

Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council

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PARISH OF HARTWITH CUM WINSLEY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 6.30 pm at Summerbridge Methodist Church. (Meeting started late at 18:47)

Present

Cllr T Watson (Chair)
Cllr F Clark
Cllr J Derry
Cllr S Langley

Cllr. S. Parkin (arrived 18:57)
NYC Cllr. N. Hull (arrived 18:57)
S. Smith, Locum Clerk
Mr A. Boyd, National Trust –
Brimham Rocks

1	The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Cllr. Thornton had given his apologies.
2	The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting in 2023 had been approved at the May 2023 meeting of the Council.
3	The North Yorkshire Council annual report from Councillor Nathan Hull was deferred until later in the meeting as he had not yet arrived.
4	<p>The meeting received the Chairman of Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council's annual report:</p> <p><u>North Yorkshire Council</u> A new North Yorkshire Council came into being on 1st April 2023 with the merger of 2 Borough Councils, 5 District Councils and County Council into one new Council which is responsible for the whole of North Yorkshire.</p> <p><u>Coronation of King Charles III</u> Hartwith Parish celebrated the coronation of the King and Queen in May of last year. To celebrate this event Parish Council joined with the Methodist Church and on Sunday a coronation lunch was provided for the residents. Coronation mugs were also presented to school children, these being provided by the Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Mary Fisher B E M</u> Mary received the B E M medal for services to the community which included 47 years as lollipop lady at Summerbridge School. A letter of congratulations was sent to Mary from Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Drainage Problems</u> This autumn and winter has been one of the wettest on record and a number of drainage problems have occurred within the Parish at the following - entrance to Summerbridge Fire Station, Winsley Bank, Brimham Moor Road and at The Whinfields Junction.</p> <p><u>Hartwith School Room</u> The Parish have installed a defibrillator and Cabinet at Hartwith School Room, Stripe Lane, Hartwith and thank Hartwith Education Trust for helping with the installation. Defibrillator and Cabinet is owned and maintained by Hartwith cum Winsley Parish Council and is available for public use.</p> <p><u>Village Maintenance</u> The Parish Council continues to carry out grass cutting in the 30/40MPH areas in Summerbridge and Low Laithe which also includes garden maintenance at Poppy Fields and Dodson Bank Top. Bus Shelters, Village signs, Defibrillators and Benches are also maintained by the Parish Council. As Chair of Parish Council I would like to say thanks to all Councillors for their support and hard work over the last year and thanks to our Parish caretaker and the retiring Parish Clerk.</p>

5 Annual Reports from Councillors and Stakeholders Representing the following bodies:

a) Dacre and Hartwith Village Hall

Cllr. Clark noted that the Hall continues to be available for hire. The Chair noted they are trying to extend the lease for the Village Hall. This is on-going but progressing. The flat roof needs replacing.

b) Dacre and Hartwith Playing Fields Association

Cllr. Langley said the ongoing sage of the road and carpark continues. The Association is trying to get quotes for significant improvements to the site. The quotes for the work are very large and will need grant funding. To help secure that, the Association is reaching out to users of the site to for confirmation that they will benefit from the improvements and use the facilities. The Association have also applied for another grant for four external doors. It had also secured 3 quotes for the flagging at the front of the pavilion, but the quotes are not like-for-like and therefore difficult to compare.

c) National Trust – Brimham Rocks

Alec Boyd, Area Ranger for Brimham Rocks, provided a report.

Easter time is the busiest for National Trust. Unfortunately the overflow car park was not useable as it was still too wet. They had been able to circumvent the problem with the help of messaging and the PCSO who deterred people from parking there. The National Trust was looking at improving drainage on the land, including clearing culverts on the road. Next year, Easter is later so the problem should not arise.

On May 1st, the cattle will return to the site. Last year this had been very successful. The cattle kept certain types of vegetation at bay, which improves the condition of the SSSI. 24 cows roaming 60 hectares had made them hard to locate at times, but they now had thermal imaging to help.

The launch of the Simon Armitage installation had gone very well, and many people had visited with the express intention of visiting the stones.

The National Trust is seeking planning permission to install a new path to the idol stone, which will be mobility friendly.

The Chair expressed his thanks for the first class working relationship between the Parish Council and Brimham Rocks.

6 NYC Cllr. Hull provided the NYC Annual Report.

Cllr. Hull said that he was due to meet with Carl Battersby for a private meeting soon. There are currently numerous problems with Highways throughout the county and he was going to raise many things.

Repairs to the Highway following the landslide at Kex Gill are due to be completed by the end of June. He is pushing for an on site meeting for all local parish council chairs and officers.

An NYC officer has said that he will come and visit to see for himself the double yellow line situation. He hopes to have a positive outcome after that.

He observed that when he reports things to NYC Highways, he often only got feedback 1 in 10 times. He and other councillors are pushing for an online map which shows all the issues that have been reported and what stage that they are at in terms of being rectified. He feels sure such a map must already exist but would like for councillors and councils to be able to access it.

He noted that NYC had had several by-elections last year, most of which did not impact this area. The exception was Cllr. Cunliffe-Lister, elected as NYC councillor for Masham & Fountains, who was now also a Mayoral candidate and may step down depending on the result of the Mayoral election in May.

Cllr. Hull expressed his optimism about the new Mayoral role. This should act as a pump-prime and bring in much needed extra money for the region, which will be of great direct benefit to people living in North Yorkshire.

NYC has pledged to keep bus fares low and to build affordable homes.

Cllr. Derry expressed frustration that the request for double yellow lines on the B6165 had still not been resolved, despite the Parish Council campaigning on this matter. The Yorkshire Water vehicles continue to park on the B6165 and Yorkshire Water had not done anything to address the situation despite being asked to. This situation is dangerous. The Chair asked that a site meeting be held in the future to look at this situation.

7	Elector's question time. No questions were raised.
8	Exchange of Information. No new information was provided.
9	The 2025 Annual Parish meeting will be in April and will be finalised nearer the time.

The meeting finished at 19:22.