

ROXBY CUM RISBY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2023 AT 6.45 PM
IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM**

PRESENT

Councillors: S Smaza (Chair), C Webster (Vice-Chair), M Earp,
R Lockwood, M Verran
J Curtis (Clerk) minuting

Apologies: P Farmery (Vice-Chair),

3 members of the public was present.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and councillors introduced themselves.

2. TO RESOLVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 11 MAY 2022

The clerk read the minutes from the previous annual parish meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Approved: CW

Seconded: MV

3. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

The Chairman read out his report.

A warm welcome to residents who have moved into Roxby, Risby or Dragonby over the last year, I hope you have settled in well.

Sadly, Peter Abbey passed away on 26th December. Peter was a much-loved gentleman often seen walking around Roxby. A respected JP, a hard-working church warden and parish councillor. Peter served on the parish council for many years as councillor, vice chairman and chairman, He loved Roxby and we shall miss him dearly.

We have had a busy year dealing with several issues. The planters at the village entry points were stolen and after some consideration to avoid a repeat of this, the tractor tyres were used instead and in the most, well received in comments from village folk. Thank you to all who contributed and helped improve the village image.

The works for flooding issue at the Water Meadow and Old Barn Lane have yet to be proved as we have not had a severe weather event yet.

Sadly, littering and fly tipping continue to be an issue. Littering and fly tipping is dealt with as swiftly as possible and I thank those who clear any littering and/or report fly tipping to North Lincolnshire Council as soon as they see it. Dog fouling appears to be somewhat less than the previous year and hope this improvement continues.

The bench at Dragonby has been returned to its original location, thank you to those involved with installing it.

The remembrance service in November at St Mary's Church was very well attended to remember those that gave their lives to secure our freedom. An excellent service was provided by The British Legion and Mrs Elaine Southern. The splendid poppy display being kindly provided by Roxby WI.

The playground improvement proposals are nearing completion and we hope to obtain some new equipment which will appeal to everyone.

Signed Date
Chairman

The church clock will be having the weight ropes renewed in the near future.

Two of our Councillors attend regular meetings with Biffa and we are delighted to report the time extension to the use of the rail sidings was granted. This is in order to bring in final capping and landscaping materials. Without this, the materials would have been brought in by road and greatly extended the time factor to complete the process, plus the traffic disruption on the A1077.

I was hoping the purchase of the Methodist Chapel would have been completed by now, but further delays have been encountered, I am sorry to report.

The Parish Council website and Facebook site contain much information and I hope you find them useful. The current Roxby Village Facebook group has proved very useful and I urge more residents to join.

In the absence of the Parish Council Newsletter this year, as there are no updates during this period, please inform us of anything you wish to have included from your groups or activities.

Thank you to Dave Farmery who carries out odd jobs we cannot deal with in-house and for the soldier figures and aircraft for the remembrance service, also Simon Hind for upkeep of the church clock, our ward councillors, Janet Lee and Carol Ross, who have been great help, and our clerk, Jo Curtis who keeps this show on the road.

5. OPEN FORUM

- **Solar Farm** - The planning application has not been submitted to date.
- **Ownership of the churchyard at St Mary's church** - It had come into question whether the churchyard was classified as an open or closed churchyard. On investigation it is an open churchyard, means that the church is responsible for maintaining the churchyard, although there is an understanding in place the parish council is responsible for the grass cutting.
- A resident of Dragonby asked if the noticeboard could be repaired and kept up to date with the agendas and minutes. She asked if someone could have a key. The clerk said there was a key holder in the village, who had offered to keep the noticeboard up to date. She asked if there could be a representative from Dragonby on the parish council. She was assured that many attempts had been made in the past to get a representative for Dragonby to join the parish council.
- The resident asked if the grass on footpath to the bus stop could be cut. However, she was informed it was the responsibility of the farmer.
- Purchase of the Methodist Chapel. There was to be another survey to ascertain the condition of the building. There had recently been an energy survey carried out.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 7.30pm

Signed Date
Chairman