

Airmyn Parish Council – Annual Report – May 2019

Introduction

2018/2019 has been a difficult year for the APC in respect of staffing changes.

In July 2018 we experienced the resignation of our Clerk, Nichola Ingleton, who had been in position for 3 years. This was quite sudden and with short notice and left the APC members to cover as many of the duties as possible during this time, whilst advertising and recruiting for a new clerk.

In October 2018 a new clerk, Frances Chambers, commenced work and this new appointment was working well, when sadly due to personal reasons Frances handed in her notice after just 2 months and once again the APC was left without a clerk, and the role was covered by APC members as far as possible.

It was agreed that due to Christmas and the lack of a clerk no APC meeting would be held in December.

Once again the role was advertised and in January the APC were pleased to appoint Rob Charlesworth to role. We are pleased to report that this appointment is working out well and the APC is getting back on top of all the many tasks which the clerk and RFO have to carry out.

To summarise, it has been a difficult year in respect of the time when no clerk was in role, despite the Parish Councillors undertaking many tasks, but also leaving a backlog of tasks for the current clerk to rectify.

Financial – Grants Received

APC would like to thank Cllr Andy Jackson for all his hard work and dedication in securing several grants, which have enabled the Children's Play area to be refurbished. Phase 1 work was completed last month, with phase 2 to follow soon.

Thanks also go to Cllr Phil Batten who secured a grant to plant some additional oak trees on the edge of the playing field. As we are all aware trees are essential to life, they create the very air we breathe and filter air pollution. Most importantly, trees sequester carbon, helping to remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which cool the earth.

<u>Funding from</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Used for</u>
Rusholme Wind Farm Community Benefit fund	£5,000	Play area
Goole Fields Wind Farm Community fund	£11,801	Play area
The Big Lottery's Awards For All fund	£10,000	Play area
Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	£1,000	Tree maintenance
Rusholme Wind Farm fund	£1,650	Dyke clearance
		WW2 Tommy
Rusholme Wind Farm fund	£1,500	Defib at Hall
Six Penny Wood Tree Planting fund	£1,184.75	Tree planting

Local Goole Company donation	£500	Play area
ERYC	£250	TdY 2019
Total	£32,885.75	

Other News

East Riding Council Chairman's Award – APC nominated Mrs Joan Flanagan who has worked tirelessly raising money by selling plants from her home on the High Street in aid of several cancer charities. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Flanagan has made it through the last 3 candidates and the winner will be announced at the Chairman's Evening on 14 May 2019.

Bracken Hill – The Friends of Bracken Hill will provide an update on progress and plans for the coming year.

Airmyn History – Jane Peake is embarking on a project to capture the history of the village, involving the school, local residents and the records produced by David Galloway. The first meeting for the project is on Thursday 23rd May and hopefully will be well supported and a success.

The Crossings footpath – Cllr Fox has commissioned a new seat to be placed at the end of the Crossings at the request of a local resident and on behalf of several other residents.

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We continue to make improvements to the village hall and its surrounding areas as and when necessary.

The monitoring of the building has taken place over the past twelve months and we are now in receipt of a report from the structural engineers, which we will have to consider and then take the appropriate action.

Trees on the edge of the car park have been pruned back to make it safe for our hall users and the usual maintenance/servicing of fire extinguishers, electrical items, gas boilers and the lift have all taken place, with repairs being done where needed.

New blinds have been fitted here in the George Dales Room. We received a grant for the defibrillator, which has been fitted in the building. It is a very important addition which is now on hand for anyone suffering cardiac arrest whilst taking part in activities on this site.

The hall continues to go from strength to strength and most of you will be aware of the many activities that take place here:

We have sessions of Line Dancing, Sequence Dancing and Jive. There are adult and children's indoor football sessions and it was particularly pleasing to have a local junior football group over the winter months, many of whom attend Airmyn Park Primary School.

We continue to hold regular sessions of Badminton, Pickleball, Archery, Pilates and our Over 50s Activity Group. There is a monthly Pensioners' Bingo Session, Flower Arranging groups, U3A ukulele and science. The Post Office is available here on a Tuesday afternoon and children's birthday parties continue to be very popular throughout the year.

We are the venue for some of the Rotary Club's larger events and held Councillor Fox's fund-raising dinner to commemorate 100 years of the end of World War I. The annual visit of German confirmation candidates, led by Rev Claus Humbert took place in April of this year and was another success. We have regular full-day sessions of driver training for lorry and coach drivers, which are run by 1st Class Solutions of Goole. We have recently started sessions of Diabetes Awareness and Prevention and a new Spiritual discussion group and we are due to start regular sessions of Rugby Tots at the end of this month.

The main hall is in use several times each day and we have regular groups in the George Dales Room, with the RL Walker room being used on occasion too. Visitors are amazed at our facilities here and are very happy to bring us repeat business. All in all another very pleasing year.

Report on the Activities of Airmyn Bowls Association 2018 Season

At last a warm dry summer that allowed us to complete all fixtures on time. Membership for 2018 season was down slightly compared with 2017 which caused problems with raising teams with some rinks having to be conceded in the Goole leagues. This did not stop the club from having overall a very successful season.

Airmyn teams in the Goole and District leagues won Division A of the Pairs league and were also runners up in Divisions B and D in the Friday Fours leagues. In the Goole cup competitions club members won the Ellicot Cup, the Temple Cup, the Coronation Shield and were winners and runners up in the Harry West Cup. The club won the Humberside HSA Div.1 Triples league. In the Humberside Team competitions the club won both the Drayton and Markham Trophies playing both on a damp cold day at Kirmington. This has never been done before by the club and has not happened very often in the history of the competitions.

Funding for the upgrade of the green and ditches is proving difficult to achieve using Groundworks but contact with other providers has drawn a blank.

General maintenance has taken place over the year to keep all buildings and land in a good condition and is ongoing thanks to the help of a small band of volunteers.

The club was again successful in achieving ERCAS accreditation from the East Riding.

This season has started poorly with the inclement weather causing the cancellation of the first whistle stop on Saturday 27 April but leagues have started on time. Unfortunately the club has lost more members as the Jemmy Hirst team has folded. With this and the loss of the first whistle stop our finances have taken a considerable hit.

It is now essential that new members can be recruited especially from the village.

Once again, we thank the council for its continued support.

AIRMYN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP

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The Group meet four times a year in the Village Hall.

The membership of the group remained fairly stable throughout the year.

Unfortunately the Police Community Support Officer has not attended any of the four meetings. However, she has provided the group with details of crimes committed within the Parish. In addition, I receive regular e-mails from the Neighbourhood Policing Team detailing crimes committed in the Police Sub Division. When anything of interest occurs in the villages adjacent to Airmyn, the details are sent to me and when they are of interest, I cascade them down to other members of the group.

We have taken steps to register our interest with the Police and Crime Commissioners Office with regard to Community Speed gun use. This is where civilians within the community are trained to use speed monitoring equipment in their village. To date our interested has been noted, but no further communication has been received.

Finally I wish to thank the Parish Council for its continued support in financing the cost of the Hall for our four meetings per year.

Airmyn Emergency Committee

Following the passing of Helen I must admit that everything went into limbo and there was not much appetite on my behalf to get things going.

Luckily we had a quiet winter and we have now kick started the Committee again with a meeting last week.

We are in the process of updating the role call of committee members, auditing the emergency stores and we will be bringing the emergency communication procedures up to date for the 21st Century.

The finances stand at £281.22 in the bank and £9.00 in cash.

Once full established again I would expect we could run with two meetings a year, barring any unforeseen events.

It would be most helpful if someone could volunteer to take over the secretary role to help us along.

Paul Gardner

Chairman

1st May 2019

A report prepared on behalf of the Airmyn Parochial Church Council reviewing the principal events and activities in the life of our village church, St. David's, during the past year, for presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting, which is to be held in the Airmyn Memorial Hall on Wednesday, the 8th May, 2019.

The church building:

During the past year, we paid £576 for the refixing or replacement of a considerable number of loose or damaged Westmorland slates on the church roof, which was quite a bit less than we had originally expected to have to pay but the job was still very well done. The same firm has just provided us with revised and updated quotations for repairs to the east and west gables, where there is serious ingress of water which is causing damage to the internal plaster and décor; for repairs to the stonework of the east window; and for the refurbishment of the entire system of guttering and fall pipes. All of these repairs were classed as 'urgent' five years ago, when the church was last inspected by the Diocesan architect. The repairs have been subdivided into four groups and we can apply for grants from potential funders for each group in turn with more hope of success than if we were to try to get a grant for the whole lot at once.

The redecoration of the church had been postponed until after these major roof repairs had been completed but we decided last year that we could not wait any longer and that we would make a start any way. That did not happen, partly because of a lack of time on the part of those most likely to organise and carry out the work and partly because we could do with half a dozen more volunteer helpers, preferably from a younger age range than the one that most of the PCC members belong to. The church interior is now looking distinctly shabby because the last time it was redecorated was for the Millennium in the year 2000.

The church services:

The pattern of weekly services has continued unaltered for the last three years; the services start at 6-00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and at 10-00 am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. If there is a 5th Sunday in a month, each of the three churches in our Benefice of Airmyn, Hook and Rawcliffe, takes its turn in playing host to the congregations from all three parishes at a joint service starting at 10-00 am. This system has continued in spite of the loss, through very serious illness during the past year, of the services of Canon Cyril Roberts, formerly of Snaith, now of Carlton, who, although retired, used to take one of our evening services each month. This put some strain on our organisation but our own Vicar, the Rev. Philip Ball, has filled the gap himself and now takes the services at all three churches on those Sundays when either Canon Roberts or the late Francis Sykes from Rawcliffe would have come to Airmyn. The churchwardens in each of the three churches also take one of the services for their church each month.

The Parochial Church Council:

The Airmyn PCC continues to manage the church's affairs efficiently but it has only had 8 members for the past two years and it ought to have at least 12 members. There is always a danger, when all the decision-making is left in the hands of only a small number of people, that they will come to be regarded by some as an undemocratic clique. That should not be the case at Airmyn. Membership of its PCC is not a closed shop and is open to anyone who has been baptised as a Christian, who is of broadly Christian persuasion and who cares deeply about the continued well-being of our village church. Regular attendance at our church services is also expected of PCC members. Attendance in general at most of our services remains too low at present to be considered satisfactory and we do need a new generation of regulars to turn out fairly often, especially from the younger end of the age spectrum. We have developed a good working relationship with the staff and pupils of Airmyn Park Primary School which bodes well for the future.

The Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll of a church is comprised of people who are, once again, baptised and supportive of Christian moral values and who are prepared to work hard to ensure the continued well-being of their church. The Electoral Roll has to be updated every 6 years. 2019 is one of those years and Airmyn's Roll has just been revised as required. 2 people who were on the previous Roll had died and 5 others had left the village. 8 new people applied to join and there are 48 people on the new Roll. Applications are still welcome from anyone else wishing to have their names added to the Roll.

The Church finances:

The financial situation of Airmyn's church remains stable, even though there was a working deficit of £819.11 in its accounts for the year 2018. It had assets in all its accounts amounting collectively to £38,860.68 on the 31st December, 2018. This may seem to be a higher figure than many people might have expected. What everyone needs to realise, however, is that we have to pay almost £12,000 each year into the Sheffield Diocesan Common Fund to meet clergy costs and central office administrative expenses; almost £1,400 insurance per annum for the church building and its contents; and £1,200 per annum towards the administrative expenses for our own Benefice. These are not exceptional outgoings. Each of the other parishes in the Sheffield Diocese will be paying out at least a very similar collective amount each year. It can clearly be understood therefore that if we did not raise any money at all, we would be bankrupt in less than three years. Fortunately, just about everyone in the village remains very supportive of our programme of fund-raising events and we continue to be grateful to them all for their generous support. As you have just heard, we could not continue to keep the church open and available for everyone when it is most needed without this loyalty from the villagers. The costs of the aforementioned roof repairs will be an extra financial burden that we will have to resolve, hopefully but not certainly, via applications for grants from potential funders.

The Churchyard:

The same team of five volunteers is continuing to maintain Airmyn's churchyard in a tidy and attractive condition for villagers and visitors alike. Two Scots pine trees have grown too big for their situation and their roots are damaging the churchyard path and threatening to undermine the foundations of adjacent buildings. Consequently, one is imminently to be removed and the other heavily pruned. Replacement trees of native species but much less eventual size are to be planted.

The church magazine:

The church magazine contains detailed news about all three parishes in our Benefice and is published at the beginning of each month and costs each of its 85 subscribers just £6 per annum. More subscribers and more advertisers are always welcome.

Our Vicar:

Last but not least, our Vicar, the Rev. Philip Ball, continues to work hard for each of the three parishes in his care. He acknowledges with regret that he does not have the time to meet up with anything like as many of the Airmyn residents as he would wish. Much of his time recently has been taken up with visiting bereaved families in all three villages. Our pastoral worker, Mrs. Janet Rushby, also does very valuable visiting work within the village.

A report prepared on behalf of the Airmyn Coach-House Committee detailing its principal developments and activities during the past year for presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting which is to be held in the Airmyn Memorial Hall on Wednesday, the 8th May, 2019.

You may all just remember that this Committee was formed in January, 2012, with the intention of renovating the redundant coach-house belonging to the church into a non-profit-making community café to be open on a couple of days each week.

You may all also remember that the sentence that I have just read is the same opening sentence that I used to begin my report to last year's Annual Parish Meeting. I have done this deliberately because the Coach-House Committee has not been able to offer any news of renovation work on the Coach-house being about to begin during the past year so people may well need reminding once again that we still exist.

You will gather that this has been yet another frustrating year for the Committee members. We are now in a position where we have a 21-year lease for the coach-house. We also have full planning permission and listed building consent from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to renovate the building for the purpose of turning it into a social facility for the Airmyn community, primarily to serve as an occasional café, as already mentioned. We have a faculty from the Diocesan (church) authorities in Sheffield which gives us their authorisation to carry out these works. We have become a charitably-incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission. We have had to obtain for the building, and have obtained, a flood risk assessment, a design and access statement, a heritage statement, a rating valuation, an assessment to confirm that what we proposed to do was the best use that could be made of the building, and a structural engineer's report. We employed our own solicitors to negotiate the lease, a process which took an incredible 2 years. We have employed an architect to oversee the works whenever they do come into being. We have had to obtain and submit samples of the bricks and tiles that will be used in the toilet extension and have them approved. We have had to remove a Scots pine tree whose roots were damaging the coach-house foundations. We spent £2,000 on tables and chairs and other café equipment, 7 years ago, thinking that we would have the café up and running in less than a year. We have had to store all this equipment ever since. We have drawn up the most detailed plans for every aspect of the renovation of the building; the toilet extension, the internal rendering and insulation and the new flagged floor; the new doors and windows; the plumbing including the septic tank; the electrics; the kitchen furniture and fittings and the décor.

We have obtained quotations for the cost of providing a water supply and a power supply to the coach-house on three separate occasions since 2012 and on each occasion their validity has expired because some public body or other has delayed us by requiring something else from us which could never have been anticipated.

What, therefore, is holding us up at present? The major problem that we are now encountering is the slow response from some of those firms whom we are seeking to employ to undertake some aspect or other of the renovation work and from whom we require quotations. For example, last November we contacted a firm to provide us with a quotation for underpinning and stabilising the foundations of the building. They agreed to do so but it took their representative 4 months before he paid a visit to measure the building and to assess its needs and he only came then after half a dozen phone calls reminding him of what he had agreed to do for us. 2 months later, we are still awaiting his quotation, even though he has twice said it would be with us 'in the next couple of days.'

We have just secured the assistance of a man called Nick Middleton from the Hey Smile Foundation, which is based in Hull. His organisation is paid by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to assist Committees such as ours to submit applications for grants to the Two Ridings Community Foundation, which manages the Rusholme Wind Farm Fund. He is aware of the problems we are having with obtaining quotations and we hope to make more rapid progress with his help and advice, but the basic truth remains --- we cannot apply for grants without quotations. With his help, we are sorting the order of work out at present and we expect the provision of water and power supplies and the underpinning of the building to be the first stage of the renovation. What we do now also need, most vitally, is renewed interest in our project from within the Airmyn community and continued support for it, especially from those who would make use of the café and are prepared to put this commitment to support us down on paper when we do apply for grants.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

8th May 2019

AIRMYN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I would like to present the WI's report for 2018.

Like a lot of clubs and societies we find our membership very low, this for a second year in our case. We have advertised to try to attract new members to no avail. We are going to carry on as long as the funds are available for us to continue paying our way and we have a committee to run the group. In 2019 the Airmyn WI will be celebrating 55 years in existence and it would be such a shame should we fold.

For 10 months of the year at our meetings we either have a speaker or a social evening with a buffet and various other activities.

During the year we helped out serving teas at Airmyn Park Primary school events, trimmed a window at St David's Church for the Harvest Festival and also decorated the lych-gate with poppies crocheted or knitted by our members for the 100th Anniversary of the ending of the First World War. We also did the floral arrangements for the pew ends in church.

I, as secretary, have arranged outings for our members and friends over the year to Langlands Garden Centre at Shiptonthorpe, Burnby Hall for afternoon tea, Brigg Garden Centre and also a couple of visits to Boundary Mills near Sheffield. These trips are open to both members and non-members and are always very well attended.

Our survival is still dependant on fundraising which goes on throughout the year.

We are a very friendly group and would love to see more people coming along, even for one evening, to get a flavour of what the WI is about.

On that note I will close and thank the Parish Council for their continued interest.

07.05.2019

Airmyn News Report for Airmyn Parish Council Annual Meeting.

The Airmyn News team consists of Ruth Lowe (editor), Susan Krysko (treasurer), Valda Thornton (distribution co-ordinator) and 11 distributors who deliver throughout the village. Last summer our funds were very low due to a reduction in existing advertisers and a lack of new advertisers coming forward after requests being sent out to local businesses.

Airmyn Park Primary School printed the news for us at a reduced rate until July 2018, after which Ruth managed to secure free printing from a local business, Crest BST Ltd. whose owners live in the village. This arrangement has speeded up the process and we are able to get the News ready a lot quicker than before and the addition of colour print is very welcome.

Previously, The Parish Council provided envelopes and stamps to post the newsletters to outlying farms and houses within the Parish. This year, at the request of the Parish Council, Valda has been hand delivering these, but we would like to look into using any advertising money to pay for this in the future.

Airmyn Parish Council minutes and St. David's Church news are printed for free each month, except August and January when the Airmyn News team have a break. Articles and contributions are always welcome from any group or individuals of the Parish, please email airmynnews@yahoo.com if you have anything to offer.

Ruth Lowe, Editor, Airmyn News

07.05.2019

Friends of Bracken Hill Report for Airmyn Parish Council Annual Meeting.

Over the past year volunteers have begun to explore the feasibility of carrying on the work that was started by Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV) at Bracken Hill, a former landfill site, a few years ago, and co-ordinated by Leah Hallas. A growing number of Airmyn residents have seen the potential of this woodland area as a valuable asset that could be part of community life. Several outdoor events at the site, aimed particularly at the younger residents, were organised in the past and proved to be very popular.

At the end of last summer, the Parish Council sent out a survey to all residents and its findings identified a group of interested volunteers, who formed the Friends of Bracken Hill. A meeting was arranged at the end of October 2018, which was well attended and led to the group presenting a vision plan to the Parish Council in November 2018. The Friends were given the go-ahead to look into the costs of liability insurance, as a precursor to implementing the plan. The Parish Council undertook to take advice from the ERYC as to drafting a legal document, establishing that the land belongs to Airmyn Parish Council, but that The Friends of Bracken Hill can take over the management of the area, with all costs to be met by the group through grants and fundraising.

There are currently over 30 families interested in supporting the Friends, and Ruth Lowe has spoken to Leah Hallas, who has expressed her interest in helping the volunteers achieve their vision. The project is seen as long-term, with the intention to maintain the area for wildlife and hopefully create a nature reserve, but initially will be kept simple. Once the legal aspects are addressed, the next steps for the Friends will be to gain access to the site, address health and safety concerns, and identify key priorities for action.

Ruth Lowe

Spokesperson

The Friends of Bracken Hill