

MINUTES OF THE EASINGWOLD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE GALTRES CENTRE AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 24th APRIL 2018

PRESENT Councillor P. Nottage (Chairman)
Councillors, G.W. Ellis, F. Johnston-Banks, C. Jackson, C. Barnes, A Gledhill, N Madden, G. Bingham, Assistant Clerk J. Fairbrother plus 14 members of the public

Clerk: Mrs Jane Bentley

1. **Apologies**
Councillors J. Fowell, S Shepherd
2. **Minutes Of The Annual Parish meeting held on 25th April 2017**
The minutes were approved for signature.
3. **Matters Arising From The Minutes**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Report From Charities/Grant Recipients**
Councillor Gledhill provided an update on behalf of COZIE
There were no questions.
(appendix 1)
A paper report was available for members of the public from The United Charities & Ann Cobb Charity. **There were no questions.**
(appendix 2)
5. **Guest speakers from:**
 - a) **Hambleton District Council**
Mark Harbottle - Head of Economy and Planning
(presentation on the New Local Plan for Hambleton **appendix 3**)
Question 1: Clearly Hambleton District Council cannot create this plan in isolation, do NYCC have any say in the matter or others involved in planning such as Northern Powerhouse?
Answer: We have taken Northern Powerhouse into account with the plan. NYCC does have an important role to play with education and highways and capacity in those areas, we are also in deep discussion about roundabouts and schools. There is a duty to co-operate to ensure councils don't bring forward plans that are in conflict with each other. There is nothing statutorily above the District Plan but there is a duty to co-operate. There has been extensive co-operation between a range of partners such as the Clinical Commissioning Group.
Question 2: Are you aware of 10 year development health plan being drawn up for Easingwold?
Answer: Yes we are aware that Millfields Surgery is at capacity and NHS trusts are looking at the issue and there are questions being raised about surgeries in outlying villages. 2 potential sites have been identified at York Road and Knott Lane, but I am unsure at what point the NHS is with that. York Road is felt to be better and more suitable than Knott Lane.

Question 3: Regarding self-build has Hambleton District Council identified areas that are suitable for self-build and how are you going to promote it?

Answer: We haven't identified areas but we are identifying options on existing developments, a certain proportion should be set aside for self-build. We have a self-build register as all councils have.

Question 4: Do you have anyone in Hambleton District Council who can help with queries and promotion?

Answer: Yes we have appointed an officer who will be able to help.

Question 5: Would you be able to expand your statement that there will be less affordable housing for renting?

Answer: It does concern me and other councils in NY who feel that less affordable houses for renting could be one of the unanticipated results of the new definition of affordable housing, which now includes a mix of ownership options. Traditionally affordable housing is usually housing for rent from social housing associations. The government wants to introduce new measures to include more home ownership.

Question 6: Easingwold has a lot of agreed developments it looks as though there is headroom for both rented and ownership options. We should be getting about 300 affordable houses and the demand is just under 200 houses for rent. So hopefully we don't have an acute problem now.

Answer: The picture varies across the district.

Question 7: You mention you take an interest in health and schools what about other aspects of the infrastructure such as sewage or drainage, at what point does somebody say the system needs to be upgraded or no more building?

Answer: If Yorkshire Water say that there is a need they will advise and they have a statutory duty to advise Hambleton District Council on new developments. Yorkshire Water is the statutory provider and Hambleton District Council has to take advice from them.

b) Roland Crooke – EDCCA & EVADA

EDCCA has recruited 2 new trustees and obtained a minibus with financial help from NYCC, Hambleton District Council and Easingwold Town Council, which runs a service for Easingwold and the surrounding village. The financial situation is becoming increasingly difficult and EDCCA is in deficit, therefore trustees are being asked to become more involved in the day to day running of the charity.

EDCCA had taken a lead role in forming the Easingwold and Villages Action Action Against Dementia Alliance (EVADA). The dementia awareness roadshows organised by EVADA were not well attended and it is likely that in future we will be going to the people rather than them inviting them to come to us, any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Peter Nottage added that the forming of EVADA and organising and running the roadshows had brought lots of service providers together which was a benefit in itself even of attendance was disappointing. He advised that there is an official recognition scheme whereby the town can become recognised as a dementia friendly community. Easingwold Town Council has applied and an action plan has been submitted consisting of raising awareness, training of councillors and shop keepers and collaboration with groups working effectively together. Sporting Memories with York City FC Foundation has also been developed where people

can gather together and talk about sporting events of the past. Tuesday 22nd May is the next event at Easingwold Town AFC's clubhouse.
There were no questions.

c) **Neil Madden – Easingwold Community Library Association**

The library has been a community run library for a year. Many volunteers have been trained and contribute their time and expertise on a regular basis. However, there is always a need for more volunteers. There will be an AGM on June 12th at 7pm in the library where amongst other items the financial status will be reported, as a full year's data will then be available.

There were no questions.

6. **Chairman's Annual Report**

Councillor Nottage indicated that most of this years Council activities and projects are contained in the Annual Council Newsletter but highlighted the following: Easingwold Town Council has once again been recognised by Hambleton District Council as the Parish Council of the Year. We have created a Social and Events Committee to facilitate better engagement with the community and non-councillors have been included onto our committees to advise us. A Vision for Millfields has been developed and a full public consultation about it will take place in the summer. We have implemented a successful drainage scheme on the recreation space at Millfields, Street furniture licences have been extended, there has been investment in floral displays, a partial refurbishment of the market green, a complete refurbishment of the gents toilets, repairs to the cobbles, significant expansion of the Xmas lights in the town centre, an extended Christmas market and refurbished market stalls and new awnings purchased. A wildflower border has been planted in Millfields, 8,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted at the entrances to Easingwold, litter picking has been organised by Councillor Gledhill, paths cleared, the friendship initiative developed, progress made for Easingwold to become a dementia friendly town, an anti-social behaviour group has been formed with police, the secondary school, NYCC and Hambleton District Council and the group is looking to engage positively with young people; the skate park has been floodlit and the lighting of Millfields car park improved. Ball games are now allowed at the Memorial Park and seats in the bandstand, there are new litter bins, dog waste bins, picnic tables and benches, with sponsorship of benches made easier. The council has been involved in the community library. The path around Millfields is being improved to be wheelchair and pushchair friendly. Easingwold Town Council has worked with the Green Spaces Group on various projects and the grass cutting has been extended to include Uppleby Greens. Thank you to everybody involved (Councillors, Clerks, Contractor, volunteer groups and public) in making this another successful year and Easingwold such a great place.

Looking ahead, for the Millfields Vision project we have employed the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and a consultancy to design and present a professional consultation. We are developing a youth forum, the Social & Events committee will develop an events calendar and support and encourage more public events, there will be a new website and the council will engage more with social media. The ladies toilets will

be refurbished, work on the market green will be completed, we will look at Tylers walk and parking and try to make it safer. Much more work needs to be done to make our cobbles safer, improve pedestrian access around the town centre and improve car parking. Easingwold Town Council does have a plan but it is very expensive so we will be asking Hambleton District Council for money to help us to improve our infrastructure. We aim to build a team of volunteers to help keep Easingwold tidy and paths clear and have invested in litter picking tools & equipment. The Christmas tree lights will be extended even further this year. We will be looking to implanting another drainage scheme at Millfields for the land opposite the Skate Park to bring into use for walkers.

Questions 8: There used to be a town diary but it petered out.

Answer: We will create a new one but we have to redo our website and create satellite websites which will include an events diary. We will also look at having details of what's on in Easingwold available in the Library.

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Question 9: The Scout facility in Easingwold is undertaking a massive redevelopment of Dawney which will cost £150,000. It is an outdoor facility which is used by outdoor groups. How can we engage the town?

Answer: It will be placed on the next Social & Events committee.

Question 10: Highways speed and vehicular access are a problem, why are vehicles driving over pavements? I would like to see somebody from North Yorkshire assess the situation.

Answer: Easingwold Town Council is putting pressure on NYCC highways to seek improvements and to tackle issues and would recommend that other interested parties continue to do so too.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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