

Elloughton cum Brough Town Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th April 2021, in remote format on Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Present: Cllr Bentley, Cllr Loizides, Cllr Muzaffar, Cllr Luckraft, Cllr S Duckles, Cllr Duckles, Cllr Brogden, Cllr Rowe, Cllr Meredith (ERYC), Cllr Gill (ERYC), Mrs P Beverley (Town Clerk), Mrs D Lynch (Deputy Clerk) and Miss C Hastie (Admin Assistant).

Public: No members of public present.

AM1/21 **Roll call of Councillors, Officer and members of the public present.**
Record confirmed.

RESOLVED: Council roll call of Councillors, Officers and members of the public present record confirmed.

AM2/21 **To accept apologies**
No apologies received.

AM3/21 **To confirm a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 16th of April 2019.**
Cllr Duckles proposed, seconded by Cllr Luckraft and agreed unanimously that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to confirm and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 16th April 2021.

AM4/21 **To receive a report from the Town Council Chairman relating to the work of the Town Council.**

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

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Welcome to the meeting.

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

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

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 this has been a very different year for everyone and I would like to take this opportunity to express the Council's gratitude to the NHS and all Volunteers who have continued to help during this time.

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The Council has once again with the diligence of its Office Staff been able to deliver a budget with no precept increase and in real terms this constitutes a reduction year upon year.

I would like to thank our Town Clerk, Philippa who was new to this role at the start of the first lockdown and the Deputy Clerk, Danika who was also new to the role at the start of the first lockdown for all of their hard work over the last year. Thank you also to Claire, our newest member of staff who has been monitoring our social media presence.

The Town Council has as recommended been holding their meetings through Zoom and has continued to undertake general repairs and maintenance to allow a safe and clean environment for the Community.

We have replaced benches with those made of recyclable materials, added extra waste bins at litter hot spots and replaced notice boards that had reached the end of their life cycles. Councillors have been proactive in joining in with litter picking groups in the area who continue to do a sterling job.

The Council has continued to support local worthy causes with their Town Council Community Grants Scheme. We continue to review the scheme and where necessary make improvements. The scheme is financed in accordance with the powers under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The organisations who have to date received Grants under this scheme are:

WOLDS AND RIVERBANKS
THE HAWKER SQUADRON
THE VILLAGE HALL
BROUGH VOLUNTARY ACTION
BROUGH IN BLOOM

All of whom continue to do excellent work.

Due to lockdown and social distancing we are unable to continue with our previous events and it has been necessary for the Council to organise new events in order to maintain social distancing and keep the Community safe and well.

Our first was socially distanced event was the Scared-Crow Festival which was the brain child of our office team and was a great success. I would like to thank those Councillors who assisted us in delivering leaflets for the event.

This was followed by our December to Remember Christmas event, which was also a huge success and once again thank you to those Councillors who assisted in the delivery of leaflets.

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Finally our Easter Egg Hunt, I think this was the most successful event with parents and children alike telling us on the day how much they had enjoyed it. My thanks to Alan and Sam Flint for their assistance at the event. I must say this was a great way to meet the Community and it was lovely to see the children's smiling faces and to interact with parents.

My sincere thanks to the office staff who went over and above their remit to organise these events which I must admit were initially their ideas. We have an excellent team in the office who work well together to maintain Council standards.

Our Planning and Environment Committee members continue their vigilant work on behalf of the community and I feel sure that we are in safe hands. The Events Committee hopes to continue improving their events for the Community. The Finance and Personnel Committees continue to work on behalf of the community ensuring everything is kept legal.

Our Social Media presence goes from strength to strength and we encourage the community to follow us to keep up to date.

It is unfortunate that due to Covid-19 and lockdowns a lot of work has been put on hold, however hopefully there is now light at the end of the tunnel and together with local businesses we can return to some form of normality.

With the approval of Council Members, the Public Consultation will shortly be ready to distribute and we hope the community will take this opportunity to put forward their thoughts and opinions.

Councillor Trotter and I recently met with Paul Smith and his colleague at Blackburn Leisure and were shown two rooms that could possibly be used as a Youth Club, they were very keen to work with the Council and help wherever possible.

Councillor Trotter and I are currently undertaking a Youth Provision Zoom course to enable us to become volunteers in the community. We are also looking to establish a CIO to enable us to apply for funding.

I recently had a Zoom meeting with Ian Hodges from Horncastle and they too are keen to work with the Council. Possible sites for a larger play area and offices were discussed and we will be meeting again to discuss this further.

So even with the restrictions of Covid-19 we have been able to continue providing events for the community and set in motion future projects.

As Chairman of the Council this year I have been unable to attend any Civic events in which I would have been able to promote our lovely Town. I have

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however tried to keep community spirit up with the addition of the illuminated poppies on the Churches and poppies on the lampposts for Remembrance Day, followed by illuminated stars on the Churches at Christmas.

It has been my honour and a pleasure to be Chairman of Elloughton cum Brough Town Council in this difficult year. I would like to thank the Council for their continued commitment and office staff for their support and guidance.

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 welcome to speak to the Council and express any concerns or views or questions.

Full Council meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month and are held at the Petuaria Centre.

Other Committee meetings are held on every second Tuesday of the month at the Council Offices.

AM5/21

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

No members of the public present.

RESOLVED: No members of the public present, meeting closed.

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