breathing Space.

s. With One Voice Choir – Paul Pike

Withernsea Once Voice Choir started about 10 years ago, and at first was staged in my house. When the numbers increased and my wife got fed up with being banished to the conservatory each week, we moved into The Meridian Centre. Each Wednesday, we meet at about 7pm, sing until 8, eat, drink and natter for about twenty minutes then finish our singing by about 9pm. When told we sing at Withernsea One Voice Choir, many people asked, Where's Withernsea? We changed the name to With One Voice and comments abounded 'Can't be much of a choir with just one voice!'. We tried to compare 'Singing with Once Voice' with singing from the same hymn sheet. Obviously, we don't agree on everything, but everyone in the choir has the ability to plan, share and discuss all our performances. I would like to say eligible men are dying to sing in our choir, but in truth, they are just dying. At the moment, we have one man to about twelve ladies. Over the years, we have performed for the residents of The Queens and Tamarix, St Patricks Day at the Alma, Keyingham Folk Club , Pirates Show at St Matthews Old Time Music Hall at the Meridian, plus several similar occasions in Valley Gardens. If you like singing, but cannot read music, the With One Voice Choir is the one for you! You will always be made very welcome.

t. Holderness Gazette – Sam Hawcroft

Sam explained that she is now the co-owner and editor of the Holderness Gazette along with Zoe Broom. The Gazette is a community-based paper, and the team is very small who live and work in the community. Sam asked that any organisations holding events get in touch and share the details with the Gazette. The Gazette office is now based at Hubert Street.

u. Withernsea Youth Action Group – Mark Zubrzycki

Mark reported on the Withernsea Youth Action Group and that it was set up as a new charity. The charity will be one year old in July and supports the young people of the town. There is a Youth Club and a Young Creatives Group and also the POD squad. The group will be holding a Youth Music and Arts Festival in Valley Gardens on the August Bank Holiday. Thanks to a donation of £10,000 from Withernsea Big Local the young musicians have been able to purchase new instruments.

5126 Charity Accounts and/or Reports

The Withernsea Town Council audited accounts and annual report were made available.
The Memorial Gardens Trust audited accounts and annual report were made available.
Both reports are also available on the Withernsea Town Council website.

5127 To invite electors of the Parish to raise any matters of interest or concern

Cllr Felicity Walmsley spoke about the Withernsea Pier and Promenade Association and explained that although the project is no longer happening that the association are still waiting for ERYC to take back ownership of the Pier Towers.
Darrin Stevens felt that the residents of Withernsea had been let down by ERYC on this project as a lot of hard work had gone into the project. Jim Blake suggested that WTC submit a request to ERYC for a public enquiry to be undertaken.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm