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## **NORTH KILLINGHOLME ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**The Annual Parish Assembly was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, North Killingholme.**

**Present :** Cllr Mrs Broddley - Chairman  
Cllr K Boyington, Cllr D Chapman,  
Cllr K Robinson.

**In attendance :** Rebecca Brimble and Chris Smith – LOR  
Cllr P Clark, Cllr R Hannigan, Cllr D Wells.  
Mrs K Pickering – Clerk. 7 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence :** Cllr's Shelley and Russell.

### **2. Chairman's Report :**

This is my last chair's report and my last meeting as a parish councillor for North Killingholme. Whilst some will rejoice at the news I would just like to reflect on what has been achieved during my 20 odd years as a parish councillor and more recently as the chairperson.

There has been lots of work done on the village hall during this time starting with the carpeting that is still in place today, the UPVc doors and windows, central heating upgrade, tables and chairs and now the toilet refurbishment, much of this work has been completed with the aid of the grant schemes that are available locally which are funded by the numerous businesses that operate in the local area. Although, these areas of improvement have not meant that the hall is used as often as we would like but at least it keeps it operational and it remains a suitable venue for family get togethers, parties and the like.

There has been lots of work undertaken by North Lincolnshire Council with the assistance and perseverance of the ward councillors, with the infrastructure in the area and issues with HGV's etc, still lots of work to do but given the finite resources, namely finance that is available I do feel that we are beginning to get work done that has been long overdue, and the area is beginning to get the recognition within the authority as a major contributor to the economic success of North Lincolnshire.

One of the major achievements that I believe that we have achieved as a parish council is that we have tried to foster an atmosphere of approachability, what I mean by that is that businesses who are looking to undertake work or development in our parish want to come and talk to us about how it will impact us and they seek our comments as to how we can all live and work together. This process really started with Total many years ago and has thankfully continued ensuring that we can speak openly with each other and I thank Total, for their continuing support of our parish and believe that most of the time we are actually good friends and neighbours. This approach has also I feel been adopted with the recent works undertaken by Orsted and I hope that this continues with the next phase of their project work and also with Amco Giffin to name but a few. I am of the belief that the majority of the industry that operates within our parish want to do it in harmony with us and want to work with us as a parish in a collaborative manner but as ever is the way with human nature it is often the few that spoil it for the majority, I don't believe that anyone every really decides to deliberately upset the people in the area that they intend to work.

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The industrialization of the parish started in excess of 50 years ago when the refineries opened and has increased over the years and I think that I am safe in saying that there are not many people who have lived or now currently live in the village who haven't benefitted either directly or indirectly from the industry around us.

The 550 reunion continues to grow and the parish council continues to support them with the upkeep of the bench, the village sign and the notice board in the church and long may that continue. The reunion, in July this year will always be an important weekend for the village and thanks go to all those people involved in making it a success, from the cake bakers, litter pickers to the grass cutters, if it wasn't for people giving their time willingly then this important commemorative weekend would be much more difficult to arrange and the village would not look as good as it does on the day.

The parish council would not run as smoothly as it does without the continued support of Karen, and it saddens me to say that this meeting will also be her last. Karen has ensured that we do everything as it should be, and she sure will be a difficult clerk to follow. Thanks also go to the other members of the parish council for their continuing support and the sharing of the work load, and finally thanks go to the ward councillors who have given support, advice and encouragement over the last 12 months. Being a parish councillor is a "thankless" unpaid task which we do for the love of our community. We haven't always got it right but we never set out to do it wrong either!!!! Decisions have always been taken with the best of intentions and if there are two things that I take away from this experience it is the following:

You will never please all of the people all of the time and for every finger pointing at you there are three fingers pointing back.

I wish the new parish council good luck and if there is anything that I can do to help please do not hesitate to contact me. North Killingholme is a lovely village nestled amongst major industrialization but even amongst all of that we can still let our children play out, have a fantastic display of daffodils in the spring, hear the church clock chime and hear the church bells ring when there is a wedding, even above all of the noise, litter and traffic that we experience.

### **3. Public Forum**

Cllr Mrs Robinson advised the meeting that this was her last meeting as a parish councillor and asked that she be able to keep a set of keys to the village hall to be able to show visitors around the 550 Squadron museum. She also asked for the support of the newly elected parish council for the 550 Squadron charity. Cllr Robinson advised that the reunion on 13/7/19 would enjoy a flypast by a Lancaster at 12noon and that she hoped that the annual 3 day event in September could continue to use the village hall free of charge.

**It was noted that the contacts for the parish council would continue the same until 13/5/19.**

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

There being no further business the Annual Parish Assembly closed at 7.45pm.

