

Parish Council of East & West Barkwith with Panton Annual Parish Meeting 2024

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm. on May 16th, 2024 in the Village Hall.

Present:- The Chairman, the clerk and seven councillors were in attendance. The District Councillor, Mrs. R. Yarsley, and the County Councillor, Mrs. P. Bradwell were unable to attend but there were five members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence** - These were received and accepted from Cllrs. N. Gibson, who was away, and from the District and County Councillors.
2. **Minutes** - The minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting were read by the clerk.
3. **Approval** - They were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman.
4. **Matters arising** - There were no matters arising.
5. **Chairman's Report** - Cllr. A.Platt, chairman of the Parish Council, gave his report, commenting on a relatively quiet year after the highlight of the Coronation in May. There were no major issues which needed to be recorded.
The Crossroads had been closed for a number of months but re-opened in March under new management. Everyone wanted to extend their good wishes for the future.
The Annual Remembrance Service, last November, saw a record-breaking attendance with 160 people present. As well as residents from the villages, there were 60 members and parents from the Scout and Guide organisations and, for the first time, a small contingent from Wragby Fire Station. These gentlemen have asked if they might come again as this is the nearest memorial where they can leave a wreath. They have been told they are most welcome.

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Work continues to improve road safety measures for both speed control and the condition of the surfaces of the highways. The chairman wished to thank County Councillor, Mrs. Tricia Bradwell, for her sterling efforts with the county authorities, and the District Councillor, Mrs. Ru Yarsley, for her support locally.

The chairman also extended his thanks to Cllr. Wilson, for leading the arrangements for the special occasions and to all those who helped him, both with these and with all the regular tasks around the area. He asked that all councillors try to encourage more community support, particularly with the committees which manage the work as well as with the actual tasks involved.

6. General Discussion - A lady from Hatton asked if this was the moment to discuss the proposed Hatton Solar Farm. She was informed that the subject was listed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting which would be following after the close of these proceedings.

With no further comments, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed by the Chairman