

**PARISH OF ELLOUGHTON-CUM-BROUGH**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CENTURION WAY, BROUGH**

There is a duty under the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Paragraph 14 for residents to hold an Annual Parish Meeting (annual assembly) of local government electors. Although it is not a Parish Council meeting, if the Chairman of the Parish Council is present they must chair the meeting.

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Galbraith (Chairman), Mrs Duckles (Vice-Chairman), Busk, Burgess, Credland, Davis, Galbraith, Mrs Hudson, Ms Rowe, Mrs P Smith, Mrs J Smith (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors: Mrs Brogden, Mrs Gill

**1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2010**

It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The holding of an Annual Parish Meeting is a duty under the 1972 Local Government Act. It is not a Parish Council Meeting but a meeting of Electors in the Parish to confirm our status as a Parish. As in previous years the Chairman gave a brief report of Parish activities (Report attached at Appendix I) then opened the meeting for questions and discussions.

**3. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council give serious consideration in the next twelve months to requesting a parish boundary review and to adopting 'Town' status by changing the Parish Council name to 'Town Council'.

*The meeting closed at 6.55pm*

## Annual Parish Meeting April 2011 Appendix I

### Elloughton-cum-Brough Parish Council Chairman's Report 2010-2011.

Over the past twelve months the Parish of Elloughton-cum-Brough has continued to play its part as a "Local Service Centre" within the East Riding and the Parish Council has endeavoured to ensure that, within its remit, you are able to take advantage of living in a pleasant, vibrant community.

Our neighbourhood can always be improved but sometimes we have changes thrust upon us. Since our last Annual Parish Meeting not only has TESCO submitted plans for a Supermarket on the site of Humber Growers in Welton but also Horncastle has consulted the community in respect of developing land south of the railway line which will be opened up when the extension to Moor Road is built. It has to be said that in neither case have any plans received approval. All the Parish Council can do is to advise ERYC on what it feels is best for the Parish within the current planning rules. They do take the views of the people of Elloughton and Brough into consideration when they formulate their submissions to ERYC.

The Community Led Planning Steering Group – not a committee of the Parish Council – has been meeting monthly with the task of eliciting from residents how they wish their Parish to develop in the future. The more people who actively take part in the project, the easier it will be to decide what the people of Elloughton-cum-Brough want their community to become.

The Parish Council supports a variety of voluntary organisations in the Parish but it is actually the vast number of residents who give of their time to help with, and take part in, community activities who keep these organisations running. It is thanks to this "Volunteer Army" that we have such a good community spirit in the Parish. Anyone who was in Elloughton and Brough on the day of our Scarecrow Festival would have witnessed exactly the spirit I am talking about. Our Art Exhibition and Band Concert have also been events where the community has come together and I hope these events will go from strength to strength in future years. Brough in Bloom yet again won a Silver Gilt Award for its work for the environment and we must not forget all those who keep their front gardens looking so neat and tidy. As a result, finding a winner for "The Front Garden of the Year" competition gets harder every year.

In Elloughton-cum-Brough we are lucky to have The Petuaria Press which is an excellent organ for providing the Parish with news of what is going on and of the exploits of our residents. It is also a means whereby the Parish Council can disseminate information to you, the residents. Justine and Duncan McMillan are to be thanked for the work they do in the production of the Petuaria Press.

As happens every year the Parish Council fulfils its duty by setting the Parish Precept, its part of the Council Tax. For the coming financial year they have increased it by 1.4% (52p per year for a Band D property). It is a rise but it is a rise so that the Parish can, once more, begin to build up a reserve. We need one so that, should we face problems in the future such as those caused by the severe weather we had before Christmas, we have the funds to see us through.

The snow and ice caused a great deal of disruption in the Parish as did the flooding in 2007. Thanks to the Environment Agency carrying out works on the Humber Bank, hopefully the likelihood of inundation from the river will be greatly reduced in future. This can only be good for the community.

This has been my first year as Chairman of the Parish Council and I would like to put on record, on behalf of everyone in Elloughton-cum-Brough our thanks to my predecessor Bryan Davis whose expertise and knowledge of the area has in no small way made our Parish such a good place to live in. To say that the learning curve I have been on this past year has been a steep one is to put it mildly. Fortunately I have had Bryan to consult and I have to thank him for his help and support. I have also to thank Jane Smith, the Parish Clerk and her assistant Vicky Herring for their help and all they do for the community. My fellow Councillors also deserve mention, they give of their time freely – literally – to make sure that our Parish runs smoothly and that Elloughton-cum-Brough is a place where people want to live, not have to live.

Kathleen Galbraith  
Chairman Elloughton-cum-Brough Parish Council