

Wigginton Parish Council
The Old School Community Hall, Mill Lane, Wigginton,
York YO32 2PU

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 1900 on Tuesday 01/05/12 in the Old School Community Hall, Wigginton.

A12/01 Present

Cllrs Vaughan, (Chair), Denton, Douglas, Hyndman, Jeffrey, Runciman, Spence, Unsworth and Wreglesworth.

A12/02 In Attendance

The Clerk, Mrs P Wilford

A12/03 Apologies for absence

Cllr Firth and Cllr Cuthbertson, Mr M Haselfine and The Neighbourhood Policing Team

A12/04 Report of Neighbourhood Policing Team

In the absence of a representative of the Policing Team the Clerk read a report supplied to the meeting as follows:-

There has been an increase in the overall number of reported crime for the Haxby & Wigginton ward, of 23%. At the time of writing this report, the figures for the ward are recorded as follows: 230 recorded crimes this year, compared to 187 in the previous year. Whilst there has been an increase in crime, this can be attributed to "waves" of crime by individuals as opposed to sporadic crime across the ward area as such. Haxby & Wigginton has a large residential and rural area and remains a very low crime area and safe place to live and work.

The areas where the most significant increases have been identified are as follows:

Burglary Dwellings and Burglary Other (Sheds & Garages)

Thefts (which is predominantly shop thefts)

Thefts from unattended vehicles

Violence (which are generally domestic related incidents and public disorder at pubs)

Criminal Damage has reduced significantly in the last year as has anti social behaviour.

To combat the increase in Burglaries and theft from garages and sheds we have run a police operation - **Artefact** - with extra patrols and leaflet drops to residents providing crime prevention advice, throughout the winter months when the darker nights tend to see an increase in such offending.

Further police operations which have also been running in Haxby & Wigginton in the last year as below:

Op Adorn

To reduce crime on farms and businesses within rural areas.

Op Ambience

To reduce antisocial behaviour in our parks and open spaces.

Op Bonafide

To reduce thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles.

Op Tornado

To reduce thefts of scrap metals, while at the same time working with scrap dealers to make the scrap more traceable when metals are bought by the dealers and ensure that traders are abiding by the law.

Day of Action March 2012

Your local safer neighbourhood team, in conjunction with other police departments and along with other partner agencies, carried out a full day of action to target crime and offenders across the whole of York rural North.

It was a very successful day with many excellent results, including the execution of three warrants, the arrest of three individuals, and the recovery of quantities of class B drugs.

Police Restructure

North Yorkshire Police continues to assess the policing structure across the force and the city of York, within which Haxby & Wigginton are currently part of the York rural area.

Plans have yet to be finalised but we do not envisage any major changes to your local police team. Where you may see a difference is that more police officers will be assigned to work from Clifton Moor police station, providing a 24 hour response from Clifton Moor, instead of police responding from York after midnight as is the case at present. It is also anticipated that the North York Team will once again work alongside one another on a day to day basis, allowing for the team to tackle local problems in a united fashion.

Wigginton Issues

Anti Social Behaviour There have not been many issues with regards to ASB in Wigginton. The main areas of concern were reported around Ascot Road, Windsor Drive and the duck pond. These were generally linked to house parties being held and resulted in some disorder when youths left the area. These are however isolated incidents.

One of the most prolific and persistent offenders for anti social behaviour has now been removed from the community, and in fact York, and has been placed outside the county. The youth concerned is suspected to have been linked to the majority of reported incidents of ASB during the last five to six months of 2011.

Speeding

The usual hotspot reports of speeding on Mill Lane. This can be reported to the traffic management by filling in a 95 alive form. North Yorkshire Police now have a mobile speed camera which has been deployed in our area on a number of occasions and is deemed a valuable resource to tackle this problem.

Parking

A number of reports of inconsiderate parking have been received, concerning the bend outside the Haxby & Wigginton Health Centre. We have asked that all staff in the medical practice be advised not to park in this

location due to the bend and difficulty drivers envisage, attempting to safely pass stationary vehicles at this location.

Crime Prevention advice for residents for the forthcoming summer months: Please be vigilant when leaving windows open throughout the day and night, and never leave them unlocked if your property is unoccupied. Always make sure doors are kept locked along with garages and sheds, and that your outbuildings have sufficient security. Do not leave pedal cycles insecure and on display, whether stored in the garage with the door open or not. If they're not secure they can be removed.....in a matter of seconds!

New Non Emergency police number for North Yorkshire Police is: **101**

A12/005 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17/05/11.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 17/05/11 be accepted as a true record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

A12/006 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- a) The Clerk informed the meeting that problems with the Poor and Towns Land Charity account have now been resolved and we are awaiting a report from solicitors on how future funds may be allocated.
- b) The Clerk informed the meeting that the Old School accounts are now fully up to date.
- c) Cllr Wreglesworth pointed out that the minutes seemed to infer that he was no longer a Councillor which is not the case.

A12/07 Chairs report

It is my pleasure to review progress on a number of issues during the last twelve months.

The purpose of the Parish Council is to make Wigginton a safe and cared for place to live in for its residents by making sure that the people of Wigginton get not only value for money from the precept but also support and action where and when it is needed- helped by the fact that we have two City Councillors with us!

To do this, all Parish Councillors are not only involved in the meetings and work of the Council and its committees but significantly contribute to the affairs of the Old School, Churchfields, the Youth Association, the Joint Burial Committee and the Sports and Playing Fields Association.

Could I thank all my colleagues around the table tonight- and in particular David Geary a valuable member of the team with nearly his first year under his belt!

There have been some notable achievements- the revitalisation of the village pond, substantial progress in making the Old School a major asset for the community, the support and encouragement of the services of the Citizens Advice Bureau, the development of the Young Person's Achievement Award, an up and running web-site, much work on trees, hedges and the environment at large.

This progress has been greatly helped by contributions from officers of the City Council, the Ward Committee, the Yorkshire Local Councils Association, North Yorkshire Police and its PCSOs- and by our local contractors and suppliers who give us such good service. With these allies, we have the enthusiasm and

commitment Wigginton deserves. And we have the funds to invest for the future.

Finally may I confirm my gratitude to my fellow Councillors, with Jo Hyndman and Bob Unsworth elected to the Council last May, our thanks to David Pearson who stood down after many years of valuable service, welcoming Richard Denton in his place- and in particular, our thanks to John Jeffrey for thirty years an active energetic Parish Councillor and true champion of Wigginton.

A12/08 Reports from Parish Council Representative Outside Bodies

a) Wigginton Sports and Playing Fields Association

Cllr Jeffrey reported that whilst the association remains successful, times are hard. However members work hard to ensure the playing fields are maintained to a satisfactory level. Funds are not great however and the association will be increasing subscriptions at its AGM by 27%. The Clerk informed the meeting that he has received a copy of the WSPFA accounts for the past year.

b) Haxby and Wigginton Youth & Community Association

Mrs P Wilford gave a report to members on the associations activities which include 3 Youth Club sessions per week and are grateful for the grant given by the Parish Council last year to assist with its funding. They enjoy very good attendances and have a dedicated staff to help with its success. Additional funds are raised by the letting of the room facilities to various organisations.

c) Haxby Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Douglas reported that the Joint Burial committee which meets regularly has carried out a number of visits to the cemetery for the purpose of topple testing. He also reported that the ground available is reducing and in the future there will be a need to acquire additional land. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Haxby Town Council with a view to arranging a joint meeting to discuss land situations.

d) Churchfields Open Spaces Committee

Cllr Douglas reported that the committee has met on a number of occasions during the past year and continues to monitor the Open Spaces. Recently a safety inspection report was received from an independent assessor and is now being actively worked on. The perimeter fencing still remains an issue. The Committee Chair is reviewing Insurance arrangements.

A12/09 Date of the next Annual Parish meeting

The date of the next annual parish meeting is to be confirmed at a later date.

NB These minutes are unconfirmed and subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Parish Council.