

Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2015 at the Church Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Holmes (Chairman) (BH), Cllr N Spofforth (NS), Cllr M Johnson (MJ), District Councillor J Mackman P Scott (MFPC clerk), and twelve Residents (as appendix)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs S Woodhall.

2. **The Chairman explained the purpose of the Annual Meeting**

The meeting was one that the Parish Council has a legal duty to arrange each year to enable registered electors to discuss parish affairs and to determine appropriate action accordingly. This meeting is an opportunity for community group leaders to explain their activities over the last year as displayed on the surrounding boards from the Community Association, the Youth Club, the Arts Club, the Luncheon Club and St Wilfrid's Church (PCC).

The meeting this year was dedicated to a review of the last Parish Plan followed by an open discussion on village development through a new Parish Plan. It was explained that the Parish Plan was a community project supported by the Parish Council but produced and controlled by the energies of the community at large.

3. **Review of last Parish Plan**

The last Parish Plan was in 2008/9. It was produced by a democratic process over several months involving extensive consultations with residents and community groups resulting in the setting of a list of priorities and a 'wish list' for the development of the Parish.

Despite the economic downturn the major priorities of the plan had in large been addressed. After many years of discussion with NYCC, traffic calming was being introduced, the problems of car parking around the Post Office have been addressed, the Community Centre has been considerably extended and facilities for youth development were now successfully in place.

Outside of the statutory boundaries of the Parish the football and cricket clubs had developed new facilities providing additional benefit to both Monk Fryston and Hillam residents.

4. **Village Development and a new Parish Plan**

The current Village Plan was a community document reflecting the aspirations and hopes of residents in 2008. Since it was produced new residents have come into the parish and it is essential that a review is carried out to reflect current resident's requirements. With the experience gained from the last consultation and more methods available now for carrying them out it should be possible to complete any review within a reasonable timescale.

Because it could be demonstrated that the original parish plan had been arrived at through a democratic process it had been instrumental in persuading several organisations to provide funding, particularly for the development of the Community Centre. Any new Plan arrived at on a similar basis would enable a continuation of this process. The close relationship with Hillam Parish meant that facilities had been developed on a shared basis and it would be beneficial for any new Parish Plan to be developed through consultations involving both authorities.

5. **Conclusions**

There was a consensus that a review should be carried out at the earliest opportunity. To further this, the residents who were instrumental in the production of the last Plan should be invited to participate in its development along with any new residents who were interested. Representatives of Hillam Parish should be invited to participate. Funding of the exercise should be possible through the two Parish Councils. The last Plan had taken 18 months to complete but with the experience gained and the use of new technology it should be possible to reduce this to 6 to 9 months. From those present at the meeting four residents offered their services

6. **Any other business**

Appreciation was expressed about the attractiveness of the village planting promoted by the Parish Council and carried out by residents.

7. **Closing Comments from Chairman:**

Thanks were expressed to all for attending and for the contributions made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

APPENDIX – LIST OF RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Ann Cox
M J Robinson
D J Holdsworth
J Leslie
Hannah Alderson
Sally Whittingham
Jean Dearn
Ian Dearn
John Hetherington
Ray Newton
Lorraine Corns
Pamela Holmes