

# **NORTH KILLINGHOLME ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**The Annual Parish Assembly was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, North Killingholme.**

**Present :** Cllr Mrs Broddley - Chairman  
Cllr's Boyington, Robinson, Woods and Russell.

**In attendance :** Cllr D Wells, Rebecca Brimble - LOR  
Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.  
2 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence :** Cllr D Chapman, Cllr P Clark, Cllr R Hannigan.

**2. Chairman's Report :** This has been my first year as chair of North Killingholme Parish Council and I thought I knew how much time our previous chairs spent on parish activities but I underestimated it by a country mile. What you think are five-minute jobs take hours and hours whereas other jobs that you think will take an age just happen.

It has been a sad year with the loss of some parishioners in the village, firstly the loss of our eldest and one of, if not the longest residing person in the village, George Wharton, followed by his wife Margaret and then the tragic loss of Marlene Hadley in a road accident back in August.

2016 saw the installation of the three new village signs, on either end of Top Road and Church Lane, I was one of the cynics about the signs but I must say that they are lovely and were very well received by the veterans of 550 and their families, and thanks goes to David Wells for all his help in getting the signs installed for the remembrance weekend in July 2016. The 550 reunion goes from strength to strength and hopefully the reunion this year in September 2017 will be as good as previous years given that it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I will look forward to that later in the year. The sign on the village green has also been refurbished, thanks go to Kath's daughters partner and I am very grateful to all those people who give their time and resources willingly and freely to help us maintain the sign, bench and other village assets that have been donated over the years.

It's been a difficult year from a traffic perspective with the ongoing works on the upgrade of the A160, and now we have the end in sight hopefully the traffic problems may be eased, the jury is still out on that one for me. Costain have had a difficult job and the key community liaison person, Steve Harrison did a sterling job dealing with issues that we had as a parish on the occasions when we had cause to contact him. Last August Kath and I engaged in a meeting with Steve Harrison from NLC and Cllr Richard Hannigan regarding the traffic, the first time we all sat round a table and discussed the issues surrounding our village. An action plan was developed and has been partially executed and once the new upgraded road has been handed over to the Highways Agency we can move onto the next phase. It's a slow process and whilst not ideal for the residents who are suffering with the inconsiderate HGV drivers my hope is that by continual collaboration with the council and other agencies involved such as Humber Sea Terminal we can begin to minimise the impact on their quality of life.

The waste on the airfield is still there and thankfully seems to be under better control by the council and environment agency such that we don't experience swarms of houseflies during the warmer weather. Recent reports of flies have not on investigation come from the airfield, not sure where they have come from but the sooner the waste is removed the better.

The church monthly coffee mornings are going from strength to strength and its good to see people coming together monthly for a natter and a bowl of soup and hopefully they will be able to continue, the craft fairs are also well attended as are the history displays that Kath spends so much time putting together for us all to see and enjoy. Its great that Kath takes the time to collate this information for us they do in preserving our village history.

The job as chair is a thankless task and on a couple of occasions I have considered resigning, but then I give myself a talking to and I bounce back. I have been a parish councillor for about 25 years I think and over the years have seen many changes. There are two things in life that are definite, one being death and the other being change and unfortunately for both there is not always anything we can do about it. This village has changed in the 30 years I have been here along with the surrounding industrial landscape. We have still yet to see the full development of the land on Rosper Road after the marine energy park did not quite happen as Able UK predicted but one thing we need to continue to do is work with the local ward councillors and all the local companies to endeavour to minimise the impact their activities have on the residents of North Killingholme. We have to find ways to work in a collaborative manner such that we all can live side by side in harmony, the industry is not going to go away, the process is slow and resources are finite but with continued consulations I'm sure that we will get there.

Thanks, go to our ward councillors for their continued support and to Karen for keeping me on the straight and narrow.

**3. Public Forum** – No matters raised.

**4. Any Other Business** : No Matters raised.

There being no further business the Annual Parish  
Assembly closed at 7.10pm.