

MINUTES OF THE EASINGWOLD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE LOUNGE, THE GALTRES CENTRE AT 6.15 PM ON TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024

Present: Councillors Nottage, Barnes, Johnston-Banks, Butcher, Varney, Madden, Bilson, Buckle. 1 member of the public was present.

Clerk: Mrs J. Bentley

1. Apologies were received from Councillor Shepherd, the Assistant Clerk and County Councillor Knapton
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 16th May 2023 were received and approved.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman thanked the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, our contractors, all volunteers especially Chris Jackson, Kay Riley, and The George Hotel. He also thanked the Councillors, the Chairs of Committees, Councillor Johnston-Banks for the Summer of Music organisation, Councillor Butcher for her work around the town, Councillor Varney for his work on the Memorial Park, Councillor Shepherd for organising the friendliness initiative and Councillor Barnes for his work on the Vision and the Paths project. The Chairman thanked former Councillors Cranfield, Metcalfe and Gledhill for their work and welcomed Councillors Sparrow and Buckle to the council.

Work carried out in the last year included the regular town maintenance, Health & Safety monitoring, grass cutting, markets, floral displays, the Christmas lights, the Easingwold in Bloom and the Easingwold in Lights competitions. The council has carried out tree surveys on Uppleby and Claypenny and undertaken the works recommended. The Millfields Park management plan, including north and south meadows, has been developed and the council has added a shelter and some more seating in Millfields. Easingwold Town Council has supported public events, particularly the celebration of the coronation of King Charles that was led by the business forum and continued growth of the Park Run led by Easingwold Running Club. A complete refurbishment of the Memorial Park playground has been completed along with a refurbishment of the bandstand and repairs gate and walls as well as the creation of some gardens and eating areas. This year we carried out a public consultation to review and update the Town Council's vision for the coming years. Easingwold Town Council continues to develop a positive relationship with NYC with Nigel Knapton as our councillor. Easingwold Town Council is planning to continue a programme of tree work and surveys, and we will turn our attention to improvements to Chase Garth and a refreshment of Claypenny Play Park.

Q1. Now is a good chance to promote Easingwold with the new Mayor for York and North Yorkshire, also to develop a relationship with new MP when boundaries change, will you do that? A. Yes, we have included that in the Vision. Also, there is a pilot partnership group covering Easingwold and the Villages that was instigated by NYC and is being led by Councillor Nottage who chairs the Steering Group. This will be running some forums in June to engage other Parish Councils and Community Groups.

Q2. I would like to say a thank you on behalf of Easingwold for all that you do, it is absolutely fantastic, and you all go unsung. A. Thank you.

5. Reports from other bodies – a report was received from the United Charities & Ann Cobb

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6. No report was received from North Yorkshire Council
7. There were no resolutions from the public
8. There were no questions from the floor

The meeting closed at 18.32