

WOODMANSEY PARISH MEETING

16TH APRIL 2018

VILLAGE HALL, WOODMANSEY

Present: Councillor Mrs K Harold(Chair), Mr M Bowden, Mr N Hart, Mr A Jolley, Mrs J Los, Mrs L Richardson, Mr N Swaby and Mr C Waddington.

Also present: Ward Councillor G Mathieson, Judith Roberts (Clerk) and 4 member of the public.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllrs Beal, Jon Los, Oliver, Shores and Ward Councillor Jump.

1. **MINUTES - Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
2. **PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES** – The Chair, Councillor Mrs K Harold, welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented her Annual Report as follows:

“**Welcome**, thank you all for coming. The Council has been active over the year, bearing in mind that Parish Councillors **give their time and effort voluntarily**.

The main activities this past year have centred on the following:

Council Meetings - The council is delighted that this year we have seen members of the public attending most of our council meetings. The council always welcomes input from the public and encourages all participation.

Housing Developments – As residents will be aware there are a number of large housing developments that have been started within the parish. As indicated last year the council is keen to ensure that the community benefit as much as possible from these developments. To that end we are currently in the process of bidding for £180,000 commuted sums so that we can implement a major refurbishment of all the play areas within the parish. We have posted a tender for the works and if all goes to plan, initial redevelopment should be completed before the start of the school summer holidays.

Residents will have the opportunity to input into the selection process so that council can ensure that the best possible design for the community is selected. More information on this topic will be available during tonight’s council meeting.

Play Areas – The Council program of regular inspections has been working well. I am pleased to report that in the last year we have required very little investment in maintaining our play areas. However, we are aware that some equipment is looking a little tired which is why we are bidding for the sums mentioned above.

At our Southwood Park site will will be doing some major tree work as soon as the weather improves and the land dries out. The trees behind the main play area are not in good condition. They are overhanging the play area and after taking

expert advice it has been determined that they need to be felled. Details of when this will happen will be posted on our website.

Neighbourhood Development Plan – The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Woodmansey has continued to progress. It is hoped that we can enter the final stages later this year and hold the public referendum.

Finance - The Council continues to act prudently in the interests of residents. Last year the precept for 2017/18 was set at £28,282 which reflected the planned expenditure for the year. However, the council actually underspent by just over £9000 due to delayed projects or monies not being required. Our reserves currently stand at just over £54,000. This is in line with recommended guidelines.

The precept this year was set at £28,829.00. This will cover our planned expenditure for the year.

Anaerobic Digester Plant - planning for this was approved last year. The council is aware that residents are very concerned about this development and are participating with the liaison group as well as staying in regular contact with the planning officer involved at East Riding Council to ensure that this is implemented according to the approval granted.

Community Safety - The Council continues to liaise closely with its Police Community Support Officers who attend meetings of the Parish Council when they can to give the latest update on reported incidents of crime.

Bus Shelters - The council is pleased to report that we have engaged the services of the Beverley Round Table to clean our bus shelters twice a year. An initial clean was done in January this year. The plan is normally to do this in spring and autumn.

Financial Assistance – In line with its policy of supporting local community organisations the Council has made grants to:

- Woodmansey & Keldmarsh Primary Schools - to support cycle proficiency training for pupils.
- Woodmansey Primary School - playing field grant
- Woodmansey Youth Club
- St Peter's Church
- Farmwatch - to help fight rural crime

Facebook Page - The council is always looking for ways it can improve communication with local residents. Therefore, in addition to its website, it recently set up its own facebook page. It is hoped that residents will find this useful.

Finally, a word of thanks – I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parish Councillors for the support they have given me this last year and also to our clerk, for all her hard work.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm