

KIRTON IN LINDSEY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2022



MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY 13th APRIL 2022 AT 6.00pm AT KIRTON IN LINDSEY TOWN HALL

**PRESENT – Councillors: Pat Frankish (Chair); David Garritt; Hazel Fox and Jared Priestley.
Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson
Circa 18 Residents of Kirton in Lindsey**

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Suzanne Stephenson, Kirton in Lindsey Branch of the Royal British Legion and Evergreens.

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Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2021

Copies of the minutes of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting were made available to the meeting and had been published online for a number of months. They were noted as approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, Cllr Pat Frankish.

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Reports from the Town Council, town groups and organisations

a. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Mayor's Report 2022

Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Councillor Pat Frankish, thanked everyone present for attending the meeting and reported on the previous year, covering the Mayor's Report 2022, Mayor's Charities, Promoting Kirton Committee, the awarding of Community Grants and updates on the registered charities which the Town Council has responsibilities for.

Welcome everyone to this Annual town Meeting. It's good to see so many organisations represented. Kirton is growing in size and hopefully in a greater sense of community. Towns that have grown up with a constantly changing population of military personnel do take a while to settle down. There are signs of this happening.

It's been a very busy year, with many processes disrupted by Covid, lots of changes of Councillors, and many projects ongoing.

In summary;

We have considered 42 planning applications over the past year

The campaign against the continued issue of dog fouling has continued throughout the year with some fines imposed.

Remote/Virtual Annual Meetings continued into April and May until the method was withdrawn by central government;

Community Renewal funding is provided, kick starting the Connecting Kirton project work and plans for the Jubilee celebrations.

In May a Residents Town Survey was launched and the results later analysed and published. It gives support for many Town projects, including the Car Park and the Sports Hall.; Benches were put into place at Park Hill and Dunstan Hill.

In June the Community Sports Sessions started; Regeneration Meetings between Kirton in Lindsey Town Council and North

Lincolnshire Council restarted following a pause since early 2020; Grandad's Plough landmark at Traingate unveiling took place.

July Scarecrows return across the town – the theme of "At The Movies". Cemetery memorial safety inspections carried out; the Fair returned to the Green; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council issues a formal complaint to North Lincolnshire Council for their handling of the planning application at Station Road.

In August Planning permission for a car park was applied for.

In September we Supported North Lincolnshire Council to bring their FoodFest to the town; Policing reports were resumed for receipt by the Town Council; Works to improve the benches and picnic tables at the Green and benches at the cemetery were carried out; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council presented a motion to ERNLLCA AGM for changes to planning policy to combat flooding and the motion is successfully passed; the Town Council supported the Archery Club in holding a homecoming

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celebration for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic bronze medal winning Victoria Rumary at KLASSIC Park; Civic Award Presented to Victoria. Nominations were sought for the annual Civic Award.

Works to connect a water supply to the allotment land were finally started in September following receipt of the contaminated land survey showing no contamination found; North Lincolnshire Council were approached to improve safety around the pedestrian crossing at South Cliff Road following concerns raised by residents – improved signage promised.

Play area working group representatives meet with suppliers through October and November to work on designs for improvements to the play area on the Green.

October The annual Civic Service was held at the Church and Town Hall. This was well attended considering the return to public events in relation to Covid 19. A replacement bench outside the cemetery was put into place; refurbishment of the Market Place pump took place.

November Christmas Lights switch on event was held as an outdoor only event for safety reasons. Christmas Lights competition was launched and judged later. An application to Landfill Communities successful for the play area refurbishment funding.

Works to improve access to the bench at Steep Hill were considered and North Lincolnshire Council agreed these works should be carried out by itself; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council submitted its response to the North Lincolnshire Council proposals for the new Local Plan; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council wrote to North Lincolnshire Council & Stagecoach requesting a review of bus routes through the town. After four years, a formal offer reaches agreement between North Lincolnshire Council & the MOD for the Vincent Hall, with efforts to secure a sports centre for Kirton in Lindsey. Work to make this happen continues.

December was a busy month. The noticeboard, wall and bus stop at Church Street were taken out in an accident; Replacement bollards were installed at the Green; NLC attended a Full Council meeting to highlight further options for devolution of works to Town and Parish Councils; planning application decision notice received for the car park proposal; tourism sub-group formed to develop an approach for the town to take on; working groups continue to try to progress work around Vincent Hall; budgeted grant funding approved for the Town Hall, In Bloom, Guides & Brownies, KLASSIC, Evergreens, Kirton First, Kirton Call and the Scouts; Budget and Precept setting was agreed

In January the Market Place One-way system trial started; a proposal for a Halifax Bomber crash memorial was brought to the Council by resident; NLC agree to take on the works to improve access to the bench on Steep Hill (after KCOM works complete); Christmas lights competition winners were confirmed; Platinum Jubilee events planning began to take shape; Community Sports Sessions were confirmed to return as SportZone from April; planting schemes confirmed as red, white and blue for the coming year to mark the Queens Jubilee; development of the peace garden progressed; safety testing was carried out at play area; a strategic plan is started to be developed following request from NLC; allotment works to prepare for the water supply signed off awaiting installation works to be conducted by Anglian Water; work to provide an electrical connection for the Vincent Hall started; request submitted to join Trade Watch scheme following public interest responses. Civic Award winners decided.

In February the Council adopted the revised NLC Code of Conduct; it is decided that a traditional gala won't be held for 2022, however Platinum Jubilee events and an open event at KLASSIC will take place instead; work continues with NLC to replace the tourism displays in the Market Place; research is undertaken into deeds of the charities the Town Council has responsibilities for, including The Green and The Market Place, The War Memorial and Torksey; meeting with Stagecoach held to discuss bus provision; Civic Dinner takes place including presentation of Civic Awards; Grant funding approved for Town Hall Live; auditor works take place ahead of the end of the financial year; issues around the number of Cllrs following the community governance review looked at; tree planting opportunities looked into; toddler swings are removed from the play area for safety; council agrees to consider its carbon footprint; the Peace Garden, the Mayors Charity for the last 3 years begins to take shape. The Civic Dinner on Feb 19th was a successful event well assisted by Robert Horner as speaker. The Civic Award was given to Tony Bartlett for Grandads Plough and to Brian and Pam Chudley for Town Hall Live. The Civic Award is given to people nominated by members of the public in recognition of their contribution to Kirton.

In March planning for the annual town meeting; planning for the Circus; planning for the fair; preparations for Christmas; planning for Great British Spring Clean, which is assisted by the bloom Group in Kirton; contact from Airfields of Britain for memorial at Kirton in Lindsey Airfield; NLC provided new bins for high street and town centre areas; next steps following the memorial inspection work at the cemetery discussed; community support for Ukraine begins to progress; boundary changes to Ridge Ward and the parliamentary constituencies proposed; charities good practice guidance agreed.

Changes ... Assistant Clerk Sarah Gillingham moved on in November, Cllr Startin resigned in July, Cllr Stephenson joined the Council in September, Cllr Lawrence resigned in November, Cllr Priestley joined the Council in December, Assistant Clerk Cheri Morton joined the Council in January.

Thank you everyone for your contribution to all of this. And a special thank you to our clerk, Neil Taylor-Matson who keeps all the finances straight as well as doing all of what I have just covered.

b. Groups and Organisations

Glanford & Lindsey Lions – Alan Hall gave a verbal report about the organisation noting the 1.4 million international Lions members with 48,000 clubs in 208 countries and 10,000 members across the UK. There are 29 members at Glanford & Lindsey and £7,000 raised annually for worthy causes, including foodbanks, the Ukraine crisis, brain tumours, blood research, spectacle recycling. Best known locally for Santa's Buggy but also represented at the Lincolnshire & Messingham Shows and local fayres, the group work alongside emergency planners, supported Covid-19 vaccinations, support for refugees and the special Olympics. The club support CPR training alongside LIVES, help with supplying books for primary schools & the promotion of environmental matters. The group provide support for the school shoebox appeals, trauma lines, washbags for parents, baby hats and twiddle muffs, message in a bottle / message in a wallet / plugsters. The group works with social prescribers, senior citizens Christmas parties and litter picking campaigns. Every penny raised goes to worthy causes, members subscriptions cover the running costs of the organisation. Alan noted thanks to local residents who help and make their work possible.

Angling Club – a written report was received and read by David Garritt, see written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton in Lindsey Fire Station – Ian Steedman gave a verbal report noting responses to 209 incidents over the past year, 37 of which were fire calls and 172 air support (drone). The average call time is four and a half minutes, seven of which were over the border. Technical issues with the onboard systems has unfortunately increased the average call out time for the crew. 19 safe & well visits made – to check fire safety requirements in place. The availability for the crew is currently 70% with capacity for 15

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firefighters; but currently only 10 operational and 1 non-operational. Crew have to be residents of Kirton in Lindsey to meet the five minute call out response required. 4 vacancies remain and take up has slowed down in the aftermath of the pandemic but applicants are encouraged. During the recent Ladder Climb fundraising event a height higher than Mount Everest was achieved with a donation of £1,720 going to Ian Lawrence to secure catastrophic bleed kits. Another fundraiser, the car wash event at Huntcliff raised £324. The focus is currently on the recruitment of crew and increasing skills of the crew through training. Fire cover has been a priority over medical response, however medical response is being reintroduced. The station is keen to continue to raise its profile to the growing population and keen to attend community events to do so. The team were thanked for their assistance in placing the baubles on the town Christmas tree.

Kirton in Lindsey Junior Football Club – a written report was received and read by David Garritt, see written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton in Lindsey Table Tennis Club – Julie Whitelock gave a verbal report noting the club was originally formed by Rod Boyers and retains its status as an amateur, friendly club. The age range is 18-100+, with everyone very welcome. Adult supervision is required for children attending. The club continue to base themselves at KLASSIC, with 18 active members and 100 members having passed through the club over the last ten years. Membership has expanded in the recovery since the pandemic, with community activities proving more popular choice than ever. Fees received by the club are put back into professional coaching to improve skills. New members are always welcome.

Youth Club - a written report was received and read by David Garritt, see written reports at the end of the minutes.

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall – Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Trustees reported that despite hopes, 2021 had not proved better than 2020 overall. Activities were kept going, but the hall was closed for part of the year by law. Normality didn't return until October and it has not proven an easy time with restrictions, cancellations due to illness or low numbers due to continuing concerns. Overall, however the Town Hall is as busy now as before the pandemic hit. New activities include Waste Not Want Not developing into a Community Shop on Fridays, saving tonnes of food from going into landfill. Lunch club hasn't restarted, however the Thursday afternoon Community Café has proved very popular, particularly capturing families and children as school finishes. Kirton Call plan to return after Easter, and the Hall is to become the local home for a Rock Choir – a new national initiative to encourage people to take up singing. The Tudor Minstrels show and return of the ever-popular Barn Dance event also brings variety to the town. The Trustees are working alongside the Town Council to prepare Platinum Jubilee events for the community. After 6 years Sharron moved on from the role of Venue Manager, and Jo Canton has taken on the role, Sharron continues to volunteer with craft sessions and the Community Shop. Trustees have depleted due to changes in the last year, and new faces are sought, Bar Staff are particularly needed. Secretary Jill Thickett also moved on, with Hazel Fox stepping up to take on the role. Grant funding from the Town Council continues to cover the costs of the lift, and this support is much needed. The good news is that the Town Hall has come out of the pandemic in a sound financial position.

Kirton in Lindsey Society – Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Society reported a year of alterations and cancellations. The Society currently have a membership of 58 members who turn up for regular meetings, showing the enthusiasm the membership has. Unfortunately, the Christmas Special was cancelled due to concerns raised by the booked entertainment, however family crafting in association with SLHA over half term was very well supported. A new Local Studies on pubs and breweries of the town was published and remains available. A project for the restoration of a recently rediscovered 18th century prison door from the Bridewell has started, in conjunction with the Town Hall. Sadly, Treasurer Chris Hopkins died suddenly in February which is both a loss to the Society and personally. A new Treasurer has been appointed, however failures at the bank need resolving to be able to move forward. The Kirton in Lindsey Society website provides plenty of information and contact details for those interested in the Society.

North Notts & Linc Community Rail Partnership - a written report was received and read by David Garritt, see written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton in Lindsey Women's Institute – Alison Birkett, President at the WI reported a challenging start to her first year as President. No meetings were held between January and June. A buddy scheme was put into place, along with a hand delivered newsletter to keep in touch. Meetings of the Executive were held online, and garden meetings as well as meetings on The Green took place as the situation became easier. The new programme launched with celebration in April, and a return to KLASSIC. 44 members re-joined in April and a full programme is planned for 2022. The WI enjoy the time they are able to spend together as a group.

KLASSIC Park - a written report was received and read by David Garritt, see written reports at the end of the minutes.

Kirton Lindsey Ukrainian Support Hub (KLUSH) – Adam Delsignore reported on the setting up of the new group to provide support for hosting Ukrainian refugees. The group is currently very new, formed following a Facebook message with a core of 12 members who have held two meetings so far. The group attended the March meeting of the Town Council and Cllr Gunn is to attend future meetings and link back to the Town Council. A flyer with further information and invitation to a public meeting on 7th April was placed into the recent issue of Kirton First, with reasonable interest shown, mostly from the older demographic of the town. 13 residents attended, two were from nearby villages, one of whom has already made a potential match for hosting. Contact has been made in Warsaw noting that London is the main place of interest, however with confirmation that the setting up of a small town community support network is likely to be of interest as well. Stuart Pinto at North Lincolnshire Council has proved to be very helpful as a point of contact, linking in previous experience with refugees and Sanctuary. Other resources such as Ukrainians in North Lincolnshire have been explored, with really good advice received for planning ahead, along with links to the work Ian Lawrence is carrying out to transport supplies out to Ukraine. A band night will be held at the Town Hall on 7th May with 90-100 tickets available now, sausage baps and raffle prizes will be on offer! Roles and responsibilities within the group are to be agreed at the next meeting, learning from North Lincolnshire Council and updates hoped from Warsaw.

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Town Hall Live – Brian Chudley noted ten years since the formation of Town Hall Live in 2012. 16-17 acts per year on average, mostly from Canada, America, Australia and the UK. The events are self-funding with all profits going to the Town Hall. Disruption to schedules and planning was ongoing until October 2021, but no losses incurred – just a lot of admin to rearrange! Two social outdoor events, Garden Fest and a concert at KLASSIC have proved successful, with a third outdoor event now planned at KLASSIC for July. Although profitable, numbers have fluctuated as some regulars remain uncomfortable inside venues. The events do attract people from outside the town too with people travelling from Newcastle and Saltburn as examples to see acts. Word spreads about the quality acts and people also travel from Scunthorpe and Lincoln to see them. The focus on the unique atmosphere and attention to hospitality is the key to acts returning again and again.

Cubs & Explorers – Sarah Gillingham, Chair, reported that the Cub section has returned enthusiastically to face-to-face activities, with the existing team of three adults now joined by two more adult volunteers. Numbers for the Cubs at the moment sits at 21, with two ‘senior sixers’ who support the younger members, and will continue in the role until PrimJam. The pandemic has skewed the age of members, meaning that many of the current Cubs are younger than usual. The group has been based at KLASSIC over the winter, and look forward to also being able to spend some outdoor time up at Primrose campsite over the spring and summer. Badge work completed by the group includes map reading, entertainer, home safety, fire safety and swimming at Ancholme Leisure Centre. A big highlight being prepared for at the moment is PrimJam weekend, the first local jamboree for three years – and the first experience of camping for many Cubs.

1st Kirton in Lindsey Beavers & Scouts – Ann Wood & Matt reported that the Beaver Scout Group is for boys and girls from the age of 6-8 years and at the moment there are only 10 Beavers but it is hoped more will join following the school holidays. Different badges are covered during the year as well as celebration days like Mothers Day, Easter, Fathers Day and Christmas. They also try to do baking twice a year. The craft boxes which are shared between the Beavers and the Cubs are currently getting refreshed with new felt tip pens, crayons and Sellotape dispensers. Money granted from the Town Council has helped this to be done. Meetings are Wednesdays between 6 and 7pm and during the summer the group goes to Primrose Hill to do outdoor activities which can't be done at KLASSIC Park. The Remembrance Service at the Green is also attended. Ann thanked Martin for all his help at KLASSIC, often helping with needs at short notice. Without the current Assistant Leaders the Beavers couldn't run and so grateful thanks were expressed to them.

Scouts have had to be very flexible, with leaders impacted by Covid and health issues. Having new leaders join existing ones has enabled the group to split into two age groups as Scouts support young people from 10-14+ years. 10-12 Scouts have come up from Cubs but have missed out due to the pandemic on many of the camping and outdoor experiences which would usually be offered. Badge work has included environmental, survival, fire lighting, first aid, navigation and cooking. Leaders have also missed out on face-to-face training, so in early June a mini camp is planned to give newer Scouts some camping experience and skills and to enable leaders to gain additional training. This will be prior to the big Poacher event held at the Lincolnshire Showground attracting Scouts from all over the world. The work of all Scouts has been supported by local organisations (Town Council, both Co-Ops and Ongo) and it looks as though the tents and other equipment purchased will finally get a proper work out soon. Some of the older Scouts (14 and 14+) and some leaders are part of a pilot collaboration with Hibaldstow, with the aim of supporting young people as Explorers, as Young Leaders and also, in time, with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Anyone with relevant experience or skills is invited to become involved.

It is also hoped that over the next year the Scout groups will be able to work alongside other groups in Kirton in Lindsey, whether in welcoming refugees, planting trees or helping out with other exciting local projects. Scouts achieve their 80th birthday this summer, a great achievement and testament to all those who have supported the group over its long history.

1st Kirton in Lindsey Guides & Brownies – Rachel & Julie thanked the Town Council for approved funding which will greatly help the group. This year is 110 years of Girl Guiding, with Kirton in Lindsey one of the first groups set up in the country. There is a varied and exciting programme in place for the groups, however numbers have reduced since 2019 and through the online sessions of 2020. Numbers are currently down to 9, and sessions have been moved to Mondays to try to cater for more interest. No girls are ever excluded because of financial difficulties. It is hoped that numbers will increase again, with interesting opportunities, challenges and badges to work towards. Recent examples include environmental work, non-alcoholic cocktails and crafts such as making advent calendars and jewellery holders. Future events under development are the Poacher at Lincolnshire Showground for the International Jamboree and a visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The girls are all really committed and a credit to Kirton in Lindsey.

Kirton in Lindsey In Bloom – Martin Hollingsworth, Chair, reported on the current winter planting at the library and Market Place, with new flower beds in place outside the Cemetery and at GG Steels. Litter picking takes place on a regular basis with a good community response, keeping verges and public spaces tidy. Next litter pick is Saturday 23rd April and more information and updates are given on the Facebook page. The Silver Award (Small Town) was achieved in the East Midlands In Bloom competition with Grandad's Plough also awarded. Most Improved was also achieved in the Best Kept Village competition. New members have joined recently and thanks were noted to the Town Council for continued support with grant funding.

Kirton in Lindsey Entertainment Organisation (KLEO) – Martin Hollingsworth reflected on 18 years of the organisation, developed from the Planning for Real project. Live shows are brought to the town as part of the Live Lincs initiative via the Arts Council, and these restarted last autumn. Recent acts have included the Mandolin Player & Comic Stories, Love & Spice Dance Co. – a sensory experience with Indian spices – and in Spring this year Shakespeare in the form of two actors playing all 20 characters from A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed at the Town Hall. Ideas are welcomed from anyone for shows.

Outer School – Martin Hollingsworth, Director and Volunteer at the facility linked to the Primary School. Outer School allows for staggered starting times which proved extremely helpful during the pandemic and helps working parents a great deal too.

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The facility is now back to near normal, but as with other places at the moment struggles coping with the numbers of coronavirus infections in the local area. Forward financial planning is difficult due to the unreliability on numbers attending.

Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club – Dave O’Brien, Secretary noted that due to the pandemic the Club had missed two winter seasons, and numbers had reduced due to some concerns people still had even meeting in outdoor settings. The improved weather had however brought with it better numbers. A challenge for the Club has been running six beginners courses over five months, however worthwhile as this has resulted in some beginners joining which has maintained Club numbers. The Club is open to all in the 7-80+ age range, all abilities and the sport is one which is very sociable. When children join it’s quite often the case that parents join in later too. Currently there are a number of family groups on the waiting list. August brought Victoria Rumary’s Paralympic success and a Civic Reception was held at KLASSIC Park with £110 raised to split between Victoria’s and the Mayor’s charities. Victoria has since really become an ambassador for archery. Izzy Birkett became the Incurve County Champion. The Club were represented by seven archers at the Spalding/Lincs Intermediate Training with county and senior coaches, with excellent feedback received and the inclusion of out of club exercises. Priorities now are getting members back shooting and to progress through a backlog of beginners courses. Groups are welcome to ‘have-a-go’ and come along to Taster Sessions with the Women’s Institute and Scouts already taking up the challenge. The sessions involve no ‘coaching’, with the aim to see the improvement gained over the session. Everyone is encouraged to get in touch for further information.

St Andrew’s United Church Council – Rev Michael Sheard noted how the church has really suffered through the pandemic with no services inside allowed. The Thursday Fellowship Group was lost due to no opportunities to meet. The loss of contact however was overcome with telephone calls and children’s activities via Zoom. Weekly worship materials were delivered to members of church during times when the church had to be closed. The Church Halls remains a community asset and available for bookings for groups and organisations. The Wednesday open drop in continues with refreshments available. Over the past year the church has seen a continuation of funerals but fewer weddings, it was noted that baptisms are however now rising. The Primary School made use of the church as the venue for their Christmas activities. Fundraising continues for charities, including foodbanks and The Forge at Scunthorpe. Rev Sheard also noted the inclusion of Nutshell within Kirton First and the regular stand-alone issues of Nutshell – with a loss of subscribers threatening the survival of the magazine. The purchase of subscriptions for the stand-alone issues subsidises the inclusion into Kirton First. Rev Sheard noted that Rev Kathy Colwell moves on in April and thanked her for her service to the town.

Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners – Pat Frankish, Chair reported the meetings had resumed, however during the pandemic meetings via Zoom had taken place, as well as a quiz. The Annual Show will see a return in September this year at the Town Hall, and earlier this month the Daffodil Delight show was a success, again reminding the group of the popularity of the shows, compared to people attending meetings. The second Saturday in May will see the plant stall return in the Market Place as something for people to look out for, however people were also encouraged to come along to meetings and share ideas, particularly as growing our own food may become the way forward.

Kirton First – Pat Frankish noted that the magazine currently produces six issues a year and includes as much news as it can. The Town Council reports are included and the Council pay for the pages they use. The magazine continues to be delivered to all homes and is free, with contributions welcomed from everyone.

KCOM – Kate Reed introduced herself and noted that residents won’t have failed to see them working in the area, as well as other local areas including Messingham, Hibaldstow, Scawby and Goxhill. Kate left her contact details in case anyone wanted to get in touch or ask any questions.

North Lincs Woodland Trust – Jared Priestley introduced himself and noted this new Trust has five Trustees and is concerned with lack of accessible woodland in and around Kirton in Lindsey. The focus is on environmental, habitat and leisure space to enjoy. A bank account is now in place, and fundraising has started in order to raise monies to buy land and preserve it forever. The next big push will be an air dive, with contact details published on Facebook and Kirton First so that people can get in touch. The Trust are also keen to hear of any areas for planting up put forward by residents and welcome community interest.

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Matters for discussion

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or matters to be raised.

No questions or matters were raised.

Meeting closing

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8pm