

REETH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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DRAFT MINUTES
of
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held Remotely via Zoom on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7pm

Present: Councillors J. Kendall (Chair); M. Bearpark; H. Guy; G. Frankland; B Rutter; P. Terry; District Councillor R. Good; C. Stewart (Clerk); L. Bridge (Clerk).

Apologies were received from: Councillors. C. Longstaff; County Councillor. Y. Peacock; T Little (Press).

1. The Notice convening the meeting was read out.

It was noted, with sadness, the passing of HRH, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and a minute's silence was observed.

2. The Minutes of last meeting on 29 April 2019 were read out, approved and to be signed.
3. The Council's Statement of Accounts for the year to 31 March 2021 were read out and approved, while income had been reduced, they remained healthy due to grant assistance provided by RDC.
4. The Memorial Hall Accounts were produced and approved, and it was noted that due to the Corona Virus there was less money coming in from bookings and concerts but grants had been received from RDC so the accounts remained healthy.

5. The Chair's Report.

Observations were made about the events which had taken place since the last Annual Parish Meeting which was in 2019. The Chair expressed her thanks for the confidence and support expressed by her election as Chair to Cllrs Longstaff and Frankland. Special thanks were given to Cllr. Frankland for his work with the Honesty Boxes, undertaking repairs and maintenance, arrangements of the Christmas Tree etc **along with the support of Cllr. Longstaff and our other Councillors.** Chair thanked Cllr. Bearpark who had returned to the parish council expressing appreciation for his experience, wisdom, and knowledge.

Thanks were expressed to the relatively new Councillors Rutter, Terry, and Guy for their great contribution so far and hoped they would remain on the council for many years to come. She expressed additional thanks to all the councillors for their support and help during Covid, especially Dist. Cllr. Good and County Cllr Peacock, and to retiring clerk Chris Stewart.

Special thanks were given to Cllr. Frankland for his work with the Honesty Boxes, undertaking repairs and maintenance, arrangements of the Christmas Tree and continued support.

Cllr. Bearpark is thanked for his role as Market Representative, liaising with the Market Superintendent in his usual tactful and efficient way. Gary Woodward, who is also retiring, is thanked for marvellous work as the Green cutter and additional maintenance work.

Finally, special thanks is given to Chris Stewart and her predecessor Sue Dray for the additional hard work incurred due to the Flood and Covid while maintaining day to day and creating policies. Lisa Bridge is welcomed as the new clerk.

6. Bonfire Hill Charity. No donations had been received this year.

7. There had been no written resolutions received by the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 7.17 pm

The Chair's Report in Full

We didn't have an Annual Parish Meeting last year because of the lockdown situation we all found ourselves in and as remote meetings hadn't got going at the time, the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations advise was to forego Parish Meetings for 2020.

Hence this brief report covers a couple of years.

The 19/20 council year began with just 3 of us seeking re-election. Coun Frankland, Coun Longstaff and myself. Three councillors were sufficient to make up a quorum so off we set. Our first job was to appoint one of us as Chair and I drew the short straw. I will take this opportunity to thank Coun Frankland and Coun Longstaff for their confidence, not sure that's the right word, for putting me in that position and for all their support.

After the procedures that have to be taken in this situation, six parishioners applied and again following the set down procedures, Coun Bearpark rejoined the Council and his previous experience, knowledge and wisdom are very much appreciated. Three brand new Councillors made up the required number of 7, Coun Guy, Coun Rutter and Coun Terry. Since becoming parish councillors, these three have contributed greatly both at and outside meetings and I sincerely hope that they will continue for many years ahead.

My thanks go

to all the Councillors, for their work and support throughout the years, and I do mean all. Lockdown, shielding, isolating and I suppose age, have meant that I have not been a 'visible' councillor and chair. I want to express my sincere thanks to the Councillors and Chris, our retiring Clerk, District Councillor Good and County Councillor Peacock for all the support given to the Council and that given to the community during this unprecedented time of the coronavirus restrictions.

Coun Frankland, our vice-chairman, who spends a lot of time being the eyes and ears of the Parish: empties the honesty boxes, counts and banks the donations, undertakes repair and maintenance jobs and makes Christmas Tree arrangements etc along with the support of Coun Longstaff and our other Councillors.

Coun Bearpark who took on the market responsibilities again which include liaising with the Market Superintendent and has done it in his usual tactful and efficient way.

Gary Woodward retired as the Green Cutter etc. He has done a marvellous job over the years as well as doing maintenance work.

And, of course, our retiring clerk, Chris. The floods of July 2019 as well as all the damage to properties etc, gave the council a few headaches. Along with the normal month to month work, including doing policies etc., the consequences of this flood caused a great amount of extra work that could never have been envisaged. All your work is greatly appreciated Chris, and that of your predecessor, Sue, and especially regarding the floods and other unexpected matters that have arisen. Thank you. We are sorry you are not staying with us.

However, we welcome Lisa as your replacement and I am sure she will keep us all in order. Whatever is said about us, we are all dedicated to caring for the Parish and really are quite an easy lot to get on with.