

THORNGUMBALD, CAMERTON AND RYEHILL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024

PRESENT: Cllrs Cone, Forrester, Hardcastle, Huckstep, Kirlew-Morris, Melia-Craven, Rogers, Steel, Twidal

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: - None

APOLOGIES: None

It was agreed that the outgoing Chairman would read his report before standing down.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN	Cllr E Twidal	RESOLVED
VICE CHAIRMAN	Cllr D Kirlew-Morris	RESOLVED

PERSONELL COMMITTEE:

Cllr T Forrester
Cllr S Steel
Cllr Melia-Craven

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:

Cllr A Forrester
Cllr C Hardcastle
Cllr M Rogers

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the AGM held on 24 May 2023 were agreed as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Internal Auditor submitted a ½ year report which was brought to the February 2024 meeting. He is returning to complete the Audit in June 2024, the final report will be available for the June 2024 meeting.

SILVER SALVER:

The Silver Salver is presented annually by Thorngumbald Parish Council to a person or group of people who go that extra mile in the community. This year's winner, Malcolm Wilson, received many nominations, Malcolm is a well-respected member of our community, and for many years was a valued member of staff for the Parish Council who always went over and above what was needed or expected. Malcolm retired in August 2023 and is now enjoying spending time with his family.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

In preparation for this report I looked through the Parish Council meeting minutes for the last 12 months and found so much has changed and a few things have stayed the same.

In May 2023 nine Parish Councillors had been elected unopposed leaving four vacancies. During the year we have co-opted new Councillors and others have left us so having vacancies has stayed the same. At our last Annual General Meeting we said farewell to Ben Munroe who was leaving the village with his new family and elected Mike Adamson as our Chair. Sadly, Mike passed away in August and I took over the position, a very unexpected change. I'm grateful for the support I have received from fellow Councillors and Parish personnel.

Changed monarchy saw us presenting the primary school pupils with badges to commemorate King Charles' coronation, the children were so polite and a credit to the school and their families. Changes to the Parish Journal brought forward our talented Brownies, who enthusiastically entered the competitions. There was a very welcome change for the residents of Thorneycroft after they pleaded for our help with a problem that had blighted their lives for some time. The Parish Council pushed and pushed until we found a solution. The plan for nuclear waste disposal in south Holderness was a change that took us by surprise, we attended several meetings on behalf of the Parish and the matter was resolved before the initial consultation finished.

Road safety issues have stayed the same, they are discussed at most meetings and are mostly out of our hands. We were raising concerns with higher authorities several months before a child was hit by a car on one of our pedestrian crossings. Minutes show that we have been asking for better signage to deter speeding motorists for over a year and are still waiting for something to change. Parking and potholes are another perennial. Some potholes have been repaired, others are on the East Riding Council's 'to do' list. We have a good working relationship with our Police Community Support Officers who help out when they can. Drivers' behaviour needs to change.

There are things that I would like to change. I know this isn't The Archers and that Thorngumbald isn't Ambridge but I would like a little more of their community spirit. In January we started our Community Forums, in April we had a pop-up event outside the Co-op for Parishioners to meet their Councillors and hosted the Annual Parish Meeting with free refreshments in the village hall, all aimed to increase the Council's visibility and make it easier to approach your Councillors. The take up was limited and often non-existent. We also set up a structure to help organise events in the community if approached and hope to build up experience and expertise. Our first attempt is the DDay80 commemoration in June. It could be the first of many and a change for the better.

Signed

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