

POCKLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD AT POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON  
WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018 WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs David Sykes (Chair, 50 members of the public and Gordon Scaife (Town Clerk).

The town crier welcomed everyone to the annual town meeting and explained why the town has an annual meeting. He then introduced Cllr David Sykes (Town Mayor).

1. Councillor David Sykes thanked everyone attending.
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 Jones and agreed.
4. Cllr Sykes proposed the notes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be accepted as a true record seconded by Councillor Spademan and agreed.
5. Presentation on the work of the Council. Cllr David Sykes (Town Mayor) and Gordon Scaife (Town Clerk) gave a presentation on the work undertaken on the issues raised at the last Town Meeting and the work Pocklington Town Council has been undertaking recently. Issues raised at the last Town Meeting.

Littering – The Town Council is employing a second part-time handyperson to help keep the town tidy. New litter bins have been installed on London Street opposite Target Lane and on Wold Road/Burnby Lane junction.

Reinstatement of the railway line from York – Beverley via Pocklington. Support has been given to the campaign to reopen the line.

Pocklington Beck. Vegetation has been removed from below Bridge Street – Miller Row by the Friends of Pocklington Green Spaces and Pocklington Town Council to aid the flow of the beck in this area. The trash screens have been regularly cleaned by the Environment Agency. Pocklington Town Council has requested the Environment Agency to undertake a camera survey of the culverts under the town.

Pocklington Town Council has held some very successful events including last year's Tour de Yorkshire. The Tour is returning to the town on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. The organisers of the race were impressed with the efforts the town had put in last year. The front of the art centre has been decorated to complete the refurbishment programme. Three benches have been installed in the Churchyard, one of which has been paid for by the Friends of All Saints Pocklington Churchyard. Planters have been removed from George Street and the trees replanted on West Green. This winter has been particularly snowy (March) and the winter maintenance on the footpaths was carried out. West Green Car Park has been repaired. The Town Clerk reminded those present that the Town Council has small grants of up to £300 which community groups in the town can apply for. The grants are for specific projects rather than running costs.

Work is continuing on the Neighbourhood Development Plan, draft policies are being worked up. A survey will be sent to residents shortly and residents were asked to fill these in preferably on line.

A list of forthcoming events was read.

The Town Council's forward work plan includes footpath improvements in Pocklington Cemetery and All Saints Churchyard. The installation of an outdoor gym on West Green, repairs to West Green Field and Car Park.

6. Questions from the floor.

A resident who had recently been a victim of crime expressed concern about the current level of policing in the town and asked if the Town Council would arrange a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to see when the new officers promised would be deployed. T. Marron proposed that the meeting be set up 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Wood and agreed.

The resident went on to say that recognition is needed for the Handyperson employed by Pocklington Town Council who on Easter Monday on realising the potential risk of flooding in the town deployed sand bags to the vulnerable properties.

A resident asked if the Town Council had asked East Riding of Yorkshire Council to reinstate the parking bays on Market Street. A parking area has been created but with no individual bays which leads to poor parking in this area and the loss of space.

Cllr Sykes explained that a meeting has been held with East Riding of Yorkshire Council about parking in the town. It is hoped that planning permission will be granted for a private employer in the town to create a new staff car park. This would then reduce pressure on the existing car parks which could mean the Station Road Front Car Park could have parking restrictions placed on it. In addition two new disabled bays will be created in the Town Centre.

A resident expressed concern about parking at the Monument in Market Place. There is a space that isn't a space. The Clerk explained that at the meeting with East Riding of Yorkshire Council that a new traffic regulation order (TRO) for Market Place is being developed. This will mean that there will be double yellow lines in this area. The new TRO will also mean that when the road closed signs are removed once the market has closed on a Tuesday then the parking bays and the road will become usable.

A resident who raised a question about providing extra benches two years ago and that the only new seats installed are in the town centre. He asked that the Town Council looked again at providing benches particularly on the main access routes into town. The council will look at this issue.

A resident asked about the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Tree Festival and how much had been raised. £600 had been raised that was split between the Mayor's Charities and the Church. The resident requested that the donation boxes be made more prominent for this year's festival.

A resident raised the lack of bins on Barmby Road. There are three bins on Barmby Road one at the Garage, one at the end of the old railway footpath and one by the seat on Barmby Road. The resident explained that it was needed between Pocklington and Barmby Moor which is actually in Barmby Moor Parish Council's area. The clerk will pass on this request to Barmby Moor Parish Council for consideration.

A resident asked if any controls on the rabbits on the allotments could be undertaken. The resident was asked to raise this with the allotment association. The clerk will also inform the allotment association that the issue of rabbit control has been raised.

A resident asked about the current level of new housing development in the town and what would happen when the current housing allocations all have permission.

The clerk gave a detailed response on the current allocations and the need to complete the Neighbourhood Development Plan before the next allocations are consulted on. A resident made the point that without the new houses being built some families would have to relocate from the area.

A resident asked about the town bus service which is being paid for by the Town Council. Cllr D. Sykes replied that the bus service would be reviewed after 6 months.

A resident commented that the Town Council's website is out of date and requires updating. Cllr Sykes responded and stated that more resource is going into updating the website but that there have been other priorities.

The next Annual Town Meeting will be held in April 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.