

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Armthorpe Community Centre on Tuesday 04 April 2023.

In attendance: Councillors C Brodhurst Brown, N Berry, C Joseph Jay, S Knowles, T Needham, E North, T Nowell, F Tyas and M Walton

Also in attendance: Eight members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Councillors A Barrington, A Dickson, C Head and V Revell.

1. Report from Chairperson of Armthorpe Parish Council:

Councillor C Brodhurst Brown read the annual report.

2. Updates from local community groups and charities:

None in attendance.

3. Questions raised by members of the public:

A member of the public questioned whether the Council would consider taking responsibility for the Miners Memorial Garden to protect it in the long term.

Councillor C Brodhurst Brown advised that the Council fully support the work of the volunteers who have created and continue to enhance and maintain the garden. Discussions have taken place to ensure that everyone involved is aware that the Parish Council will take responsibility when required to.

A member of the public questioned the ownership of the land.

Councillor C Brodhurst Brown confirmed that CISWO owns the land.

A resident advised that previously, discussions had been held between the Parish Council and Doncaster Council to create one large area of land to the rear of the Community Centre.

A resident commented about Armthorpe having fewer green spaces compared to neighbouring Parishes, most of the land seems to be owned by CISWO.

A member of the public advised that a community garden has been created in Mexborough with a polytunnel, members of the public can join in and grow plants.

Councillor T Needham advised that Southfield Primary School own a piece of land which was used as an allotment site, they no longer use the land and have agreed for the site to become a community allotment site. The project will include raised beds and members will be allocated a bed to work on.

A member of the public complained about the timing of the road works on Brampton Lane, the works are scheduled to interfere with the bin collection days.

Councillor T Needham advised that the works should be carried out in stages, the collection of bins should not be interrupted.

A member of the public requested an update on filling in the potholes on St Mary's Drive.

Councillor T Needham advised that the works had been delayed and will be carried out after gas works have been completed.

A resident reported an issue with potholes on Uplands Road.

Councillor T Needham agreed to report the issue to Doncaster Council.

A member of the public complained about parking issues outside the massage therapist located on Rands Lane.

Councillor T Needham agreed to report the matter to Doncaster Council.

A resident questioned whether there are plans to build a school on the Hatfield Lane development.

Councillor T Needham advised that land is available to build a school on the land, but it is dependent on finding a provider to invest in the project.