**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the regular Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7pm in Millington Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs Cawood, Burley, Tait, Smith, Willoughby and Swanborough. Ward Cllrs Rudd and Hammond and four members of the public were also present.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Cawood and assisted by the clerk.

APM started at 7.02pm

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

2023.30 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN APRIL 2022

It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr Cawood.

2023.31 THE CHAIR INVITES QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

Members of the Village Hall Committee informed the PC of further details of the roof project and asked the PC to consider raising their precept next year for part of the funds. The PC agreed that before this is considered, they would review the village questionnaire results. ACTION: Clerk to agenda ‘raise precept’ for Mays meeting.

2023.32 THE CHAIRS ANNUAL REPORT

*I would like to start the report by thanking all the Parish Council members for the work they have done for the Parish this year and also for the support they have shown me as Chairman. This goes far beyond attending a monthly meeting. Everything from leaflet handouts around the Parish and grant applications to shopping for party food and meeting ERYC officials. I would also like to thank our clerk, Sam who has always been on hand to guide and give advice on issues, dealt with all our legal obligations and financial reporting and meeting preparation. Sam has also undertaken to keep up to date with new regulations and skills to make her job as efficient and up to date as possible. In addition, councillors have also attended courses put on by ERYC to develop skills and understanding of the work required of them.*

*Ward Councillor Rudd has attended most meetings throughout the year and reported to us on the work of EYRC. Councillor Rudd is now to retire, I would like to thank him on behalf of our PC for the contribution he has made to the meetings and the work he has done on behalf of all residents. We wish him well in his retirement.*

*All minutes, agendas, notices and financial reports have been available on the Parish notice boards and/or the Parish website.*

*In April 2022 a Parish walkabout with the Street scene team at ERYC took place and maintenance matters were highlighted including water leaks, potholes, overhanging trees and loose kerb stones. Most of the jobs identified have been done however this will always be an ongoing task with more still to be done. Thanks also go to resident Robert Willoughby who maintains the Swineridge view picnic sight and Robert also hosted local scout groups showing the conservation work being carried out there. The village allotments have been inspected and we are pleased to report they are all occupied and in good order.*

*One of the main issues in our Parish continues to be the number of visitors we have, not only but especially on weekends. There is limited parking, and this often causes disruption to residents. It is a problem repeated throughout not only the County, but the Country and a solution is difficult to find and to finance. We remain aware of this and continue to monitor and investigate.*

*The Parish Matters magazine has gone out regularly throughout the year and kept residents informed of events and general parish updates and activities. Many thanks to Adrian Roberts for publishing and printing the magazine and to councillors for distributing it so efficiently. The website and Facebook pages continue to be amended and updated regularly.*

*The parish has had several social events this year. On 2nd June the Parish gathered to light our own Jubilee Beacon and watch a firework display organised by Robert Willoughby. This was followed on the 5th June with the Platinum Jubilee Tea Party. A huge number of residents gathered for tea, cutting of the celebration cake and gifts were given to the children. Entertainment was provided by both the Fogglesyke Band and Joe Cheney. This event and a new marquee were funded from an ERYC grant we applied for.*

*Our annual Bonfire night celebrations went ahead on 5th November to a sell-out crowd of 150 guests. A fantastic firework display, soup and hotdogs were enjoyed by everyone. Again, thanks must go to Robert Willoughby but also to many members of the parish who helped in many different ways to make it a success.*

*Also, in November the PC had a silhouette Tommy figure donated to remember and show respect to those who fought in the world wars. The figure stood proud outside St Margaret’s Church.*

*On 2nd December we held a Christmas evening meal at The Gait Inn, Millington. Once again, a sell-out event. A superb roast dinner was served by Dan and Harriet followed by Christmas Bingo and a raffle. The PC also purchased a much-missed village Christmas tree, and this was placed in the centre of the village in the garden of Mr and Mrs Robinson.*

*Plans are now in place to hold a Kings Coronation Big Tea Party on Sunday 7th May 2023, again funded by the ERYC Coronation Community Fund and we look forward to welcoming all members of the Parish.*

*That concludes my report and I thank you once again for all the work and support shown.*

2023.33 WILKINSONS TRUST ELECTED TRUSTEES AND ANNUAL REPORT

It was agreed that the elected trustees should be moved to the May agenda. ACTION: Clerk to agenda this for next month.

(See separate report)

Lynn Berriman reported that the trust is for projects that will generate income so there is no funding available for planting trees at Swineridge as requested.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing was discussed here.

Meeting started at 7.47pm.

2023.34 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES– All present.

2023.35 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST– Ward Cllr Rudd declared his interest in all planning application on agendas due to him sitting on the Planning Committee.

2023.36 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH

It was agreed that that these were a true and accurate record and were signed by Cllr Cawood.

2023.37 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Hammond noted that the Woldgate school admissions policy has changed and wanted to reassure parents that the changes aren’t as grave as the recent letters suggest. Ward Cllrs have objected to the new policy as it discriminates against Church of England schools and local children.

Repairs have been carried out at Swineridge Hill in regard to the running water. The road through Givendale has also now been repaired.

It was reported that Yorkshire Water have left a mess after recent works. Ward Cllr Hammond noted that he would report this and chase.

ERYC have been given £2.45m from Central Government to deal with potholes. Cllr Smith reported potholes on The Bence. Ward Cllr Hammond agreed to raise this with ERYC.

Ward Cllr Rudd reported that ERYC have signed up to to the Disability Confidence Scheme.

Pocklington is hosting a food and drink festival on the 22nd and 23rd April.

ERYC have assigned more funds to help with the cost-of-living crisis.

ERYC will be installing 100 electric vehicle charging points across the County.

2023:38 MATTERS ARISING (including actions not listed on agenda)

Overgrown tree boughs at Swineridge Hill (i.d # 2478505)

The Cllrs reported that the boughs in question are obstructing lorries passing. Ward Cllr Hammond agreed to speak to the relevant team again and explain this.

Ground works near The Ponds

Cllr Tait carried out research into this and found no application at ERYC. Ward Cllr Hammond confirmed that no planning permission was required.

2023.39 ACCOUNTS

The clerk had sent the accounts reconciliation and schedule of payments prior to the meeting.

Samantha O’Connor – Clerk expenses - £5.63 (March)

Samantha O’Connor – Clerk salary (March)

ERNLLCA - £254.26 (membership fees)

Easily - £7.50 (website domain renewal)

Millington Village Hall - £30 (hall rental)

Cllrs Smith and Willougby reviewed and signed the invoices and schedule of payments.

Cllrs Swanborough reviewed and signed the bank statement and accounts reconciliation.

The clerk reported that there will be a rental increase for the Village Hall meeting hire.

2023.40 ANNUAL ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

Cllr Smith and Swanborough agreed to carry this out and report back at the next meeting. ACTION: PC to receive an update in May.

2023.41 KINGS CORONATION

The grant funding has been confirmed and the PC social group have finalised the details.

2023.42 PARKING

The clerk had received correspondence from a parishioner regarding a high volume of parking in the village. The clerk has responded to the resident stating that the PC are aware of the issue and the disruption that it causes residents. This is an issue across the county and a solution is not imminent.

2023.43 MANAGING SSSIs

The clerk received an email regarding gathering evidence for those who manage these sites to toughen up existing laws. As the PC do not manage one of these sites, it was agreed to pass this information onto Cllr Burley for her to forward to the appropriate resident. ACTION: Clerk to forward email.

2023.44 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

The clerk had received correspondence from a resident regarding adding their house to the road sweeping schedule. After discussion by Cllrs and Ward Cllr Hammond, it was agreed that a road sweeper would be unable to get down to the property. ACTION: Clerk to respond to the resident.

2023.45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th May for the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm, Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at 20:42**

Signed as a true and accurate record of the minutes.