

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2013 @ 6.30PM

Present: Councillor K. Devers (Chairman) and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk).

Also present 9 Parish Councillors, Mrs S. Hoyland (Project Officer) 11 members of the public and Mrs Julia Mulligan (Police & Crime Commissioner).

Chairman introduced Mrs Mulligan and asked her to make her presentation and then members of the public can ask questions.

Mrs Mulligan reports that consultation had good response and they now need to deliver on what the public require. North Yorkshire Police have been criticised for their response to anti-social behaviour complaints and this is being addressed. Most other complaints are about speeding and other traffic offences. They now have an ASB task force which will look at hot spots and deal with them better. She also reports that people are not sure where to go to with complaints and stated that the Community Partnerships were a good place to start.

They have an increase in speed camera vans and these will be deployed where necessary. It is hoped they will be better used than in the past, but doesn't want it to be "who shouts loudest" who get them. We have lots of motor cycle problems in this area with speeding. These camera vans are self funding and £30 of each fine goes to the 95 alive Partnership to educate offenders.

They now have a Section 136 place of safety opening in Scarborough shortly and also ones planned for York and Northallerton. These are needed to prevent vulnerable people being kept in police cells.

An independent Office is being set up separate from the Police for investigations to be dealt with fairly.

New Chief Constable starts on the 3rd June he is from a rural area of Northern Ireland and is well, suited to deal with problems which North Yorkshire have. He and his family are looking forward to settling in the county.

Councillor Doherty asked if the speed cameras are only allocated to set areas? Mrs Mulligan states that the Fire Service assesses the areas and decide where the vans should be sited. She did think they should be more responsive to public complaints and this is being reviewed for the future.

Councillor Packham mentioned that the Community Forums are now Community Engagement Forums which when these were Sherburn and South Milford and local areas were much better these have now got too big areas which dilutes the local issues. Mrs Mulligan would look at this.

Mrs Mulligan asked about Police officers attending our meetings, Clerk reports this does not happen very often as he cannot change his shifts easily to attend our meetings, Mrs Mulligan would look into this as she feels officers attending meetings is quite important. Chairman stated that we have no complaint with Pc Richardson he does an excellent job.

Resident stated that if she allocated the speed vans to Moor Lane/Kirkgate around 6- 6.30am she would pay all the Police salaries from the fines with bikes doing wheelies and cars speeding. Mrs Mulligan agreed that local input is very important but she needs to be careful where these vans go.

Chairman asked what could be done about parking problems in the village. Mrs Mulligan reports that this is to be shortly handed over to the District Councils to deal with. Chairman also asked about youths hanging around in the village swearing, spitting and being a general nuisance which worries people who go into the village especially in the evenings. Mrs Mulligan agreed the Police need to up their game with regards to these problems.

Mr Jordan asked what would happen with regard to Police volunteers if money saving exercises are being looked at. Mrs Mulligan stressed that possibly more volunteers would be required as she needs to provide an efficient front line policing and therefore more volunteers would be required to run offices etc. therefore training will be needed and this will continue. Councillor Packham mentioned the 20mph speed limit which the police will not enforce. Mrs Mulligan states that this is not a statutory limit so they cannot enforce it, it just encourages people to be more aware of speeds.

Chairman thanked Mrs Mulligan for her attendance and she then left the meeting.

Residents asking about what is happening regarding the excessive traffic which is going to come from the proposed extension of the Trading Estate and why was this needed when there are numerous empty buildings and sites on the present estate. Councillor Packham states that the plans are now in for this area and 1 million square foot of development is proposed. He will be chasing this with County Council as he is very concerned as are all the Councillors about the increase in traffic this will create along with the 700 new houses proposed.

Resident states where they are intending to site the access bridge for this site is on a blind spot in the road where numerous accidents have already occurred. This is the worst possible site for this access. Chairman states that the developers say they must be very sure of their figures before making statements to planning or they will be thrown out without being considered. Councillor Doherty states he is trying to get guidelines from County regarding traffic complaints and he will liaise with these residents when he receives these. Resident states that lorries to Gascoigne wood are already making this road band for heavy traffic and also some taking short cuts to Selby to save fuel. Residents state we must make people aware of what is going on and is the local MP in favour of this? Residents also report that the local pub was turned down to build houses on this area because of Highways complaints so why is it being considered?. Agreed that we should set up a sub-committee to liaise with residents and make sure that Selby realise that this is not what local people want. Councillors Doherty, Chairman, M. Hobson and Mrs Thwaite were elected to this committee.

Resident asked what was happening with regard to the Old School in Kirkgate. Chairman reports we have not yet received Structural Survey so nothing can be done until that received. Resident reports that 269 people signed up at Gala to save this school. Councillor Packham states that this can only be saved if it is a sound property which can make money and pay its way.