



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Clifford
Held in Clifford Village Hall on Wednesday 16th May 2012
at 7:30 p.m.

Cllr Nicholas Fawcett (Chairman, Clifford Parish Council) in the Chair

Electors of the parish present: *G Allan, D. Anstey, C Aspinall, T Blackmore, O Milligan, P O'Brien, S Park, A. Pennington, T. Poulter, A Shaw, P Winterburn*
(names in italics denote members of Clifford Parish Council)

Apologies for absence: None

In attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr P. Seed; W. Gausden, PCSO J Cornes, Inspector P. Dwyer,

The Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed electors to the meeting.

Crime Report

PCSO Cornes reported that there had been 21 crimes in the Parish compared to 27 in the previous year. The area had benefitted from additional resources which had been allocated to focus on the prevention of theft of metals and power equipment. It was believed that the Youth Club at Boston Spa had contributed to the reduction in the number of crimes committed by youngsters. Crime prevention had also been assisted by the police switching to patrolling on bicycles rather than in cars. Inspector Dwyer introduced himself as he is new to the area. He noted that Clifford had a very low incidence of crime compared to other areas but that the police were not complacent as there were still a number of incidences of opportunistic theft by people coming into the area. The larger picture was that both burglaries and violent crime had been reduced and that the public had a very positive perception of police work even though the police were working with reduced resources. He emphasised the need for the public to be vigilant and to safe guard their possessions and property.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2011

The Minutes were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

The report, as printed in the Clifford Directory, was received.

Financial Statement

The clerk to the Parish council reported that the accounts as printed in the Clifford Directory had been amended to include £30 of re-credited cheques. Mr Pennington asked what action was being taken to increase the interest on investments. Cllr Aspinall responded that this was under review with action to be taken shortly. The Financial Statement was received.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr. Blackmore reported that a Steering Group and 5 focus groups had been set up with 30 individuals involved. The groups had terms of reference and each group had held 2-3 meetings. Progress is reviewed by the Steering Group against an action plan. A web site is being set up and there will be a stand at the Jubilee celebration, Village Show and possibly at the Beer Festival. In response to questions he noted that costs should be minimal dependant on the number and complexity of surveys and the design of the printed version of the Plan.

Matters to be raised by Parish Electors

Mr Pennington reported that it would take up to six teams of workmen to complete the installation of a water pipe in Willow Lane.

Mr Gausden reported that the Wetherby News would become a tabloid from the end of May. Items for his column on parish events would need to be sent to him 11 days in advance of the publication date.

Inspector Dwyer clarified the status of the white parking lines and the action which the police could take. The lines are advisory but there is a presumption that parking on them is likely to cause an obstruction. In each case Officers will assess if there is an obstruction and, if there is, then a fixed penalty notice will be issued and the car may be towed away. Inspector Dwyer was thanked for this clarification.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.13p.m.