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## **Scrooby, Torworth And Ranskill**

All the news and views from our three villages

### **IN MY OPINION**

**Would you like to contribute something that you feel strongly about and want to tell our readers? If so, please email it or let your village representative have your copy (around 350 words) in good time for next month.**

**All advertising copy and alterations to advertisements must be submitted by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

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Dear Readers

Well it has certainly been a very rainy month but it doesn't seem to have dampened any of your spirits!

The summer events have continued with Torworth's Annual Summer Festival & Dog Show. As you can see from our cover photo by Julian Murray, families were out in force to support the event come rain or shine.

August brings more talks, meetings and a fun filled bank holiday weekend.

Look out for information about Scrooby Horticultural & Craft Show—do you have anything that you can enter? And don't forget to buy your Scrooby Parish Lunch tickets.

The Ranskill & Torworth Festival Committee are inviting you to their AGM—can you help with future events?

Has anyone else had a glut of courgettes? Then why not try Joy's ham and courgette tagliatelle recipe.

Have a lovely summer.

Luci







## Dog Show Results!

**BEST IN SHOW** – Won by  
Lynn Sylvester with her  
rescue dog (pictured)

**BEST PEDIGREE PUPPY** –  
won by Julie Vernon with  
her Rottweiler “Bee”

**BEST VETERAN  
PEDIGREE** – won by  
Graham Hadley with his  
English Springer Spaniel  
“Merlin”





# Torworth's Annual Summer Festival and Dog Show

Torworth Playing Field & Events held their annual Summer Festival & Dog Show on Saturday 8th July. Luckily the thunder and lightening forecast for the day was not too detrimental and there was plenty of shelter under marquees during the showers.

Our aim as always was to provide a fun and economical day out for the whole family so entry to the event, the climbing wall, face painting and the bouncy castle were all free.

Bawtry Youth Theatre, Burlesque Chair Dancers, Hannah Harris and the U3A Steel Band all gave wonderful performances and with 40 stalls on site there was plenty to see including the chance to get in some practice with the East Retford Rugby Club.

The tea tent had a great selection of cakes with tea, coffee and soft drinks whilst the BBQ was busy serving burgers and sausage baps to a constant stream of customers.

Councillor Pete Brown drew the raffle where the first prize of two return rail tickets to anywhere on the LNER line was won by Ian Symonds. See a separate page for a full list of all the prize winners.

The dog show attracted entries from all over North Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire with a wide variety of breeds taking part. Winners won magnificent trophies and all the dogs and young handlers went home with lots of treats. We all love our four legged friends, so we are pleased to report that a donation of £130 is being made to "Bloodbank For Dogs". Portland Vets of Retford who were our vets on call for the day, like all vets, do have need of this vital service. A further donation of £50 is being made to Midland Golden Retriever Rescue.

The Party in The Park ran from 6pm - 10pm with music provided by D J Samson. A beautiful mobile

bar set up in a converted horse box proved very popular and pizzas, chips and ice cream were on sale as people enjoyed relaxing on a warm sunny evening which included an impromptu rounders game led by Gail Footitt.

There is a lot of work involved organising an event on this scale so special thanks go to HJ Helliwell & Sons, Gail Staniland, Julian Murray, all our Sponsors and Donors, and of course all our volunteers -especially Rob Willis who always gives so much of his time for the benefit of Torworth.

Do take a look at our Facebook page **Torworth Festivals & Events** where you will find lots more photographs, some of which were taken by committee members and others by Julian John Murray.

If you were unable to attend this event keep an eye on our Facebook page to find out what we are planning next.

Rotary President Mary Danby and Percy Laws Trust representative Colin Lawrenson with Torworth Parish Council chair Christie Willis at the annual Torworth Summer Festival & Dog Show .

The Percy Laws Trust donated funds to enable the purchase of the disabled toilet which has already seen much use in its 4-month short life at the Jubilee celebrations, car boot sale and other local community events.

# Winners of the Torworth Festival Raffle

**First prize: 2 Standard Class Return Tickets on LNER Services;**

**Ian Symonds**

**2nd Prize: 2 Adults and 2 Children Day Admission to Yorkshire Wildlife**

**Park; Carol Willis**

**3rd Prize: 2 Adults and 2 Children Day Admission to Yorkshire Wildlife**

**Park; Graham Parnell**

**OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE:**

**£50 M & S Voucher; Geoff Lodge**

**£50 Torne Valley Voucher; Laura Campbell Turner**

**£50 Wilfreda Coach Voucher; Tracey Cohen**

**Globber Scooter; Georgiana (Face Painter)**

**£30 CASH; Graham Parnell**

**'minions' 6ft Inflatable bouncer; Ann Charlton**

**Gift certificate to the Tournament Ground Activity Centre; Dawn (Bar Staff)**

**£30 Pride and Joy Dog Grooming Voucher; Rachel**

**Litre Bottle Famous Grouse Whiskey; Pat Gubbins**

**£25 Amazon Voucher; Wanda—Ranskill**

**Bottle of Port; Carol Walker**

**Bottle of Harveys Bristol Cream Sherry; Tom ?**

**Fortnum & Mason 4 place Picnic Hamper; Peggy Hayward**

**Family Ticket to Boston Park Farm; Graham Parnell**

**Family Ticket to Astrabound; Bill Campbell Turner**

**£10 Bacon's Voucher—Paul Robertson**

**Torworth Grange Voucher - Dawn Lacey**

**£5 Bacon's Voucher—Paul Robertson**

## Christian Perspective



Who Am I? In these days of much social and political change, this is a question we might well ask ourselves! Who am I and where do I fit into this modern society? We come into the world a child of our parents.

Maybe we find we are

part of a family with brothers and sisters. In due course we may get married and have children of our own. We find our position in the family changes. It may be we have a career and define ourselves by our work life for a season. But still this question persists. Who am I?

When we put our trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour we enter in to a new identity. We read in the first chapter of John's Gospel. *To those who believe in His name He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12.* So first and foremost if you are a believer in Jesus you are a child of God. That is your status and it doesn't change.

Then we read some interesting verses in Isaiah. God is speaking and he says to the believers in Israel that they are first his 'servants', then they are 'chosen', and finally 'friends'. Isaiah 41:8.

Now if we are servants, that presumes that we do what someone else requires, not what we want to do. I came across an interesting quote by Smith Wigglesworth recently. When asked how he felt when he woke up in the morning, he replied that he didn't ask himself how he felt, but rather aligned himself with the will of God.

In the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was praying before he went to the cross, knowing how terrible it would be, he prayed, "Not my will but yours be done."

We often think that God exists for us, especially when we are in trouble and have problems. We go to God and expect him to sort things out for us, and how blessed we are when our prayers are answered. But the Bible tells us we are here to obey him and please him and do his will, first.

But along with being God's servants we find this word 'chosen'. How precious it is to know that God has chosen us, not just to care for us and answer our prayers, but as Paul writes to the Ephesians, *In him we were also chosen... that we might be for the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:11, 12.*

And then we come to the word 'friends'. Jesus is talking to his disciples in John 15:15,16. And this is where he draws all these thoughts together. He says, *"I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."*



How wonderful to know we are children of God, his servants, his chosen ones and his friends! This is the true identity of those who put their trust in Christ.

Brenda Critchley

## Puzzle for August

Sudoku is a number placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to complete the grid by entering numbers from 1 to 9 in each empty cell of the 9x9 grid which comprises 9 sub-grids each with 9 cells in a 3x3 pattern. Each row, column and sub-grid must contain only one instance of each number.

There are variants of Sudoku. In this puzzle there are 4 groups of shaded cells. Each of these shaded groups must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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# Church Notices for August

- Sunday 6th: Blyth- 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 13th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW
- Sunday 20th: Scrooby- 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 27th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC

*Key:*

*CW – Common Worship*

*HC – Holy Communion*

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer*

Our churches are now open, and all are welcome to our services, please wear a mask if you feel safer.

If you would like to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or other function at one of our churches please contact one of the churchwardens.



## **Churchwardens - Ranskill**

David Stacey 01777 818303

## **Church Warden – Scrooby**

Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322

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## Thank You

I would like to say a very big Thank You for the lovely flowers that were presented to me from the Ranskill Parish Councillors on my retirement from the Council. it was a lovely thought and very much appreciated. Pat Blatchford.

## Ranskill and Torworth W.I

The Speaker for the meeting being held on Tuesday 22nd August will be Mr Ed Cook who will be speaking on Wild Meadowing.

Our meetings are held in The Village Hall. Kennel Drive. Barnby Moor on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Commencing 2pm. Visitors are always welcome. Pat Batchford

# **Pilgrim Fathers, Scrooby**

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# Scrooby Whinze Update

"Your next walk at the Whinze may look a little different. Low hanging branches have been cut back to ensure the pathways remain easily accessible and to help keep lines of sight clear for those who may be walking on their own.

As before, the cut branches will be used to reinforce gaps in the hedgerow in an effort to prevent flytipping in the Whinze and to try to prevent access to off road vehicles.

Other branches will be used as deadfall to provide

habitats for the species that inhabit the area.

As ever, there is much to do to keep the area open and accessible to villagers, if you'd like to get involved, please contact:

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[scroobypc.lindsey.buxton@gmail.com](mailto:scroobypc.lindsey.buxton@gmail.com)

or

Nadine Croft:

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In the coming weeks you will also start seeing entrance ways and benches being installed, funded by grants from The National Lottery Community Trust and The Severn Trent Community Fund. Works have been delayed due to it being nesting season.

We are aiming to have a 'picnic' type event in the coming months to celebrate some of our collective achievements. Watch this space!"

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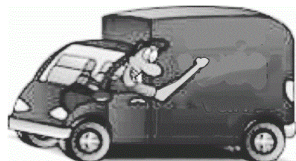
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# Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

## More Summer Activities!



August will be a busy month for nature lovers. All sorts of activities are being planned in and around the Idle Valley centre and reserve. Gary Hobson, a Wildlife Trust volunteer as well as being a member of Lound Bird Club, is planning to lead one of his popular nature walks every month in the local area.

He has already taken walks around the Idle Valley reserve in June and the Idle Washlands in July. In mid-August, he'll be heading back to the Idle Valley again for his third walk.

The June walk there won him high praise. Lots of birds were seen and identified: Avocets, Green sandpiper, Oyster catcher and many others. Damselflies and Dragon flies were also spotted near the water. One walker said, "He is one of the best natural history guides I have ever been out with."

More activities are being planned at the Idle Valley Centre too. If you went to the May event, you certainly won't want to miss the August ones. There were lambs, a beautiful calf, lots of exciting kids' activities, guided walks, plenty of people to chat to; never a dull moment.

Full details of upcoming events are not available yet but you won't miss them if you sign up for Local Group Updates. You'll be able to book your (free) place on the walk and you'll get advanced notice of all activities, talks, outings and whatever is happening as well as warnings of any unexpected changes because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

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## Wednesday Memory Group

### Music and Memories

Music has always been an important part of the Wednesday Group's meetings, whether it's a bit of background music from the radio while members play cards or do some craft work, or one of our regular performers.

Frank, the pianist has been with us for several years now. He always comes with an interesting programme of songs to play and can be relied on to accompany a raucous rendition of "Happy Birthday," when it's needed! Some members like to sit near and watch him play while others sing, dance or play cards while listening to the music.

Jessica Brett is another popular visitor. She has us on our feet doing the actions, twirling the ribbons, and singing along with her. She hands out tambourines, rattles, bells and whatever else she finds in the bottom of her mystery bag of instruments.

Our most recent visitors are Dave and Sandra. They are different again; Dave sings songs made famous by stars like Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole which clearly carry quite specific memories for some of our members; memories of dance halls, romantic encounters and falling in love. To say that they enjoy reliving these experiences would be something of an understatement! We are very fortunate to have the services of such talented and different musicians. We really do appreciate them. They make all the difference to our sessions.

If you care for someone with dementia or you yourself have a diagnosis and you think the Wednesday Group might be helpful, do get in touch. For more information, contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email [janwilliamson133@gmail.com](mailto:janwilliamson133@gmail.com) for the current availability. We sometimes have to operate a waiting list but not always.





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2. Which people used knotted cords called quipu for calculation?
3. Which tree usually provides wood for the Highland Games caber?
4. How many holes are most major golf tournaments played over?
5. Number 22 in bingo is represented by a pair of what?
6. Which religious ceremony comes from the Greek word "to dip"?
7. Cars with the international vehicle registration SF come from where?
8. What is the largest structure ever made by living creatures?
9. What is phonetics the study of?
10. In which century was the Battle of Agincourt ?
11. At what age can you become a quadragenarian?
12. What word can be a swan, a horse and a bread roll?
13. Who painted "The Starry Night"?
14. Espadrilles are a type of what?
15. If someone or something is gravid what does it mean?
16. Is St Gabriel the patron saint of messengers, millers or musicians?
17. Where are your fontanelles?
18. Who was the first Roman Emperor?
19. If you nictitate at someone, what do you do?
20. Which organisation was founded in 1953 by Revd Chad Vorah?
21. Which word describes both a blunt sword and a very thin sheet of metal?
22. What is a paravane used for?



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## STIRFRY TUNA & RICE - serves 4

12oz long grain rice - cook, drain and cool a little  
4 slices bacon – rough chop, fry until golden in 2 tblsp oil  
8oz frozen peas – thaw and add to bacon  
Medium (200g) can tuna in brine – drain and break up gently

Stir all together in a pan until well heated through

1-2 tblsp Soy sauce (or to taste) – sprinkle in and stir well  
Sprinkle extra Soy sauce to taste

*Alternatively:-*

Make as above but add diced chicken, to fry with the bacon  
Add 1 or 2 sundried tomatoes in oil with rest of ingredients



## HAM & COURGETTE TAGLIATELLE - serves 4

4 small or 1 large courgette	Plumb clove garlic, sliced
3 tblsp olive oil	6oz wafer thin ham, cut into strips
14oz (400g) tagliatelle	3 tblsp pesto

Fry garlic in the hot oil quickly and add sliced courgette  
Fry to soften then stir in ham then pesto – heat through well  
Finally add cooked and drained pasta – stir well  
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We're born to a world that is pure temptation,  
Even our language deserves contemplation ....

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A RIB of beef to adorn our fork.  
A bottle of wine is known by its NOSE,  
Even fish have their FINGERS (though we have the TOES)  
A SHOULDER of lamb, an EAR of corn,  
So it goes from the day we are born.

But then .... there's the joy of fresh-baked bread!

Out with the butter pot,  
Spread! Spread! Spread!  
Enough said!

*Joy Tudberry*



### QUOTE for the MONTH

*"If all economists were laid end to end,  
they wouldn't reach a conclusion"*

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

### **Solution to August puzzle**

4	5	1	7	3	2	6	8	9
8	6	3	1	4	9	2	5	7
9	2	7	5	6	8	3	4	1
5	4	8	9	2	6	7	1	3
7	3	2	8	1	5	4	9	6
6	1	9	3	7	4	5	2	8
3	8	6	2	5	1	9	7	4
1	7	5	4	9	3	8	6	2
2	9	4	6	8	7	1	3	5

### SUMMER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. On Board Ship 2. The Incas 3. Larch
4. 72 5. 2 Little Ducks 6. Baptism
7. Finland 8. Great Barrier Reef
9. Language Sounds 10. 15th 11. 40
12. Cob 13. Van Gogh 14. Shoes/Sandals
15. Pregnant 16. Messengers 17. Skull
18. Augustus 19. Wink 20. Samaritans
21. Foil 22. Mine sweeping





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**We will be having a break in August,  
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10am to 11.30am at Ranskill Church



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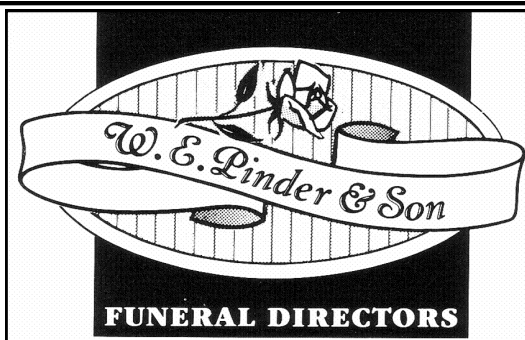
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There is no charge but small donations towards costs will help.

Dates are:

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	October 31 <sup>st</sup>
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	
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**Thursday 14th September  
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## Community Café Hub

### St Barnabas Church



**A huge 'Thank you' to all who have visited and supported the Café Hub over the past year.**

**Thank you also for all the positive comments we have received.**

Together we have been able to raise over £1000 for local and national charities including Ripples, Bassetlaw Food bank, the Turkey –Syria Earthquake Disaster Fund, the BBC Children in Need Appeal and St Barnabas Church.

**We won't be running the Café Hub in August but will be back in September when we will be celebrating our 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday.**

We would love to see all our regulars and new faces too, as we move forward with the Café Hub, so come along and have an enjoyable time with us **on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> 11am -1pm.**

**As well as delicious cakes and tea and coffee, there will be a Raffle and we have also booked The Phoenix Ukulele Band to play for us during the event.**

**Please do come with friends and family to support this village community event.**

**We look forward to seeing you in September.**

**Thank you from The Café Hub Team**



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# Remembering John McGill

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# ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING FOR TORWORTH



**The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for Torworth held at Barnby Moor Village Hall on Thursday, May 25th, 2023 at 7.15pm.**

- Parish Council Chairman's Welcome
- Parish Council Chairman's Report

## Chair's Report May 2022-2023

This year, our biggest change within the Council itself has been the move to having meetings every two months. This has meant that the day-to-day running of the PC has been turned over to our Clerk, but the Chair can call an extraordinary meeting at anytime between meetings, if required. So far, this appears to be a move in the right direction while the village remains relatively quiet -very little has come through in terms of residential planning applications; however, the nearby HIVE application has caused some outcry in the village. We await the decision on that one.

We have continued to invest in the playpark as we now have two portaloos (one of which is an accessible toilet, kindly donated by the Rotary Club in conjunction with the Torworth Playing Field and Events Committee). A pedestrian gate and some more trees were installed, along with a new bench to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. We have also fitted a flagpole to use during special occasions.

The PC has also been involved with multiple events this past year: in June, we sponsored the Lighting of the Beacon as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Free teas/coffees, cakes and biscuits were offered to everyone attending, along with glowstick necklaces. The Cadets from the Elizabethan Academy were on hand to help, and fire dancers and a local singer entertained the 300+ crowd before the beacon was lit. Jubilee party bags, including a special 50p coin, were also given out to all the children within the parish.

In November, we hosted another Remembrance Day tea/coffee event, which was enjoyed by many in the village. In May, the Coronation of King Charles II was a huge event and was supported by a National Lottery Grant. A full evening of activities including a Children's Street Party, a vintage solo singer, a band, fire dancers, stilt walker, giant bubble and a BBQ tent were provided. The weather was absolutely fantastic enabling people to sit out and enjoy the sun, visit friends and neighbours while listening to great music.

Looking forward to this coming year, we will continue to work with both District and County Councillors to reduce speed limits within our rural roads and to secure funding for further playground equipment.

Christie Willis  
Chair of Torworth Parish Council

# ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING FOR TORWORTH



- Report from the Allotment Society:

Torworth, Ranskill & Scrooby Allotment Association Report for 2022-2023.

During the year the allotment group has:

- Maintained regular meetings for members.
- Ensured as many members as possible have attend the meetings.
- Undertaken 2 site maintenance working days.
- Ensured all plots are rabbit proof.
- Formed a working party to look at re-rabbit fencing the site boundary.
- Agreed on several possible environmental improvements to the site (subject to obtaining external funding).
- Made applications to the National Lottery, National Garden Scheme & National Allotment Trust.

During the coming year the main activity for the allotment users is to continue trying to fund the environmental improvements and re-rabbit fencing the site boundary.

At the 2022-2023 AGM held in April 2023 the following people were elected as officers of the Association:

- Chairperson – Rosemary Spray.
- Vice Chairperson – Stephen Cole.
- Treasurer – Richard Spray.
- Secretary – Stephen Saddington.

Presently all plots are rented with a waiting list of 1 person. To aid the public profile of the allotments the secretary has continued to write occasional articles for The Star. This gives a flavour of the activities on the allotments based on a seasonal approach.

The breakdown of the allotment holders by community is:

- Ranskill – 6
- Scrooby – 4
- Torworth – 3

Stephen Saddington  
Secretary - May 2023

- Report from the Burial Board
  - None



# ANNUAL PARISH OPEN MEETING FOR TORWORTH



- Report from the Playing Field Committee:

This past year has been very busy for our Committee! We helped Torworth Parish Council (TPC) organise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lighting of the Beacon evening, then a few days afterwards helped organise the Children's Street Party on the play park. We also helped organise and distribute the Parish Council's Jubilee party bags for all the children within the parish.

During the winter months, we solidified the Committee with new members, so we are now full. We have rebranded our name to include 'and Events' as we felt it better reflected who and what we are as a committee. We have also amended our Constitution and have started raising money for future events and to invest in projects within the village.

We successfully applied for a £1400 Rotary Club grant to purchase an accessible toilet for the play park, which has in turn been donated to TPC for future upkeep and maintenance. A fantastic addition to their assets to use during events!

In April, we organised our first Car Boot sale and raised quite a bit of money despite the rain! In May, we helped the TPC organise and host the Coronation of King Charles II, Street Party and Lighting of the Beacon. This event was enjoyed by not only residents but people coming from surrounding communities, and was an absolutely fantastic evening of food, music and sunny weather!

Looking ahead, we will be organising additional car boot sales, we will be organising (along with TPC) the annual summer festival and dog show in July, plus other fund-raising events. We will also be starting to plan, in conjunction with residents, further playground equipment so that we can apply for funding.

The balance as of 25/05/2023 is £2,182.40.

Christie Willis  
Chair of TPPEC

- Open Forum
  - None

# **MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD**

### **WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE 2023 at 7:30pm**

#### **PRESENT:**

**Chair:** D. Simpson

**Councillors:** L. Shaw, A. Garner, J. Peel, A. Bing

**D.Cllr:** D. Bamford (part)

**C.Cllr:** T. Taylor (part)

**Clerk:** B. Kinsey

**Members of the public:** There were two members of the public attending.

**01/0623: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs M. Pryce, P. Brown

**02/0623: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

#### **03/0623: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two residents attended the meeting, both living at Marston, Great North Road. They explained their continuing objection to the planning application 23/00382/HSE, following a further amendment of the application.

#### **04/0623: MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2023**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2023 were both agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### **05/0623: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

a) District Councillor

Just in office there are no matters to report, other than the D.Cllr is keen to start and promote the speed watch campaign. The Clerk will supply previous files and documents on this initiative.

b) County Councillor

The STEP nuclear fusion has applied for planning permission to demolish the old cooling towers on the site. The Hive Energy pulverised ash project at Idle Valley consultation closes on the 8th of June. There is a possibility of a second consultation if further environmental reports are undertaken.

The National Grid is increasing capacity, not directly in our area, but will mean a further major pylon construction alongside the existing line.

An inspection of pavements in the village has been logged with VIA EM following a complaint from a resident.

#### **06/0623: CRIME AND POLICING**

The latest crime figures for the beat of Ranskill & Lound in May are reported as 5 of various types.

#### **07/0623: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

The traffic volume monitoring strips have now been removed, we await the analysis.

An extension of the 30mph zone on Great North Road is being considered to be extended through Torworth and the 40mph zone similarly extended towards Barnby Moor. The plan appears to show a short 40mph zone from the church to Torworth, the Clerk will clarify this issue.

The Clerk at Scrooby is due to report on their interest to operate a combined speed watch initiative following meetings with the Police.

### **08/0623: FINANCE**

- a) Cash at bank at 31<sup>st</sup> May: £107,503 of which £53,497 is restricted funds.
- b-d) The Annual Governance report is being prepared by the internal auditor.
- e) Cllr Bing advised that the grant application for the new playground equipment has now been submitted. To support the funding, we need input from the community to demonstrate a need. It was concluded that various poles will be launched using our Facebook page, our website and an article in The Star. We could also consult directly with the school. We will ask Kompan the preferred supplier to let us have some images.
- f) We are waiting for BDC to supply a forecast of CIL for the coming financial year.

### **09/0623: PLANNING**

- a) No new planning applications have been received.
- b) Cllrs discussed the amendment to a planning application 23/00382/HSE and decided to continue to object.

### **10/0623: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The relocation of signage is under consideration by NCC Highways.

### **11/0623: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**

Consider items relating to the village environment: -

- Playground May Safety Report: no issues reported.
- The annual independent safety report detailed a few low and very low risk items. It was decided to ignore these issues. One moderate risk is the steel climbing frame where loose fixings, rust and perforated tubing raises the risk. Cllrs decided to ask North Notts to remove the frame and make safe.

### **12/0623: UPDATE ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE JBC**

A meeting of the JBC will be held shortly.

### **13/0623: CONSIDER ADOPTING A GRANT FUNDING POLICY**

Some amendments were suggested and a revised plan will be considered in due course.

### **13/0623: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Shaw advised that a neighbour may be interested in serving on the PC. The resident will be asked to write to the Clerk.

### **19/0523: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING**

None

### **20/0523: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

12th July 2023.

Signed as a true record: -

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