Chairman’s Report Annual Parish meeting 2021

Residents will appreciate that due to coronavirus, the council have been hampered with lack of meetings, but have on occasion met by zoom, therefore this selective report will be over the last two years.

Over the last year this council along with the councils of Barlby/Osgodby and Cliffe have held meetings with ARRIVA to try and keep the service 4 buses running.
All the councils subsidised the service for three months from January to March 2021 inclusive, I would at this point like to thank Cllrs Mike Jordan and Karl Arthur for their generous contributions towards the subsidy. Unfortunately the service was very poorly used, so much so that most buses were running empty. Thinking that this may have been the effect of lockdown, meetings have been cancelled until after lockdown ceases, when we hope to meet with ARRIVA again.

The council have spent the last two years continuing to register the village greens and lands with the Land Registry, to do this ensures that the lands and greens are the property of the village and cannot be developed without the consent of the residents, these are village assets.

This procedure does not happen overnight and the first land to be registered was the Memorial Garden, kindly donated to the village by the Parish of Hemingbrough Historical and Heritage Society. The Parish council thank the past and present members of the society for their wonderful gesture on behalf of the residents of Hemingbrough.

Hagg Lane Green was the next to be registered, but having registered it Covid came and very little work could be done until things eased and maintenance work could be carried out. Thanks go to local residents Katrina Joyce and Ian Brown who banded together with Cllr Liz Carstairs and cleared vegetation from the boardwalk so that it could be used.

A Health and Safety survey was carried out in September and several trees were found unsafe, some trees were supporting other trees and holding broken branches that were in danger of falling onto people walking beneath, the shrubbery alongside the footpath on Hagg Lane was overgrown and blocking the footpath.
All these problems were rectified in November 2020, and will now hopefully be maintained on a regular basis.

The last land registered in April 2021 was Oxbow Green, this is the land on Hull Road opposite the Memorial Garden. This land was kindly donated to the Parish council for the benefit of the residents, by Mr John and Audrey Harrison and a plaque will be placed there to commemorate this shortly.

I would now like to thank local residents Mr Peter Parish for the voluntary refurbishment of the benches at the Memorial Garden and at the junction of Mill Lane/Landing Lane.
Also Mr John Sedman for his assistance in lowering the flagpoles at the Memorial Garden to allow cleaning.
And of course Eric who tours the village in all weathers picking up litter.

I would also on behalf of the council thank all the Councillors and resident volunteers for their help and assistance in the formation of the footpath in Oldways which now stretches the full length. There is just a little more mulch to be spread then it will be perfect, the path is very well used and I do know a lady uses the footpath on her invalid scooter.

I apologise for not naming all the volunteers but I don’t know the names of everyone, some came every time we were mulching and some came for an hour or so, it would be unfair not to name everyone but thank you all for your efforts. Especially Andy Pulleyne without whose assistance we could not have done this fantastic work.

Finally if only we could get all those that aren’t, to pick up their dogs mess and bin it that would be a great achievement, this village has twenty two dog bins. Thank you to local residents Peter and Linda Parrish who once again cleared the overflow from the dog bin on Mill Lane, the council give their thanks but cannot understand why the good people who pick up their dogs mess then place it on top of the bin?

By the way this village is also a member of the twentysplenty campaign, have you got your sticker.

Thankyou