

**ROXBY CUM RISBY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2024 AT 6.45 PM  
IN ROXBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Councillors: P Farmery (Chair), C Webster (Vice-Chair), M Elwes, R Lockwood,  
M Verran (Vice-Chair)

Ward Councillor: H Rowson

Clerk: J Curtis

One member of the public was present.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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

**2. TO RESOLVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 24 MAY 2023**

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Approved: CW**

**Seconded: MV**

**3. CHAIR'S REVIEW**

The Chair read out her report.

*At the May elections in 2023 all the serving Councillors were re-elected unopposed with the addition of Max Elwes, who was co-opted onto the Council.*

*Unfortunately, Stefan Smaza, who was a long serving, hardworking member of our team and leader for the last three years, had to resign because he and Lisa moved to Barton. He is sorely missed.*

*As that left us needing a new Chairperson, I was duly elected and have the help of two Vice Chairs; Charlie Webster and Mike Verran.*

*Due to Boundary changes, we lost our two North Lincolnshire Council representatives Carol Ross and Janet Lee, but gained Ralph Ogg, Elaine Marper and Helen Rowson. We look forward to working with them in the future.*

*Our Parish Clerk, Jo Curtis has worked exceedingly hard applying for grants for the Village and Parish; including £4,750 from the National Lottery Fund to erect a Monkey Challenge climbing wall and a Community Grant of £15,167 for new play equipment and some new safety flooring in the park. We had a grant of £1,359 for much needed clock repairs to the church clock. Most of you will know that this is our War Memorial. Finally, Jo obtained a grant of £605 for a new notice board for Dragonby which should be in place soon.*

*Your Councillors work hard on your behalf, mostly unpaid. Charlie Webster is always on the ball reporting all the fly tipping to North Lincs Council, which unfortunately is on the increase. Richard Lockwood works hard cutting the Public Rights of Way and bridleways. Mike Verran attends meetings of the NLGEP and Mick Earp keeps an eye on the park. He recently cut all the lower branches of trees in the park and the Churchyard to facilitate easier access for Barton Mowing. I am sure that Councillor Max Elwes will soon find his place in the scheme of things.*

*The play park will continue to be closed on 1st February each year.*

*Your Council continues to liaise with Biffa and the Environment Agency. Charlie Webster and myself with the help of residents' representative Andrew Taylor attend meetings, although most of these were virtual since the outbreak of COVID 19. I am waiting for the latest update which will go in the notice boards and on the website.*

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chairman

*Thanks to the hard work of the Roxby Community Centre committee, the purchase of the Chapel finally went through and now the hard work has begun to change it into a Community Centre for all to be proud of and use.*

*Many people are already using the building, including Roxby Women's Institute, Mrs Caley's sewing group, quizzes, and suppers. A Bible study group meet every Wednesday. Flower arranging classes led by Sarah Davies, and leather workshops with Mr Whittaker. If I have missed anything or anyone I apologise, and if you would like to hire the Community Centre, please contact Carol Hodge or Heather Verran, whose contact details are on the new notice board was bought with a grant from Biffa.*

*Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Council and Jo Curtis without whom we would not function, plus our church clock winder and bus shelter warden for the work they put in throughout the year.*

## **5. OPEN FORUM**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED 7.04 pm**

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chairman