

MINUTES OF THE EASINGWOLD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE LOUNGE, THE GALTRES CENTRE AT 6.00PM ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023

Present: Councillors Nottage, Barnes, Johnston-Banks, Butcher, Cranfield, Varney, Gledhill, Shepherd, Assistant Clerk & The Clerk. 4 members of the public were present.

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Madden

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 27th April 2022

The minutes were approved for signature.

3. Matters Arising from the minutes:

The EV issue is still outstanding.

4. Chairman's Annual Report.

The Chairman (Councillor Nottage) gave thanks to the Clerks, the Contractors, a special thanks to Chris Jackson, the unpaid volunteers, the flag flyers Kay Riley with condolences for Michael Riley, thanks to all Councillors and, in particular, the Chairs of Committees (Councillors Barnes, Bilson and Varney), Councillor Johnston-Banks for the Summer of Music, Councillor Shepherd for the Friendship Initiative, Councillor Gledhill for the Youth Council, Councillor Butcher for all she does for the Green Spaces and finally Councillor Barnes for leading the Paths Project.

Councillor Nottage outlined all the activities undertaken by the Council in the last year including running the markets, Easingwold in Bloom, the Christmas lights, tree maintenance, Youth Council, the paths project, the installation of the exercise equipment and the bike track in Millfields. Work in the Memorial Park included the bandstand refurbishment, planting avenues and trees and gardens and replacing the swings. Looking forward the key considerations for the council are a focus on refurbishing the play equipment at the Memorial Park, working with the new Unitary Authority, renewing the Vision including carrying out a consultation for the public to give their views and looking for a new town councillor to co-opt onto Easingwold Town Council.

5. Resolutions from the Public

There was one resolution(s) from the public.

'Please could the water level in the Millfield 'wetland' be raised to flood the whole area?'

Questions 1 Why? A: There are some marvellous nature reserves, ours dries out which is a shame. I would like to see a fixed water level. Q2 Will the notched weir make all the wetland wetter? A. yes but depending on the water flow, a weir would only be substantive in winter. It was **AGREED** to explore the idea in more detail and ask for an assessment of the wetland area from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust which would be shared with the member of the public.

6. Presentation from North Yorkshire Council Councillor Nigel Knapton on the new Unitary Authority

7. Questions from the floor

There were no questions from the floor.

The meeting closed at 19.02