

LUDDINGTON AND HALDENBY

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Luddington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr R Adams (Chair), C Fox (Clerk) Cllr S Walker, Cllr A Hewitt, Cllr C Patten, Cllr C Holloway

Public Present: P Cook, M. Sitnikova, T Meggitt, S Grigg, C Carver,

Welcome

The Chair, Rob Adams, welcomed everyone attending and opened the meeting.

RSPB Blacktoft Sands Presentation

Pete Short introduced himself & the work undertaken at Blacktoft Sands managing the habitat & many species of wild birds and illustrated this with a slideshow of species & activities. Bitten have been introduced for the 1st time in 200 years and the Marsh Harrier had 1 pair in the UK but now 13 pairs are at Blacktoft Sands. The RSPB at Blacktoft Sands creates wetlands, lagoons, meadows for butterflies, flowers & fungi, has over 15,000 visitors per year, training programmes & works closely with local industry. The Humber is the 6th important estuary in Europe. Pete's presentation was very informative.

Luddington Youth Club Presentation

The youth club provides activities, support, & events to promote development, inclusion, & community engagement. It's been operating for 4 years with 5 regular youth volunteers, serves school year 5 & above, during term time on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. It has over 40 registered youths, with 20+ attending weekly & is supported by the local policing team. Our aims are to create a safe, supportive environment for local children & young adults, promote personal & social development, encourage participation & inclusion. To build self-esteem & life skills, offer recreational & educational activities. Foster community involvement. Highlights of 2024/25 included a sponsored walk event, inflatable day, trip to the pantomime & visits from a local DJ. Community involvement included donation collection & activities for 2024 Gala, Older ones delivering potatoes to OAPs, Participating in Christmas lights switch-on with decorations & stalls. Hosting the Senior Christmas dinner.

Minutes of previous APM

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

Chair's report on the work of the Parish Council last year and work/projects for the forthcoming year.

Bringing the grass cutting in-house has proved to be very successful with many comments from residents on how lovely the village now looks well maintained and cared for. Picnic tables have been

purchased for the playing field, via the SSE grant fund & we are looking at purchasing some benches for around the village this coming year. The Square has been landscaped. The Garden Competition in 2024 was judged in late August & many gardens were not at their previous best so this year it will be judged in July by the Ward Councillors. We have commissioned Shed on The Isle to make 3 Tommy statues to be erected by the signs entering the village.

Suggestions/ideas for the future of the village, questions, and comments

Mr Carver requested the overgrown verges on the corners of Meredyke Road be cut as reduced visibility. Mrs Meggitt expressed concerns that the church is closing, suggestions were made for monthly open days, ghost walks, Halloween sleepover, art exhibitions, a compostable toilet would be an advantage. This will be added to the next proper meeting agenda for discussion.

Chair closed the meeting at 7.35pm.