

Sancton Parish Council

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022 at 6.45pm
in Sancton Methodist Chapel, Rispin Hill, Sancton**

Present

**Cllr Derek Cary (Chairman)
Cllr C Shepherd**

**Cllr A Liley
Cllr M Wintersgill**

Cllr P Parvin

- APM/1 The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on the 17th May 2021 were approved by members and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed: Cllr Shepherd, seconded: Cllr Parvin.
- APM/2 Matters arising – the site of the old allotments is in a poor state again.
- APM/3 Report of the Chairman - a brief presentation on the work of the Council in the previous year.
- APM/4 Public Comment – none present.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Date _____

Signature _____

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Chairman's Report 2022

Local Residents in Control

As we enter our last elected year as members of Sancton Parish Council, I am reminded of the fact that it is becoming more difficult to find volunteers to run our small parish councils. It is we who keep our villages and small towns alive, so thank you to all who make this happen.

Parish Clerk

We pride ourselves in having the support of our excellent clerk, Louise Ward.

I have mentioned on several occasions about Louise, and her CILCA qualification in Local Council Administration. This Level 3 qualification provides her with a broad knowledge of all aspects of a clerk's role and responsibilities. This covers a range including the law, procedures, finance, planning and community involvement. This supports me as the Chairman, as well as the council, to achieve standards of good practice and builds a solid reputation in local council, in this dynamic world. So, I say a massive thank you to Louise for continued hard work and diligence.

Funding

Opportunities for funding for projects have been good since opening up from Covid. One such funding source is the Sancton Wind Farm.

The Sancton Wind Farm continues to be a valuable initiative for the village. Created and operated by Renewable Energy Group (REG), it was granted planning permission in 2011. Part of this was a commitment to create a community fund by way of a 106 agreement: a £35,000 annual donation. The first financial arrangement was made in 2013 and has since helped the village with projects such as play equipment and notice boards. Our recent, biggest project was also partly funded by the wind farm, and this is the new, and well used, village car park along with a new village map and interpretive board, identifying parish walks, for hikers visiting the area.

The village historical water pump is also to undergo full refurbishment.

2021/22 Independent Review of the Council's Internal Controls

Undertaken by Public Sector Audit with a copy now available on the PC's website. I am pleased to report that the Auditor has confirmed that the accounts and governance arrangements of the council have been maintained to a good standard and the internal financial control environment within the council is good.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Queen celebrated her 96th birthday on April 21st this year and on the 2nd June is her Platinum Jubilee, her 70th year since being crowned.

To mark this milestone, the village hall committee has arranged activities on Sunday 5th June from 1230pm to 330pm. I would like to thank all the committee members and volunteers for what I'm sure will be a fantastic afternoon.

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Cemeteries

You will have noticed that there has been extensive work carried out on the Catholic cemetery recently. After an investigation by our clerk, we now have a clear understanding of the cemetery ownership. It is now hoped that a maintenance programme can be implemented to keep this area clear for historical interest for all who visit.

Once again, thank you for the trust you place in me as your chairman.

Councillor Derek Cary, Chairman of Sancton Parish Council

May 2022

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Date _____

Signature _____