

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 21st May 2015, at Kilham Village Hall, 7pm

Present: Cllr G Seward (Chairman) and Mrs C Boston (Clerk)
M Buckle, S Van der Vooij, G Conlin, G Horner, C Snowden, D Hayhurst, C Barratt, J Girling, Rev G Owen, Ward Cllr J Evison and Ward Cllr J Owen.

The Chairman welcomed all residents to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 14th April 2014, were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman of the Parish Council delivered his report on the activities of Kilham Parish Council during the past financial year and reported on the projects completed and outstanding.

Rev Glyn Owen, All Saints Church. The church has had a new boiler installed and gas connected to the church, costing in the region £20,000. We are hoping to complete the rest of the system, replacing the radiators in the near future but this will cost around £40,000. We have also had installed a new sound system including a CD player. Every five years we carry out an inspection of the building to identify jobs that need doing. The attachments of the weather vane have become loose from the stonework and the external stone work is in need of work but this is estimated to cost around £600/800 per 20 metre square. We are looking for grants to help with the repairs.

We have maintained a steady congregation and have an excellent team looking after the day to day running of the church. We have established new links with the school and this summer we are having a new trainee vicar. There is a new Bishop of Hull who has already visited Kilham church.

The vicar was asked whether the church should remain open all the time. Rev Owen said that due to petty vandalism this was no longer possible as someone needs to be around all the time. When I am there the church is open but there is a notice in the porch informing people that the key is available from a neighbouring property.

Kilham is part of 8 parish churches and this year has seen them combine, offering a variety of services around the villages.

The Chairman thanked Rev Owen for his time.

Mark Buckle speaks on behalf of Kilham School.

The numbers have increase especially in the nursery, in all we have 140 pupils, 110 in full time and 30 within the nursery.

The finances have been well managed and we have secured varies funding to help with projects, this can be seen in the school grounds. The school now has ball areas, an all-weather surface and a tyre park. All these are available for public use.

Both the SIAM and the OFSTEM inspections were very successful. The school was judged to be an overall Good but Outstanding in some areas (behaviour and safety). Everyone in the school is thrilled with the outcomes and we are glad that our hard-working team's endeavours have been noted.

The future could depend upon housing and numbers, as well as a realigned catchment area which includes Langtoft. The children from Langtoft travel to the school by bus which means there is less contact with the parents/carers.

Throughout the year the pupils have been as busy and active as ever, a wide variety of sporting activities, community based activities and a new national curriculum including a new testing procedure having to adopt to. The village should be very proud of their school.

Mark Buckle speaks on behalf of KPFA

The KPFA wish to thank the Parish Council for their support last year and may I suggest that we invite David Shearer to our next Parish meeting to discuss the financial side of the KPFA. The playing field provides a centre of enjoyments for the local residents. We only have two projects planned, the first is the Beer Festival which we are hoping will be better organised this year. There will be a cider tent and more security provided. The second event is the Bonfire, last year this was a financial disaster due to the bad weather, losing in the region of £500. This is a community event and we hope it will be well attended; all information will be on the website.

Caroline Barratt speaks on behalf of the Youth Club.

The Youth Club currently has 23 children attending between the ages of 7 to 11 with 7 adult helpers.

The organisers have planned many different events for the children to try including Beetle Drive and many outdoor activities. The children have listed all the things they would like to do and hopefully these will be arranged over this year.

We have received two generous donations to help with the running of the club.

The Chairman thanked all who attended and with no further business to discuss closed the meeting at 7.30pm.