

**MINUTES OF THE EASINGWOLD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**PRESENT** Councillor P. Nottage (Chairman)  
Councillors C. Barnes (Vice-Chairman), F. Johnston-Banks, N. Madden, K. Butcher, K. Osborne, R. Varney, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother plus 2 members of the public

**Clerk:** Mrs Jane Bentley

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from District Councillors N. Knapton, M. Taylor and P. Thompson and Councillors S. Shepherd, A. Gledhill and R Tanfield.

**2. Minutes of The Annual Parish meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes were approved for signature.

**3. Matters Arising from The Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman stated that the year had been dominated by the pandemic and wished to thank EDCCA, the Food Bank and the many volunteers and organisations who have supported Easingwold town during this time. Councillor Nottage also thanked the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, Chris Jackson, Andrew Nelson and all of the councillors for their hard work throughout the year.

The Chairman confirmed that the annual newsletter is on the website but if a copy is required, the Clerk's office will provide it.

In response to Covid, Easingwold Town Council did everything possible to continue to operate including ensuring social distancing and conducting remote meetings. The Friday market and the Farmer's market remained open for essential foods, with the council investing in markers to ensure safe spacing. The street furniture licences were extended so that establishments could operate outside. The Chairman gave thanks to Kay and Michael Riley for flying the flag thanking the NHS and key workers.

Ongoing maintenance continued, including gritting during bad weather, grass cutting and the inspection of play parks. In Millfields the horseshoe path was extended, and work has begun on the wildflower border. Maintenance plans have been put in place to restore Mallison hill woods to good order. The toilets have been refurbished and Councillor Barnes has carried out extensive work on the footpath project which will be progressed once restrictions have eased. The Christmas lights were extended into Long Street. Easingwold in Lights and Easingwold in Bloom were carried out as usual. Councillor Nottage gave thanks to Councillor Johnston-Banks for the VAS machines, new defibrillators and the belisha beacons being placed at the school crossing. Thanks were given to Councillor Barnes for creating an extensive dossier on the condition of roads and

footpaths which was sent to NYCC and resulted in a positive meeting where it was confirmed that Church Hill and Raskelf Road would be resurfaced. The Little Bird Artisan craft market will continue this year and there will be a summer of music in the market square thanks to Councillor Johnston-Banks. The Youth Council is moving forward and, in the parks, play equipment has been enhanced with more to follow. Easingwold Town Council has worked with the business forum and Hambleton District Council's vibrant market team to support and develop the town. Looking ahead Easingwold Town Council will progress the consultation on Millfields, a car parking survey in conjunction with NYCC will be carried out, with financial support from HDC. Work will be completed on the friendship garden, the wildflower border and Mallison Hill woods. We look forward to welcoming back the Park Run and other events in the town.

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

There were no resolutions received from the public.

6. **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Councillor Madden wished to express thanks to Councillor Barnes for the excellent newsletter and asked Q1. Were we consulted on the area in front of the Co-op Market Place? A. Yes. A Member of the Public wished to congratulate the council for work carried out throughout the year and this was seconded by the other Member of the Public present.

**There were no further questions.**

The meeting closed at 19.20pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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