

FULBECK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday, 14th May 2018, Fulbeck Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Councillor Sampson welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 10 members of the public present including DC Sampson.

1. The notes of the last annual parish meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Morison and seconded by Cllr Caunt. Agreed unanimously.

a) Reports

i) Fulbeck Parish Council – Summary of Council Activities 2017-2018

There have been some small changes in the village this year, mainly concerning Planning.

- The developers, Energie Kontor, who had their application to build 10 wind turbines on Fulbeck Airfield refused, decided they would not go to appeal. This meant that money that had been raised and donated by several villagers to fight the appeal in the various villages that would have been affected by the project, could be distributed for other projects in their villages. Fulbeck was fortunate to benefit from this, and we hope to put it towards a new bus shelter on the A607. The site and exact type of bus shelter is yet to be finally decided, and of course, more money is needed, and we have applied for a grant.
- The Straw Storage site, also on Fulbeck Airfield, will now cease to exist and the straw bales removed, as the company were unable to meet some of the planning conditions. This should reduce a lot of the problems with heavy vehicles and straw debris that was affecting the area, especially through Stragglethorpe village.
- There have been several cutbacks by the local authority, which means that the Parish Council are now responsible for most of the grass cutting, especially the verges along the main road and other areas in the village. This, together with other expenses that we can see coming in the future, means that for the first time for several years, we have had to raise the precept to £7,028, (9%). This included a small grant from SKDC which we will not be getting next year.
- We still await news of whether we will be included on the list for more parking spaces to be provided for residents of Lime Tree Close, the Parish Council and the District Councillor are keeping in touch with SKDC, and we hope that we will be one of the fortunate ones in these times of austerity.
- I, again, have made application to SKDC for a grant for resurfacing the Sports Field carpark and after some time, have heard from them late last week, so will make further enquiries into making an application.
- Fulbeck was involved in the SKDC's "Big Clean" in September when a team from SKDC with appropriate equipment and volunteers from the village cleared litter and weeds from footpaths and cut back overhanging bushes. We were fortunate with the weather, refreshments were supplied, and a happy community spirit prevailed. A tidy up of the Church yard was also organised earlier in the year, our thanks go to all volunteers for both events.

- There have been several events held in our newly refurbished Village Hall, which has been transformed decoratively, and now boasts an audio system, new toilet facilities, a hot water heater for teas and coffee, and a dishwasher. We also now have safety railings in front of the main door. Thanks must go to the Village Hall Committee for their hard work, especially to Iris Morison who raised a lot of money through grant applications, and early morning meetings with builders, a veritable Clerk Of Works!
- Our resident Chairman of SKDC , Bob Sampson, held his Civic Service in Fulbeck Church in September, which was attended by other civic dignitaries and councillors from local districts and parishes, with a reception in the Village Hall. We were blessed with good weather, and we hope it helped to put Fulbeck on the map.
- Another Village Fete is planned this year on July 29th at The Hall, and we hope as many people as possible will attend.

ii) Charities Report

On behalf of Mrs Hughes, Cllr Hughes gave a resume of the gifts and grants given from the Relief in Need Fund and the Relief in Sickness Fund and it was noted that the balances were, as at 19th September 2017, £4150.98 and £868.46 respectively.

iii) Parochial Church Council and Church Matters

Mr G Cottingham reported that the new toilet facilities and baby changing facilities were now in the planning stage and it was hoped that everything would go smoothly.

On 15th December 2018 a concert is planned with an organ recital and hand bells.

iv) Village Hall & Playing Field Committee

Cllr Hughes stated that the AGM was to take place on the 13th June 2018 when it was hoped that the balance sheet would be accepted. The accounts will be placed on the notice board and Cllr Hughes stated he would be pleased to answer any queries.

He was pleased to report that the finances continue to be in a healthy state.

The car boot sales are continuing and give a useful source of income. 'Bob's Bucket' has already raised £110 which goes towards the upkeep of the children's playground.

The summer fete was again being held in Fulbeck Hall Grounds courtesy of Mr & Mrs William Day. Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Morison for all his hard work, Mrs Morison for organising the Christmas Dance and her ongoing work with the refurbishment of the Village Hall. As a result of the refurbishment the bookings have increased.

During the winter the Sports Club's pipes froze and burst and caused some damage. However, as some refurbishment was required it provided the opportunity to get the necessary work done. As regards the Playing Field carpark this is not popular with the organisations providing grants.

2. Delay in obtaining an appointment with a Planning Officer

A member of the public highlighted the difficulties she had encountered in obtaining an appointment with a Planning Officer. In view of the inordinate amount of time that had elapsed DC Sampson undertook to look into the delay and report back to the resident.

3. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.