

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

HELD ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018 AT BROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Councillors Mrs. Brogden, Davis, Credland (Chairman), Mrs Duckles, C Duckles, Galbraith, Luckraft, Muzaffar, Ms Rowe and the Admin Assistant

Apologies: Received from Councillors P. Duckles and Mrs. Galbraith (Vice-Chairman)

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 18 APRIL 2017

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:

Again, another rather eventful year for Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council.

Unfortunately, over the past few months we have been faced with staffing issues following the resignation of the Clerk in November. But yet again Vicky stepped into ensure council business continued to run smoothly and effectively as usual.

I am pleased, however to announce our new Clerk, Mr. Tom Clay will be taking up the appointment of Clerk and RFO in June and we look forwards to welcoming him on board.

In the mean time I would like to thank Vicky for all the additional work she has undertaken along with Will and Tony who have supported her on a temporary basis

ECBTC has again financially, due to the astute financial management from Vicky and Will and the rest of this council, been able to deliver a budget with no precept increase. It could be said that in real terms we are continually delivering a precept reduction year on year

Again, all this has been possible with the help of another mild winter with a slight hiccup, and the lack of need for the use of contingencies for emergency planning, this along with other savings made,

We have again also been able to support the community in its aspiration for improvements around the parish.

- The Town Council has and will continue to do so, with savings made, maintain, or replace benches, notice boards, fences etc. and continue to ensure that public areas are safe, clean and tidy within its current financial constraints.

- Once again EcBTC has continued to support local worthy causes with its grants scheme the “Town Council Community Grant Fund Scheme”. It is continuing to adjust its T&C to ensure that a fair distribution of funds to needy voluntary causes. Going forwards this scheme may be subject to even more improvements as the council sees fit within the law
- This scheme is financed in accordance with the powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- This year the following groups have already received grants under the new scheme
- RAF’s Air Cadets and Ladybird Preschool and others
- The Town Council was able to host its annual Children’s Christmas Tree Festival this year at the village hall. I think it’s fair to say it was very successful and raised £115.00 for the charity KIDS. Thanks go to Kate, Vicky and everyone for all the hard work that was put in.
- On a different slant to the Xmas tree festival we had visiting the community BBC Radio Humberside’s Phil White and his Road Show Broadcasting live from the village hall. They had a fantastic time and did a great show interviewing loads of the community including our local volunteers, and some local businesses.
- The Art and Photographic Exhibition ran as usual albeit a bit earlier than last year, with a great turn out it. Again, thanks go to Kate, Vicky and everyone for all the hard work that was put in.
- The Petuaria Community Award had just had its 2nd awards ceremony, and this year’s winner was Jean Butler. This is an award that recognizes the good work that local volunteers do or have done within our community.
- The two runners up were Richard Bateman and Coleen Gill who both received an acknowledgement for their hard work
- Police/Crime – As we know last year the police changed the way they reported facts in the locality and it was been done on their web site well now they are sending out an email to all councilors instead of reporting to the council. I think this may be good for them, but I think it too difficult to establish what is happening directly in the EcB locality. It is a backwards step in reporting for us.
- The Petuaria Centre still remains well used, and bookings still remain high. But due to the closure of the library on Tuesdays and Fridays the viability of the centre hangs in the balance.
- The Litter Picking Group are still doing sterling work in and around the area and are still diligently collecting dozens of sacks of rubbish that they shouldn’t really have to. Thanks again go to the group for doing it for the community
- Cubs, Scouts and other activities are still flourishing – but they still need more suitable adult volunteers to keep them running as do other organizations in the community.
- Brough in Bloom continues to do an excellent job in and around the parish. This year they have an aspiration of creating another permanent feature in the community with the installation of a water pump on Elloughton village green. This hopefully will give them another tick in a box for the next round of judging.

- Whilst on about permanent features Cllr Chris Duckles who has championed the installation of a flag pole at the crossroads in Brough reported that its installation should happen soon. We hope to be able to fly flags for special occasions
- The Town Forum, “Petuaria Community Forum” is now into its third year and has continued with its efforts within the community. It hopes to build more on the success of the local events it had put on. Especially its highly successful food festival at the village hall
- The Humber Enterprise Zone at BAE Systems site continues to attract more business which is good for employment in the area. The latest big employer to commit to the site is Shiphams Valves, this can only be good for the area with the skilled jobs it can provide.
- The Bridge over the Railway Line heading towards the Humber Enterprise Zone has now been completed and the building of the new junior school is well on the way. It is expected that the school will be open for the new school year.
- It is also expected that Barratt Homes, who are building the first 250 houses on Brough South, will start groundworks sometime this year.
- There are no details known as yet as to when the retail part of the development will start
- Our Schools continue to perform excellently at all levels again achieving record results in 2017
- All the houses on new development on Welton Low Road have been completed, and it just remains to see how long before the final surfaces are done for the residents. The new 30 mph speed limit along Welton Low Road is now in force
- I report last year about the Petuaria Revisited project. The project aimed to change the public’s perception of Brough from being the place where aircrafts are built to a tourist Attraction.
- After a lot of hard work an application was made to the HLF for a grant to help do this. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with our bid, and as a consequence the council has decided not to continue with the process due to the legal constraints and complications it would throw up.
- It discussed that the project could be more fluid and less restricted as a standalone project in whatever form it takes and could flourish a lot easier.
- The Facebook page that I set up to keep the residents notified of what’s happening is doing well for its self and has peaked this year with a reach of just short of 600 people, and last week 500 people. This demonstrates that there is an online interest in the scheme
- The Playing Field Association continues to manage its site and now has a focus on improving its environment.
- Again I think we as a council should take the concept of tourism very seriously.

- As chairman I meet with a lot of Mayors and I get to hear about what they are doing to attract people into the area, and I believe we should do the same and promoting EcB as a wonderful place to visit. How we do it remains to be seen but we could do at least three things.
- 1 Promote our Roman past and capitalise on it by resurrecting some sort of Roman fete/gymkhana on the Burrs playing field.
- 2 Ensure the precepted Xmas lights happen this year
- 3 Explore the possibility of starting a Xmas lights switch on festival of some guise
- As I always mention “We are aware where 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.
- We have recently been briefed on the latest initiative passed down from government “Community Led Housing” or possibly put another way the privatisation of new build council housing.
- Will this work here? Do we have the space to do it? Who knows it’s going to be interesting to watch this unfold.
- But please remember ECBTC 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 for a third year and continue to project the image of Elloughton-cum-Brough at selected civic events. And once again I have met many interesting and inspiring people, who have all been lucky enough to represent and promote what is good within their community thus actively promoting their town as have I.
- On the whole the year has been positive all round. As it was said last year, and I still agree, we as a community are making the best of a very difficult situation by learning to accommodate our vastly increasing population, even if we don’t like what has been forced on us.
- Once again, I would like to thank all the Council for their commitment and hard work during this year. I would also like to thank the office for their guidance through difficult times.
- As usual I 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 held on the 3rd 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 (corner of Skillings Lane and Welton Road)

3. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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