

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WAS HELD AT POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2016 WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs David Sykes, Martin Cooper, Gerry Hutchinson, Terry Jones, Graham Perry, Martin Ratcliffe, Jill Sinton, Paul West, Peter Winterton, Pocklington Provincial Ward Councillors Claude Mole and Kay West, Poppy Kennedy (Pocklington Post) and 59 members of the public.

Pocklington's Town Crier, Geoff Sheasby, called the meeting to order and introduced the town mayor Cllr David Sykes.

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 Councillor Jones and agreed.
4. Cllr Sykes proposed the notes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April be accepted as a true record seconded by Councillor Jones. There were two amendments to the minutes proposed these were in section 6 that objections to planning applications have to be legitimate and on grounds accepted by the planning authority. Margaret Stubbs suggested that the minutes for the Lily Trail should read that the notice board is only a part of the overall project. Agreed.
5. Introduction of the new Town Clerk Gordon Scaife and presentation about the work of the council during the last 6 months. Gordon has been in post for 5 months. The main achievements in the last 6 months have been the completion of the refurbishment of the arts centre, the completion of the Lily Trail, equipment has been purchased by the Town Council for its use during an emergency.
6. Questions from the floor.

Yashpal Anand asked the Town Council to consider producing a new town map as the one we have is now out of date due to the amount of development that has taken place in the town. The Council is investigating the feasibility of putting up maps and information in the car parks to enable visitor orientation.

George Ward asked about the proposed cuts to the buses. The Council is working with East Yorkshire Motor Services and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to minimise the effects. We are waiting for contact from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The number of services affected is small.

Alex Petrie asked the Council to consider installing benches along the main routes into town. This might encourage more people to walk into town if they knew there were places to sit and rest. Alex suggested these be installed along The Mile, Yapham Road, The Balk, Wold Road and Burnby Lane. Alex pointed out that the council had installed a bench on West Green for people to use when walking to the doctors surgery. Richard Knill suggested that housing developers be asked for a contribution towards these benches.

Roger Bruton asked about why work had been done to both the bridges on Bridge Street and Cemetery Lane. The work to the bridge on Bridge Street/London Street was to put in a new trash screen to catch rubbish before it could enter the culverts under the town. The work had been carried out by the Environment Agency. The work at Cemetery Lane has been carried out by a utility company.

A question was asked about if the Council had been approached by Quadrilla. No approach has been made. The Clerk said that more rural parishes are likely to be approached. The questioner had said that Quadrilla has approached Melbourne Parish Council for a meeting. John Dukes asked about the presentation of the Arts Centre Management Accounts and asked if these could be made more transparent. The Clerk reported he is working on the Town Council accounts first to make them easier to understand and follow. There was a follow up question about making the arts centre more profitable. Jed Leach responded he felt that community organisations like Wolds Wonders might be squeezed out. Wolds Wonders is a theatre group for adults with learning difficulties who met and rehearse in the centre and put on shows in the auditorium.

Question about Percy Road street lighting. Street lighting on roads is the responsibility of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and there is a programme to replace all the lamps with LEDs. The Town Clerk will try to find out the programme of works and when Percy Road will be done.

Margaret Stubbs asked about parking and if there was a plan to introduce a time limit on some car parking spaces. There was a discussion about parking including the results of the recent parking survey undertaken as part of the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The survey shows that at peak times there is limited spaces.

Mac asked about the parking on Cemetery Lane and if there were any plans to make it one way.

He also asked about the work of the Environment Agency as there is a build up of silt occurring under the bridge on London Street/Bridge Street and in the culverts under the town.

Yashpal Amand asked about the parking problems around the schools. Buses arrive early before the schools have finished and this causes access problems for residents. This problem is a particular issue around Woldgate. Parents are not being considerate to residents when parking to pick up their children at the end of the school day. This is causing issues on Wold Road and Chapel Hill.

There is also a problem around Pocklington School with buses parked on West Green which is now the main road into town.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.