

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – WHICH WAS HELD AT
POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2015 AT
7PM**

In attendance: 80 including 7 councillors.

1. The Town Mayor, Councillor Martin Ratcliffe welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced other councillors present.
2. Councillor Martin Ratcliffe was appointed Chairman
3. The notes of the last meeting held on 15th April 2015 had been circulated with the agenda.
4. Councillor Ratcliffe then showed a power-point presentation highlighting the work of the council during the last year. The skate park is proving popular with the official opening having taken place in May. The workshop and toilet at the allotments was also completed earlier in the year. The usual floral displays were organised but we only secured a silver-gilt as in previous years. The refurbishment work at Pocklington Arts Centre was to start in November with assistance from a £354,000 Arts Council Grant. After considerable effort by the council and Claude Mole our district councillor the footpath to the doctor's surgery was being repaired.
5. Councillor Ratcliffe then introduced James Durham, a senior planner with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, who has been involved with the compilation of the County Plan with particular emphasis on infrastructure matters. James was able to tell those present that Government figures for calculation of the impact of new development was .7 extra cars at peak traffic times. Those developments highlighted in the plan did not cause concern about putting too many vehicles onto our streets. The impact on pupil numbers at all the local schools had been examined and all were within capacity.
6. Questions from the floor included a general concern that new developments would create further traffic problems. Of particular concern was the growth of HGV's coming through the town. The new developments did not seem to factor in new arterial roads to minimise the

impact. Concern was expressed about the traffic which would be generated by the new houses to be built on Yapham Road as this involves a large number of houses. George Street was already a well used road so it was thought extra traffic would create further difficulties. Standing traffic at peak times was common outside Pocklington library. The flood alleviation scheme for north of the town was mentioned. It was thought a soil bank to hold such a large amount of water was in appropriate. Hodsow Lane was now one of the main roads to and from the town and needed urgent attention to the road surface.

There being no further questions everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

7. The next Town Meeting will be held in April 2016 at The Arts Centre (date to be fixed)