

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
OF THE PARISH OF ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017 AT BROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs. Brogden, Credland (Chairman), Mrs Galbraith (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Duckles, C Duckles, P. Duckles, Galbraith, Luckraft, Muzaffar, Ms Rowe, Scaife and the Deputy Town Clerk.

**Apologies:** Received from Councillor Mrs. Credland

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman of the Town Council was present and chaired the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2016**

It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2016 are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**2. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

The Chairman of the Town Council, Councillor Credland, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that there is a duty under the 1972 Local Government Act to hold an Annual Parish Meeting of Electors to confirm our status as a Civil Parish. It is not a Council meeting but if the Chairman of the Town Council is present they must chair the meeting.

**Chairman's Report:**

The last 12 months have been rather eventful for Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council. Following a surprise resignation in February from our former Clerk Mrs. Jane Smith, who had held the post for 22 years, the Deputy Clerk, Mrs. Vicky Herring stepped up to cover in the interim period until a Town Clerk is appointed. Due to personal commitments, Vicky declined to take up the post and following recent interviews, I am now pleased to announce that Will Richardson will take up the post of Town Clerk/RFO officially in May. On behalf of the Town Council, we welcome Will to the Council and look forward to working alongside him in the future

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Vicky for stepping up ensuring the Council business continued to run as smoothly and effectively as usual. Also, a special thanks to Councilors Sue Duckles and Tony Galbraith and other Members who have supported Vicky with her large workload.

ECBTC has again due to the astute financial management from the clerks and Council, been able to deliver a budget with no precept increase. Following a mild winter and the lack of need for the use of contingencies for emergency planning, along with other savings made, we have again been able to support the community in its aspiration for improvements around the parish.

The Town Council has and will continue to maintain, or replace street furniture and continue to ensure that public areas are safe, clean and tidy within its current financial constraints.

The Town Council has continued to support local organisations with its grants, and has recently introduced the Town Council Community Grant Fund Scheme. This scheme will be financed in accordance with the powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It has been introduced to help local groups achieve some of their goals or help with repairs/replacements, but only after a completed application form has been submitted and approved by the council. This scheme is subject to further improvements as the council sees fit within the law

The following groups have already received grants under the new scheme:

- Let's Play
- Dove House
- RAF's Air Cadets
- Blackburn Leisure Astronomy Society

It is, also with the local good causes in mind that this council has introduced the Petuaria Community Award. It is an award that recognizes the good work that local volunteers do within the community. After much deliberation of all entries a winner has now been selected by the working group along with two runners up. All nominees will be invited to a presentation at the Petuaria Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> May running in conjunction with the Arts and Photography Exhibition attended by civic members from other local authorities and town and parish Councils.

The Town Council was unable to host its annual Children's Christmas Tree Festival this year due to lack of support, however following consideration by the Arts and Publicity Committee, the Tree Festival will go ahead this year, albeit with a slightly different format.

As previously touched on the Art and Photographic Exhibition is still running as usual. This year the Exhibition will take place in May so I cannot report on its successes this year.

In the play area, the refurbishment and renewal program continues as old and new equipment has been installed or replaced. Our continued thanks to Councillor Brogden for all her hard work and dedication to the play area and Village Hall.

I reported last year that the new lighting and CCTV system at the Village Hall had proved very effective with little or no trouble to the site. Unfortunately, since then substantial damage was caused to the building at blind spots behind it. This resulted in another substantial investment and upgrading of the CCTV system.

Following damage at the Village Hall, three offenders were tracked down and as a punishment under Community Resolution Scheme they spent time with Councillor Brogden cleaning up around the village Hall. Community Resolution is an alternative way of dealing with less serious crimes, allowing officers to use their professional judgement when dealing with offenders. It can be used for offences such as low level public order, criminal damage, theft, and minor assaults.

Police/Crime - since last year's fires in the community there has been no real massive crime reports or concerns that we are aware of. The police have changed the way they report facts in the locality. This now been done on their web site as opposed to reporting to the Council.

Since we bought the two defibrillators for the parish, the village hall has installed one with the help of a grant from the Atkinson Foundation (once again thanks to Councillor Brogden for her help.) From My knowledge the defibrillator in Brough has been out of the box once as a backup just in case a gentleman who suffered with arterial defibrillation issues collapsed at the traffic lights

The Petuaria Centre and Library continues to be well used, however sadly over the next few months the library moves onto reduced hours and the loss of working hours for the employees therein. Again, I cannot stress enough that it is important we do not lose this facility and local jobs to the voluntary sector like others that this facility must get used.

Community Centre bookings remain high.

The Litter Picking Group are still doing sterling work in and around the area and recently collected 40+ bin sacks of rubbish

Cubs, Scouts and other activities are still flourishing – but they still need Adult Volunteers to keep them running as do other organizations in the community especially after Jean Butler retired. Suitable volunteers are still being sought.

Brough in Bloom continues to do an excellent job in and around the parish. After a break last year, they have re-entered the national competition. The first round of judging took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and expects the next round of judging mid-July.

The Town Forum, "Petuaria Community Forum" has now been running for over two years and has continued with its efforts in the community. It hosted a launch event at Brantingham Park last year for its new website HU15 online which now has close to 130 registered businesses within its business directory. It ran its second scarecrow festival at Blackburn Leisure facilities in Brough, but unfortunately numbers were down this year meaning that the festival's future is now in doubt.

A negative for the area is the Chafer Bug infestation that has blighted 100's of local gardens and the golf course. It has caused a lot of upset for those affected. It was because of this that the Forum decided to act to help those affected. It invited experts in this field and ran a hugely successful Chafer Bug meeting with excellent attendance from the community, a huge thank-you to Councillor Galbraith for organising it.

I reported last year about the Unity Youth Club established at Blackburn's Club. Sadly this closed earlier this year after a relaunch on a different night hoping to attract more people. Unfortunately, attendance and volunteer adult numbers made it unsustainable

The Humber Enterprise Zone at BAE Systems site still continues to attract more business which is good for employment in the area. This was officially opened by HRH Prince Andrew earlier on this month

The Bridge over the Railway Line heading towards the Humber Enterprise Zone and 'Brough South' started in earnest in January and has created many concerns for the locality and those closest to it. However, we hope once the work is completed, this will be a huge benefit to the community by stopping unnecessary Brough South traffic going through the village.

Now the railway bridge is ongoing a Brough South Liaison Group has been set up. This is chaired by Cllr Galbraith, I am also on the panel. This group was a planning requirement and has been set up to help address any local issues residents may have. It meets every three months; the next meeting takes place in June.

As per last year, the Brough & South Cave Medical Practice continues to deliver a good level of service. Residents' still have concerns re the ability of the Practice to meet the demands of the ever increasing population

The only medical concern is the issue of Lloyds Chemist being unable to deliver its NHS obligations in a professional and timely manner for those who need medication

Last year it was announced that the swimming pool at South Hunsley School was to close. After a legal battle in the court, the Save Hunsley Group failed in its endeavor and the school could close the pool. The transformation at the school is now almost complete and it multipurpose space is available

Our Schools continue to perform excellently at all levels achieving record results in 2016

The new development on Welton Low Road is nearing completion now with phase two on course for completion. Again not without its problems as I reported last year noise was an issue, noise associated to traffic and speed, as a result in the near future to try and eliminate this and to improve safety for local residents the 40 mph speed limit along Welton Low Road is to be reduced to 30

The Playing Field Association Committees welcome new members and Chairman along with Councillors Mrs. Credland, Mrs. Duckles and myself also members of the Committee.

A new era is dawning over Brough with the potential evolution of the Petuaria ReVisted project. This project aims to change the public's perception of Brough from being the place where aircrafts are built to a tourist attraction and the place where, in 71AD, the Romans lived in Petuaria as it was to be known and made their home for over 150 years.

The council have with the help of Dr Peter Halkon (Hull University) been in communication with Historic England and the Heritage Lottery Fund with a view to our proposal to excavate and create lasting monument within the Burrs Playing field, both of which have been positive. Since then Councillor Mrs Duckles, Councillor Galbraith, Dr Peter Halkon and myself have had a meeting and as a result of that meeting Councillor Galbraith has submitted our preliminary enquiry which has been acknowledge by the HLF as a viable proposition so we now have permission from the Heritage Lottery Fund to submit a more detailed application.

Whilst speaking of tourism, and promoting Elloughton and Brough as a wonderful place to visit, we are doing a feasibility study and considering installing Christmas lights in Elloughton and Brough for residents and visitors to enjoy over the Festive period.

As I mentioned last year "We are aware of our development areas are and we know that we have very little or no space to infill within our boundaries - BUT - that does not mean to say that major development will not occur just outside our boundaries in Welton or in Brantingham please remember the Town Council's Planning Committee is advisory and cannot address your problems but will listen to your concerns with consideration

Once again, I have again been privileged to hold the position of Chairman and continue to project the image of the Town Council at selected civic events. I have met many interesting and inspiring people, each representing and promoting what is good within their community thus actively promoting their town as have I.

On the whole the year has been very positive all round. As it was said last year and I still agree, we as a community are making the best of difficult situations by learning to accommodate our vastly increasing population, even if we don't like what has been forced on us. Again I would like to thank all the Council for their commitment and hard work during this year in office and will continue to enjoy working with you on this council in whatever position I enjoy.

Before I open the meeting to the Public - I would like to remind you that Town Council Meetings are preceded by a 15 minute time slot where members of the public are welcome to express their opinions or to ask questions. Additionally we have held, and will continue to hold, Public Meetings to inform the public of specific issues and to seek your opinion.

Full Council Meetings are normally help on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month here at the Petuaria Centre.

Committees Meetings are held every second Wednesday at the Town Council Office at 60 Welton Road.

### **3. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

M. J. Greenland 17/4/2018