

POCKLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD AT POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017 WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs David Sykes, Martin Cooper, Gerry Hutchinson, Graham Perry, Martin Ratcliffe, Dee Sharp, Jill Sinton, Paul West, Peter Winterton, Pocklington Provincial Ward Councillor Kay West, Poppy Kennedy (Pocklington Post) and 28 members of the public.

1. Councillor David Sykes thanked those attending and introduced the other councillors present.
2. Councillor David Sykes was appointed Chairman of the meeting (by legislation this has to be the Town Mayor if in attendance).
3. Councillor Sykes proposed that those who live outside the parish be allowed to speak at the meeting. He suggested a limit of 15 minutes for each subject should be agreed, motion seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed.
4. Cllr Sykes proposed the notes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 be accepted as a true record seconded by Councillor Ratcliffe and agreed. The notes to be amended to read that the notice board at Burnby Hall Gardens should have been included within the Lily Trail Project.
5. Presentation on the work of the Council in the last six months and future plans. Cllr David Sykes (Town Mayor) and Gordon Scaife (Town Clerk) gave a presentation on the work undertaken by the Council in the last 6 months, progress that has been made on suggestions raised at the previous town meeting and future work. The presentation included future events.
6. Questions from the floor.

Litter and dog fouling were raised as continuing issues. The East Riding Dog Wardens require information on the time of day, the location and the kind of dog for the best possible chance of catching a dog owner allowing their pet to foul the pavement.

Fines for littering have gone up but enforcement is carried out by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Matt Litten raised the issue of the proposed reinstatement of the rail line between Beverley and York which would include a station at Pocklington. East Riding of Yorkshire Council hasn't protected the proposed route in the local plan and more development would mean that the proposed route would be lost. Cllr Sykes explained that the Council supports the idea of reinstating the line.

The amount of new housing development in the town is causing a pressure on local infrastructure. There was a discussion about affordable housing and what the term meant in the East Riding. The Clerk explained that developments require to provide 25% as affordable housing which is offered to housing associations. Housing Associations then allocate this to people from the local waiting list for rent. Nearly all the smaller homes on the new developments (one and two beds) go into a housing association. No developments in the town contain 'starter homes'. These are offered for sale at a discount to first time buyers (the criteria is set up central Government).

Colin Goodman stated it was difficult to work with the Town Council.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.