

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Armthorpe Community Centre on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

In attendance: A Barrington, N Berry, C Brodhurst Brown, C Head, C Joseph Jay, S Knowles, L Mason, T Needham, E North, S Rose, K Stothard, F Tyas and M Walton and five members of the public

Also in attendance: Sarah Youngman, Clerk to Armthorpe Parish Council.

Apologies for absence: None received.

1. Report from Chairperson of Armthorpe Parish Council:

Councillor C Brodhurst Brown read the annual report.

2. Update from Councillor T Needham regarding the Doncaster Council Choose Kindness project:

Councillor T Needham introduced himself as the elected member for Armthorpe and provided an overview of the project. Organisations and individuals are being encouraged to take the Choose Kindness pledge. Council members agreed to discuss the project further at the next Parish Council meeting.

3. Updates from local community groups and charities.

Helen Evans from Armthorpe Community Theatre attended the meeting to provide details about the group, and the plans for the year ahead. Helen also advised that the group are looking for more male members and volunteers to assist backstage.

John Hemingfield from Armthorpe Rovers Junior Football Club attended the meeting to advise that there are currently seven teams with 101 regular players and 110 young people including the nursery group. Thanks were given to Councillor T Needham for the assistance of funding towards new football nets.

A volunteer from Thornham Community Garden attended the meeting to advise that the project is progressing, and the garden is becoming busier with more volunteers being involved.

Christine Brodhurst Brown provided an update on the Armthorpe Food Support Project. The group currently have 22 volunteers and are delivering to approximately 30 families each week. During the Christmas period the numbers increased to 55.

Andrea Barrington attended the meeting to provide an update on the S.U.P.P.O.R.T Armthorpe project. The project has been running for two weeks, the sessions are open to all Armthorpe residents who are feeling lonely, vulnerable or isolated. The sessions are held on Thursdays from 11am to 3pm and the group have the opportunity to talk, joins in activities and have lunch together.

4. Questions raised by members of the public:

A member of the public questioned why Doncaster Council no longer carry out litter picking in the village and complained about the state of the grass verges.

Councillor S Knowles advised that the grass cutting schedule had been delayed due to the wet weather. Councillor T Needham advised that there have also been issues with staffing levels at Doncaster Council. City Councillors are working hard to resolve the matter and regularly report issues to Doncaster Council.

Councillor A Barrington asked whether Doncaster Council participate in the No Mow May initiative.

Councillor T Needham advised that he was unsure, but the Council are working on the wildflower areas and are sourcing a better mix of seeds to improve the areas.

A member of the public complained about pothole being painted in readiness for repairs, but the work hasn't been carried out.

Councillor T Needham advised that the affected areas will be chased up with Doncaster Council.

A member of the public complained about the road surface outside B&M.

Councillor T Needham agreed to chase up the matter with Doncaster Council.

Councillor C Joseph Jay reported feedback from non-residents regarding the cleanliness of the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm