

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – WHICH WAS HELD AT
POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2015 AT
7.30PM**

In attendance: 45 including 7 councillors.

1. The Town Mayor, Councillor Paul West welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced other councillors present.
2. Councillor Paul West was appointed Chairman
3. The notes of the last meeting held on 16th April 2014 were accepted as a true record.
4. Councillor West then showed a power-point presentation highlighting the work of the council during the last year.
5. Questions from the floor included
 - Concern was raised about the number of houses being built in the town. A recent announcement that the figure of 1252 houses was a minimum was a major concern. Those present were urged to make their concerns known in the on going consultation. In the strategy documents the changes being proposed were highlighted making them easier to identify. It was said that some references to infrastructure had been removed . The meeting agreed the conclusion of the report on infrastructure should be based on what the town would look like 15years hence as it was scheduled to grow between 34 &50% in that time. There may be a strong environmental case for reusing the bus station as a car park because the site is likely to be contaminated. The Neighbourhood Development Plan could ask that the site be re designated for a car park.
 - It was reported that Cllr Perry had submitted a paper to ERYC who have agreed to employ consultants to look at what improvements can be made the growing impact of traffic in the town. Everyone agreed it was essential that effective enforcement be carried out to reduce the illegal parking in the town. The assessment of traffic

in the town should fully involve local people who had a comprehensive knowledge about possible solutions to problems.

- The mini roundabout outside the library was a dangerous junction. It was reported that central islands were to be installed to assist pedestrians crossing the road.
- Residents from Amos Drive remarked on the poor condition of the footpath/cycle path leading to the new doctors surgery and the lack of adequate footpath lighting.
- Some concern was expressed about the recent Policing changes which had taken place. The new system of the force reducing to five operational centres was explained. Any difficulties experienced should be brought to the councils attention.
- The question of whether there is to be a bus service to and from the new doctors surgery was raised. It was reported that a meeting with Beverley Lift was planned but volunteer drivers were required.
- Concern was expressed about the imminent closure of the Chapmangate Boots chemist.
- The future of Young People Count was discussed and the idea of the possible use of a room at the Police Station was discussed. The idea is to be passed to their management team for them to follow up with the Police Commissioner.
- An on going dispute with the ERYC was discussed by a resident of Miller Close on the Sherbuttgate estate which concerned the erection of a small fence on the highway boundary land. Cllr West our district councillor agreed to take the enquiry on board after the meeting.
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There being no further questions everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

6. The next Town Meeting will be held on 28th October 2015 at The Old Courthouse at 7.30pm.