

Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at St Wilfrid's Church Hall at 8pm

Present: Cllr Holmes (Chairman) (BH), Cllr S McWhirter (SM), P Scott (clerk), Community Association Chairman: R.Newton (RN), Rector J Hetherington (JH), one Resident

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs S Woodhall; J Mountain; D.Councillors J Mackman and C Mackman; T Vaks
2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting** held 17 April 2012: confirmation proposed by R Newton, seconded by Cllr Mountain (by email). Agreed
3. **The Chairman explained the purpose of the Annual Meeting:** to enable registered electors to discuss parish affairs and if appropriate pass resolutions thereon. This meeting is also an opportunity for the Parish Council and community group leaders to explain their activities over the last year.
4. **Report from the Parish Council:** presented by Cllr Bill Holmes as Chairman
 1. The main great event was the visit of the Olympic torch which brought many people and groups in the parish together and it was well supported. A big thank you was expressed to everyone who contributed a great team effort. Also to the considerable contribution from Hillam residents, Hillam PC, Western area CEF, Selby district Council, police and supporting agencies. This is an event that will be remembered for a long time.
 2. The Parish Council continues to support the local community by giving grants to provide inclusive facilities. Grants have been given to:-
 - a. Brownies and Rainbows
 - b. Art Club
 - c. Luncheon Club
 - d. Community Association
 - e. Play group
 3. We continue to maintain the fabric of the village i.e. grass cutting, planting, street lights etc. We have set up a planting committee to ensure improve the overall appearance of our village.
 4. We have replaced 2 street lights on Mill Close which were found to be defective following inspection. We have set up a working party to ensure that the standard of the street lights is maintained.
 5. We have been looking at the traffic calming on the A63. This is a difficult process. We were looking to have a pedestrian crossing installed. It looks as though this is not a viable option due to the sight lines. We are continuing to work with North Yorkshire Highways to see what measures can be introduced.
 6. We are still looking at how to get the best benefit from the land we own on Abbeystone Way but because of the current building climate a sale is not looking imminent.

Forward Plan

This year we will be looking to:-

1. Continue planting by the Planting committee
2. Look to implement traffic calming (subject to highways department)
3. Introduce a Parish council newsletter (2 or 3 per year)
4. Introduce a walking leaflet
5. Review and continually maintain the street lighting
6. Continue to give grants to encourage activities and groups in our village
7. Review of the Site allocations document when published
8. Continue to monitor the light aircrafts from Sherburn with a view to ensuring minimum disturbance to our residents,
9. Continue with the programme of eradication of knotweed on PC land adjacent to the A63
10. Continue to work with Hillam PC on items of joint interest.
11. Continue to monitor the status of the Lumby Lane bridge closure

Finally

There are many residents that take pride in our village by tidying streets and paths of debris, leaves, weeding etc. We would like to say a big thank you to all those people who contribute in any way what so ever. We would also like to thank all the organisations for providing facilities and recreation for us all to enjoy.

- 5 **Report from the Community Association:** presented by Ray Newton as Chairman
1. The role of the Community Association is –
 - a. An Independent Body which funds and manages the Community Centre, the Playground, the Grounds
 - b. In recent years has been the catalyst to regenerate many village socially inclusive activities and events.
 2. Work has progressed through the year to continue to improve the CA facilities and property which is detailed later. The past year will probably be remembered for the marvellous events of June when the Village buzzed with the excitement of the QDJ celebrations, the Olympic Torch visit and the Summer Fare. I am proud to report that the Community Association and its members played a full part in providing the leadership and labour, in making it happen. This year the CC was used more than ever as Hambleton Playsafe extended their operating hours and provided additional places following last year's extension and new toilets. However, there is still a waiting list for places and it became obvious by October that a further extension was required.
 3. Ironically, a series of face book parties in the summer and autumn which resulted in upset and outrage may well have the longest and perhaps lasting benefit on the Village. In the future they may be seen to have been the catalyst which caused the CA to revise its approach to Youth facility provision. Recently, we announced that we have won the support of the Selby DC CEF by having a large and far reaching development project adopted as part of the CEF development plan. This is to create a Village Youth Club, a Scout Group and a substantially enlarged and improved C Centre.
 4. We closed the year having paid off our outstanding debts from the extension last year with a surplus which we have committed to funding further development of the Community Centre.
 5. We have continued to improve the Community Associations Facilities
 - a. We purchased and installed racking for the new shed to provide additional storage space.
 - b. We refurbished the Gents toilets doubling its facilities.
 - c. We purchased a new very large marquee to stage the Queens Diamond Jubilee party.
 - d. We purchased with the help of MFPC and Hambleton Playsafe additional furniture
 - e. We have continued to carry out small but very important improvements within the centre including the provision of baby changing facilities.
 - f. We have formed a team of volunteers and carried out essential safety and risk assessment training to improve and ensure the Playground Equipment is as safe as possible. This work was carried out with the help of a grant from Hillam Parish Council.
 - g. We have created a CA website.
 - h. We have continued to develop a closer working relationship with the two Parish Councils who have provided us with practical and financial support.
 - i. Finally just in time for the really bad wet weather we replaced the path from the Car park to the community Centre and improved the drainage of the car park by building a new Car Park gully and surface water drain. This work was completed with the help of a grant from CEF.
 6. We continued to lead and provide and support socially inclusive events
 - a. A free QDJ Party featuring disco, live streaming of the Queens Diamond Concert, Beacon and Hog Roast
 - b. A free QDJ Picnic at MF Hall featuring live music , Treasure Hunt, Children's Races, Outdoor Quiz's, Refreshments and Craft fair and art exhibition
 - c. Supported MFPC in organising the Olympic Torch Event.
 - d. Staged a Youth Consultation event in July in conjunction with Selby AVS and Hillam PC
 - e. Staged the Annual Summer Fayre along with the School, Church and other groups
 - f. Staged the wettest Village Bonfire for a long time and supported Osgoldcross Bonfire
 - g. Staged the Annual Wise owl Quiz and the Grafters Awards thank you night.
 7. As Chairman I would like to thank
 - a. Monk Fryston PC for its active support and continued financial commitment
 - b. Hillam PC for its active support + grant received
 - c. Selby DC Western area CEF for its grant and adoption of our development plan
 - d. The active CA members, Friends and supporters for a)raising funds and b)judicially ensuring that those funds are spent to the maximum benefit of the residents of both villages and c)continuing to organise and lead socially inclusive interest groups and communal village events.
 - e. We attracted new helpers during the year but would welcome additional new members to bring fresh ideas and energy to the committee.
 8. Finally, I would like to recognise and congratulate MF PC for:-
 - a. Providing additional dog litter bins in the past year

- b. The provision and filling of the sand and salt bins in time for the harsh winter just past.
- c. For the leadership of the magnificent Olympic Torch Visit which was both widely appreciated and applauded by both the villagers, visitors and civil authorities.

6 Report from St Wilfrid's Church presented by the Rector J Hetherington:

The PCC is elected each year. It comprises 15 members and operates under the Parochial Church Council Measures 1956 legislation over the ecclesiastical parish (Monk Fryston, Burton Salmon and Hillam). It operates as a charity providing a multitude of services and has excellent working relationships with all community groups including the Community Association, the three Parish Councils as well as the Church School. Finance is always a big worry and it relies on much appreciated contributions from many individuals. The annual cost of lighting the church is £850 and £44000 is required annually just to maintain the status quo. This year costs have also been incurred from 4 lead thefts causing severe damage to the stone fabric. The church provides services for key ecclesiastical events, regular Sunday worship, baptisms, weddings (sometimes in conjunction with Monk Fryston Hall) and funerals (including the sad loss particularly of several well respected community members this year). The Trio (The Responsibility is Ours) programme was run in the autumn of last year and initial signs of the response are encouraging. The retirement of Carole Middleton and the appointment of Rick Weights as the new head teacher at MF School from September is a significant event in the life of St Wilfrid's and Neil Woodhall's journey to ordination will be another big difference moving forward. The work of St Wilfrid's Church is only possible due to the many volunteers within our community who give up some much time and energy to see that work continue and their contribution is very much appreciated. Question: What is the nature and state of progress of the renovation work at the church? Answer; The surveyors report on the roof gave it only a five year maximum life. The repair was initially costed at £200,000 although a tender of £140 000 was eventually secured. Grant aid has been provided but this still leaves a £21,000 shortfall which will have to be raised through fund raising initiatives. The work involves repointing of the tower, stone replacement work and stone slate replacement for the main body of the roof. The work is due to be completed during the third week in June.

7 Open Forum

Points raised under Open Forum by RN

1. Thanks to the PC for attending the Remembrance Service and laying a wreath on behalf of the residents of Monk Fryston.
2. A request that the PC provide regular updates to the villagers on the Lumby Lane bridge closure which is causing traffic extensive congestion at Battersby's roundabout.
3. That the PC consider the following suggestions as means of mitigating the difficulties in crossing the A63 at peak traffic times:-
 - a. Some sort of safe compound for children to be left in at either side of the road when parents have to make several crossings (such as to take children and bicycles across the road).
 - b. Utilisation of road crossing helpers (lollipop ladies/men) at peak traffic times.
4. A request that the PC consider continuing the successful programme of installing dog litter bins by acquiring and providing more – suggested locations; near Mill close, Near the Meadows/Cemetery.
5. A request to pre fill and refill the sand and salt bins before and during the winter.
6. A request to provide more or additional litter bin capacity, particularly on the entrance to the Villages to improve the image of the Village (first impressions) and in particular near the Lay-by's on the A63 to the west of the Village.

Question raised by the one Resident about the progress of the Designated Public Place Order.

Answer: The request from the PC to create a DPPO was approved by SDC Licensing Committee on 18 March and a consultation process is currently underway. The overall timetable to introduction will probably take about 6 months

8 Date of next Annual Parish Meeting: provisionally Tuesday 22nd April 2014

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

MONK FRYSTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES