

Elloughton cum Brough Town Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2023, held at Meeting Room, Petuaria Community Centre, Centurion Way, Brough.

Present: Cllr Bentley, Cllr Muzaffar, Cllr Luckraft, Cllr S Duckles, Cllr Duckles, Cllr Rowe, Cllr J Loizides, Cllr M Loizides, Cllr Blee, Philippa Beverley (Town Clerk), Danika Lynch (Deputy Clerk).

Public: Two Ward Councillors present as public.

AM6/23 To accept apologies
No apologies received.

AM7/22 To receive a report from the Town Council Chairman relating to the work of the Town Council.

Cllr M Loizides, Chairman of Elloughton cum Brough Town Council, gave the following report:

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Welcome to the meeting.

Under 1972 Local Government Act it is the Councils duty to hold an Annual Parish Meeting of Electors.

Although this not an official Council Meeting as Chair of Elloughton cum Brough Town Council I am obliged to chair this meeting.

The Council in this past year once again with the diligence of its office staff has ensured that the Council has worked to the agreed budget to fulfil its duties and obligations and provide events within the Community. Unfortunately going forward into this financial year it has been necessary to increase the precept by 5%, this is largely as a result of no increase in many of the past years in addition to the challenges of the current economic crisis, including rising utility bills and other costs associated to operating the Town Council.

Throughout the year the Town Council, led by the Environment Committee, has continued to maintain its assets, which include bins, benches, noticeboards and the park of Elloughton Road. There have been additions and replacements to benches to ensure the safety of our residents, including a Memorial Bench for Queen Elizabeth which is due to be installed imminently. The Park has seen the old wooden climbing trail removed and a new climbing trail installed thanks to the successful application of

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a Grant from FCC communities. The grant awarded was an amount of £15,544 with the additional costs been paid by the Town Council.

The Environment Committee has been working hard to develop and enrich Coronation Copse, were trees have had their canopies raised and a plan has been developed to tidy the area plant new plants and create a reflective space for the Community.

The Town Council has recently organised a litter pick in the Community, we hope to see these kind of initiatives grow in attendance with a larger community involvement. Thank you to staff and volunteers for participating in this event and collecting a large amount of litter.

The Events hosted by the Town Council this year, as a result of the Events Committees hard work, have grown and grown in their success. Surveys were undertaken by the Council to establish the kind of events residents would like to see and were then planned to ensure they did not clash or step on the toes of other local events. Town Council events have included; the Easter Egg Hunt, which sees large beautifully hand painted wooden Easter eggs hidden on a trail that leaves the Town Council play park on Elloughton Road. Attendees join in the fun for free and follow the clues to find missing words on the eggs which complete a rhyme, once people have all the answers they return to the park to join in more fun and collect their Easter Eggs.

The next event was hosted in conjunction with Welton Parish Council and was the Queens Jubilee celebration. This event saw the Cadets from Brough, march to the top of Kidd Lane, followed by attendees to the event. The service that took place with strict timings from Buckingham Palace saw a Beacon been lit to mark the occasion. Additionally the Bag Piper and Bugle Player performed their music, followed by a speech from the Chairman. This event was well attended and marked an important moment in British history. Details of the Town Councils Beacon lighting are recorded in a book that was sent to the Queen. The Town Council also successfully applied for and received a grant from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, which was used to buy bunting and lamppost emblems to decorate the Town throughout the Jubilee celebrations, I am sure the Town looked fantastic and definitely embraced the moment.

During the summer the Town Council hosted a new event, the Fairy Trail. This event saw small fairies hiding around the Town, then participants heading back to the Play Park on Elloughton Road to receive a prize and participate in more fun and enjoy the food and drinks vendor's goods that were on offer. This was another successful, well attended event.

The Scared-Crow Festival, took place once more with some fantastic entries, however the Council acknowledge this event requires some changes as it appears to have run its course.

Remembrance Day, saw the Town Council install poppies on the lampposts and illuminated poppies on the two Churches at the crossroads in Elloughton and Brough. The Soldier at the War Memorial was installed however there were some electrical issues which meant this could not remain lit. The War Memorial was once again lit

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with red lighting to mark the occasion. The service held at the War Memorial was attended by the Chairman and other Councillors with a huge community presence.

The Christmas event this year was a huge success, with an additional element included in the event. Thanks to local sponsors and a successful grant awarded for £5000 from the East Riding of Yorkshire, "Do it for Yorkshire Grants" the Town Council was able to host a free Ice Rink for the weekend to resident of Brough and Elloughton. Thank you once again to the Ferry Inn, Brough for allowing us to host this event in your carpark and arranging the accompanying market for people to visit.

The Switch On event itself was extremely well attended and received phenomenally positive feedback, with many more attendees than the previous year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Half Moon in Elloughton for all their support with this event, we couldn't have done it without you.

Also thank you to the School Choirs, singers and the Gin Slingers band that attended the event to provide amazing entertainment throughout the evening. There are many more people to thank but would take too long now and we thanked them all at the time.

A big thank you to Tilly Kay who was the star of the evening switching on the Christmas Lights after winning the 2022 Chairman's Christmas card competition.

The Town Council has continued to increase their Social Media presence and now has a strong following on Facebook and Instagram. Additionally the Council has also tripled its number of residents receiving direct mail shots. All of this allows the Town Council quick access to inform the Community of issues and news affecting the Town, while also enabling mini surveys to help inform our decisions.

Petuaria Press has seen the growth of the successful new appearance and delivery format. Resulting in a huge reduction in cost to residents. Petuaria Press is available on the website, social media, mail shot and physical locations around the Town.

This year the Town Council has continued to support local organisations through the two grant schemes, Annual Grants and Community Grants, these are able to be made using powers authorised in S137 LGA. Thank you to all Volunteer organisations in and around Elloughton cum Brough for your continued hard work in the community.

I would like to thank the Town Clerk and Office Staff for all their hard work and commitment to ensuring all of the ideas for the community, whether they be for the environment or events are turned into a reality, also for all their hard work and due diligence over the last year. This hard work has seen the Town Council receive over £20,000 in grants to further enhance the local community and thanks to the hard work of the Town Clerk the AGAR (external audit) was successfully completed with no recommendations. Finally I would like to welcome a new member of staff who joined the team recently, a Town groundsman. As the Town continues to grow, this will be a role that develops and evolves over time, as he ensures that high standards are maintained around the Town.

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It has been my sincere privilege to be the Chairman of ETBC this year, I have thoroughly enjoyed this role and overseeing the positive steps forward the Town Council are making.

Before opening the meeting to the public can I remind you that Town Council Meetings are preceded by a 15 minute time slot where members of the public are welcomed to speak to the Council and express any concerns or views. Full Council Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month and other Committee meetings are held on every second Tuesday.

AM8/22 Members of the public are invited to ask questions or raise important issues within the Town Council area.

Member of public raised the question wanted to highlight no one who is standing to be a Councillor in the forthcoming elections attended the meeting. Cllr S Duckles highlighted this is not unusual.

RESOLVED: Meeting closed 6.46pm.

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