

**MINUTES OF THE EASINGWOLD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE GALTRES CENTRE AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT** Councillor P. Nottage (Chairman)  
Councillors, G. Ellis, F. Johnston-Banks, C. Jackson, C. Barnes, S. Shepherd,  
N. Madden, R. Tanfield, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother plus 20 members of the  
public

**Clerk:** Mrs Jane Bentley

1. **Apologies**  
None received
2. **Minutes of The Annual Parish meeting held on 24th April 2018**  
The minutes were approved for signature.
3. **Matters Arising from The Minutes**  
There were no matters arising.
4. **Report from Charities/Grant Recipients**  
A paper report was available for members of the public from COZIE.  
**There were no questions.**  
**(appendix 1)**  
A paper report was available for members of the public from The United  
Charities & Ann Cobb Charity. **There were no questions.**  
**(appendix 2)**
5. **Guest speakers from:**
  - a) **NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group with Millfield Surgery**  
**Becky Case - Head of Transformation & Delivery, NHS Vale of York Clinical**  
**Commissioning Group with Darren Dalzell, Practice Manager Millfield**  
**Surgery**  
(Presentation on Improving Access and Primary Care Networks **appendix 3**)  
**Question 1:** When you call the service do you speak to a real Doctor?  
**Answer:** Yes  
**Question 2:** What about minor injuries? What is the advice?  
**Answer:** Currently there is no minor injury unit here and there are no plans for  
one. A&E in York has different routes available including minor injuries, so you  
are streamed away to minor injuries in York.  
**Question 3:** Do dementia services sit under mental health?  
**Answer:** Yes  
**Question 4:** Your evening and weekend service is excellent but for those of us  
who don't work it can take 3 weeks to get an appointment, how can this be  
improved?  
**Answer:** Normal appointments will take 3 weeks but there are new partners in the  
surgery, additional nursing staff have been recruited and there is a 10-year plan to  
establish a hub of practitioners.

**b) St Leonard's Hospice**

**Kathryn Craven – Community Fundraiser**

Easingwold has the highest awareness of St Leonard's in all the places it operates and is a key place for building awareness, especially as there is now a shop. Last year St Leonard's hired a market stall for people to write their own ribbons. There is an art festival taking place in September and everybody is welcome to contribute. There has been an overwhelming response for volunteers for the shop so a 'Friends of St Leonard's' group may be formed. The hospice has launched a business club where networking meetings are arranged. There is an opportunity for Easingwold to run a networking meeting.

**No questions were asked.**

**c) Vibrant Markets Initiative, Peter Cole, Vibrant Market Town Project Officer, Hambleton District Council & Michael Fram, Easingwold Business Forum**

Peter Cole provided the background to the Vibrant Market initiative by Hambleton District Council. An investment programme has been developed with a long-term plan and strategy. Digital technology needs to be adopted slowly and appropriately, and the objective is to enhance the visitor experience and celebrate Easingwold. Footfall counters have been introduced. Investment in ETIC has taken place. New initiatives will include signage and welcoming packs for new businesses as well as the use of google backpacks. Michael Fram stated that one of the aims of the Business Forum is to try to increase footfall to Easingwold. There are about 50 members of the business forum and it is growing, it is a collaboration with Hambleton District Council and Easingwold Town Council.

**Question 5:** It is very noticeable that in recent years several important businesses have closed, as well as banks. Are there any initiatives that can be taken to try and attract important businesses to come to Easingwold?

**Answer:** We can create an environment and atmosphere where businesses will want to come but there are restraints. Easingwold Town Council provides the ability and enthusiasm for embracing change.

**d) Easingwold Community Day – Councillor Clive Barnes**

This will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Easingwold. Over 80 organisations will be involved. The Galtres Centre will hold an open day and will be a major part of the event. There will be a Health hub, Scouts, Guides and market stalls, and perhaps rare breed animals on the greens. The Lions will carry out a safety day on the car park in the Market Square and there will be emergency services, veteran cars and motorbikes. In the Commercial in the garden there will be a demonstration on how to reduce your carbon footprint. COZIE, ETIC and the library will be open. It is free for organisations to participate and free to attend.

**e) Easingwold Community Library – Councillor Shirley Shepherd**

An update was provided on Easingwold Community Library which has been run by volunteers for two years. Councillor Shepherd demonstrated some of the services available at the library.

**Question 6:** Who owns the library

**Answer:** NYCC

6. **Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman explained the organisation of the council to the public. He extended thanks in particular to Councillor Chris Jackson for all of his hard work over the last four years. The council is a collective body that makes collective decisions. Hambleton District Council are responsible for planning, Easingwold Town Council are consultees but do not make the final decision. NYCC is responsible for parking, roads and lighting. The council takes pride in what it has achieved: it has improved seating on the market green, outside seating is now permitted all year round in the businesses, there has been a Christmas market, additional litter and dog bins, improved drainage, a new website, double yellow lines on Tylers Walk and a public consultation on the future of Millfields. Work has already started on some of the initiatives including the wheelchair friendly path, boardwalk and pond dipping platform, Easingwold Town Council has invested in equipment to manage the wetland area. A revised lighting scheme has been commissioned for the jogging track. An artisan market will be trialled for 3 months beginning in May. There is an initiative underway to look at paths and make the cobbles safer whilst continuing to maintain them, Easingwold Town Council is working with Hambleton District Council to try and make that a reality. Car parking is an ongoing issue; Easingwold Town Council is investigating how it might address car parking with NYCC and hopes that a joint plan may soon take place. Councillor Jackson has been working hard to try and influence the relevant agencies involved in managing flooding problems. Easingwold Town Council is working constructively with Hambleton District Council on their local plan so the Neighbourhood plan must be put on hold until the local plan has been developed. Easingwold Town Council is keen to work with all the community groups in Easingwold.

**Question 7:** Thank you for comments on Neighbourhood Plan. The timetable for carrying out the local plan seems to have slipped back another year do you know why?

**Answer:** It is mainly driven by national planning policy changes.

7. **Resolution(s) from the public**

The Chairman read out the following resolution:

“While I respect that there are in favour of the dog skills area, I am also one of a number of people who have concerns about wildlife and also not leaving any open area of Millfields as a natural space for people to enjoy. I don't believe the decision making about the dog area sufficiently took into consideration different needs and interests. I am concerned that a decision was made despite no consultation on the use of this site for this purpose.

I would therefore like to propose further consultation on the use of this site for this purpose and also consideration of alternative sites for this project.”

Councillor Nottage explained the process for dealing with a resolution. A member of the public stated that it would generate severe parking issues on Millfields Lane and Penny Lane and that it was not necessary. Councillor Barnes talked about biological diversity. The proposer of the resolution requested that the council consider having a natural space that is uncluttered. Another member of the public requested that value for money be considered and location of the dog agility are should be re-considered.

A vote was taken, and the resolution was carried. It will be place on the agenda for the next Full Council Meeting.

**8. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

An update from Friends of St Monica's hospital acting chair Peter Glossop was given.

**There were no further questions.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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