

Harworth and Bircotes Annual Parish Meeting

The Harworth and Bircotes Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes

Everyone welcome

AGENDA

- APM23/1 Apologies for absence
- APM23/2 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 23rd May 2022
- APM23/3 Town Council Chair's Report for 2021/22
- APM24/4 Open session

Cllr June Evans
Chair of the Town Council

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Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes, DN11 8JP

Present: Cllr J Evans (Chair)

Others: Mrs Davies (Officer) and members of the public

APM22/1 Apologies for absence

Mrs A Smith sent her apologies.

APM22/2 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th April 2019

Mr Barns proposed to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th April 2019; this was approved by the members of the public present.

The Chair duly signed the minutes.

APM22/3 Town Council's Chair report for 2021/2022

The year was memorable because we – the community and this Town Council – were still dealing with the restrictions of the ongoing pandemic. However, despite the impact of Covid 19 and its variants on some of our staff, the work of the Council continued.

Particularly memorable was the Winter Wonderland event. It was a great success, thanks to the effort of Karen Tarburton, Lee Stewart and Helen Rodgers – not forgetting our own Father Christmas.

One area of concern was reduced income from hire of the Town Hall facilities; I thank our Town Clerk, Wendy, for her close budget monitoring and frugal approach, with the result that any financial crisis was avoided.

One initiative that has really suffered is the Market – first because of Covid, and now because of inflation – this is a national problem. I believe a re-think is necessary on our market.

Conversely, we have seen an increased footfall into the Town Hall during the last quarter of the year – the established groups returned as the restrictions relaxed, and new groups joined us.

We saw a change of staff in-year, which is proving to be beneficial, and we had a minor crisis over grass cutting in the cemeteries during very wet weather; this was resolved by the purchase of a new, more efficient ride-on mower.

Importantly, we made progress on the town Centre Master Plan, which will go out for public consultation this summer.

Overall, 2021/22 was a challenging year. I thank everyone for their input and support during a very difficult time.

APM22/4 Open session

PC Martin reported on recent arrests/prosecutions/Court results over the past three months. An update on the Town Council's Community Speed Watch and the police priority setting meetings were given.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and closed the meeting.

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