

Coxwold Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
7.30pm Wednesday 11th May 2022

Present: Cllrs. Le Gassicke (Chair), Rheinberg, Richardson, Baker, Acting Clerk Wyn-Jones
Apologies for absence: Cllr. Wheeler

1. Welcome to the Parish Cllrs. for 2022-2023
2. All Cllrs. at the meeting agreed to serve and the Clerk agreed to continue in the role. Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the 7th July 2021: these were passed as a true record
3. Matters arising - Nil
4. Approval of end of year Accounts. These were approved.
5. Approval of AGAR. To be completed and submitted before 1/07/22
6. Chairman and Clerks report: This was circulated at the meeting
7. Reports from other village groups. These were received from CPFA, the Church, Art Group, History Group, Bridge Club and the Webmaster and were circulated at the meeting.
8. The tapestry group now has 13 members.
9. Any other business:
 - a. CPC to try to encourage residents to participate in Village activities
 - b. It was agreed to try to foster working relationships with other neighbouring Parish Councils.
10. Date and time of Annual Parish meeting 2023: Wednesday 10th May 2023 in the Village Hall @ 7.30 pm.

Coxwold Playing Field Association AGM Report 2022

Registered Charity No:507408

Our village hall has continued to be used regularly by the art, bridge and local history society groups and this year a tapestry group has also started. Verity has hired the hall weekly for Yoga and Moonshine ice cream are still hiring the kitchen. Monthly coffee mornings and soup and sandwich lunches started up again in September following a long break because of Covid restrictions.

The Applefest, Christmas brunch and The Brothers Gillespie were enjoyed by all who came.

We have installed a PA system and 4 new speakers for the main hall.

The upstairs room which was the Snooker Room is now called 'The Loft.' This has been completely refurbished with new lights, heating, carpets, surround sound, projector, and screen. Huge thanks to Paul Turner for organising this. He spent so many hours down here doing it all, I thought he had moved in!

At the front of the hall, we have had a new membrane put down and new gravel laid.

John Brack continues to maintain the field, his charge per cut this year has gone from £45 to £60 in view of rising fuel costs. We sold the disused tractor to him for £600. Philip Frith continues to mow around the tennis court and keep the area around the tennis hut.

The play area had its annual inspection, because of this a wooden A frame has been removed as it had too many exposed bolts from rotting timber, a new toddler swing seat has been fitted and a new spring on one of the sprung horses.

An ongoing project is taking place to upgrade the children's play area and make the field more interesting, starting with a wildflower strip in a crescent shape, this may take a few years to establish but should create a very pleasant walkway along the stream.

We have decided to allow dogs kept on a lead on the field.

Special thanks to Louise Channer for ploughing through and keeping us up to date with all the complex government Covid guidelines.

Thank you to all of you who use Easy Fundraising, this year we have raised £113 and totally £1,734 so it shows how every small donation adds up.

Finally, thank you to every committee member for your input at meetings and help and support throughout the year.

Anne Le Gassicke 6TH April 2022

Coxwold Art Group

A short time after the final Covid pandemic lockdown in 2021, the Art Group in Coxwold started to meet again in the main Village Hall, albeit well-spaced out and masked until seated. Since that time, there has been a gradual relaxation of these rules, with the group building to a regular 6 or 7 members some of whom come from Husthwaite and Easingwold.

Some of the members are also actively involved on the organising committee of EDAS (Easingwold and District Art Society) where they exhibit both on-line and in the regular Autumn Galtres exhibition. Examples of the Art Group's work can also be seen in the Leisure section of Coxwold's website. Finally, the group has recently been invited to exhibit in Easingwold Library.

Coxwold local History Society (CLHS).

Regaining momentum again after the last 2 years of the Covid pandemic has been difficult for CLHS. Regular membership has also dropped to 6. However, new activities have been planned and including:

- 1) A guided tour to Byland Abbey on May 25th for which 14 people have already signed up.
- 2) An evening of illustrated talks on June 15th entitled 'Of Mice, Men, Rabbits and Unicorns' i.e. essentially the craft of the cabinet maker in Yorkshire. Simon Le Gassicke is the team leader for this event.

In April, one of our members, Moira Fulton, gave an excellent illustrated talk for Husthwaite History Society on the Monuments in St. Michael's Church, Coxwold.

Finally, the Society continues to receive enquiries from families investigating their ancestors history in Coxwold. They make the link to CLHS through the Coxwold website.

John Robinson.
May 2022.

St Michael's Coxwold

Church Warden's annual report

It has been a challenging year given the combination of a Vacancy with no Rector and the Covid restrictions. But the arrival of Revd. Katie Franks in December and the easing of the Covid constraints make for a positive outlook.

The building is 600 years old; this anniversary has been marked by the publication of the new guide book which was written by the Coxwold History Society

Our congregation has declined due to Covid and the existence of on-line services, which are of course a huge asset for people who cannot get to church but a potential problem if they result in a decline in people joining for worship together.

This decline has been in part offset by the couples joining us from far and wide as they prepare for their weddings at Coxwold and also the number of people who visit the church casually or for a time of quiet reflection which has increased possibly due to Covid.

We urgently need anyone who is interested to help with bell ringing particularly for weddings and funerals for which they will get paid and also for the maintenance of the building and churchyard which need a lot of attention.

In conjunction with the National Park we have embarked on an experiment to encourage biodiversity by reducing the frequency of grass cutting within two areas of the churchyard, its hoped that this will encourage wild flowers butterflies and insects.

The survival of the church at Coxwold is dependent on people using it for services, so do join us; you will now find a warm welcome at shorter services in modern English with coffee afterwards, this is in addition to the more traditional forms of worship which will also continue to be part our worship.

Chris Stratton

Churchwarden May 2022