

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7pm at Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre.

Present: Mr S & Mrs J Coulber, Mr & Mrs Pocklington, Mr M Foster, M & J Abbott, M Lord, Mr S & Mrs V Wattam, Mr N Leggate, D Tomlinson, K Taylor, Mr C & Mrs C Buchanan, M Smith, Mr S & Mrs L Avison, Mrs B Harvey, Mr T Ashton, plus clerk K Elliott.

The parish assembly opened at 7.00pm and Mr Coulber thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked Thorpe Camp for the use of their venue for this meeting.

The assembly commenced at 7.01pm with the presentation from Christina Joachim, Events Programme Manager from the Woodland Trust which was formed in 1972 and looks after the local woodland at Thorpe & Tattershall Carr which are ancient woodlands. The presentation included information on the history of the Woodland Trust and the 8 species of bats which have been recorded living in the Carrs. The speaker took questions from those assembled on topics including ash die back, the old RAF Woodhall Spa site and dominant species for this area.

The Meeting started at 7.20pm.

1. **Apologies:** were received from Mr R Tracy, Mr T & Mrs E Hodson, Mr T & Mrs S Rowland.
2. **Minutes:** of the last annual assembly which have been circulated, were proposed, seconded and RESOLVED as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters arising:** there were none.
4. **Report on other items:** There were none.
5. **Resume of village events:** Having been circulated prior to the meeting, Mr Coulber has outlined a resume of events from the past twelve months.
6. **Best Kept Village competition:** Tattershall Thorpe has entered for 2018 once again and the first round judging will take place at the end of May, although dates are not advised. Results will also not be sent out until the end of the summer. The village has also entered the **East Midlands in Bloom competition** for the second time and dates have been organised and visits planned. The judges will be escorted around the parish and following on from recommendations received in 2017, improvements have been carried out and an increased score is hoped for in 2018. Mr Coulber is keen to get more involvement from local children and asked for suggestions on how this can be done. A poster competition was suggested with local primary schools, guides, brownies and scouts to be asked to enter. The Blue Bell Trophy for the **Best Kept Garden competition** will be judged in July. The village clean up weekend will take place over the 23rd & 24th June.
7. **Community Matters:** these have been included and covered in page 2 of the resume of village events as discussed earlier in the meeting.
8. **Parish Council Chairman's Report:** was received at the parish council meeting on 2nd May and copies of this report have been circulated with the agenda prior to the start of the meeting.
9. **Items for Discussion:** The road works at the corner of Chapel Lane were raised which are for providing a power supply to broad band installation. Mr Coulber confirmed that the parish council annual report is not being delivered to every household this year; however it is planned to develop a summary report specifically for Tattershall Thorpe which will be delivered by hand to everyone. An invitation was extended to the unveiling of a memorial stone at the former RAF Woodhall Spa on Sunday 13th May at 11.30am.

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This is an important date as it is the 75th anniversary of the 617 Dam Busters Squadron. The Thorpe Camp Preservation group are celebrating their 30th anniversary and the naafi at Thorpe Camp will be open from 12 noon. The Tiger moth wing outside the camp is part of a cycle route organised by Lincoln BIG and all cyclists will receive a warm welcome. Mr Coulber thanked everyone at Thorpe Camp for permitting the Annual Assembly to be held here.

The clerk was advised of the pot holes on the road to Kirkby on Bain and at the North Road Junction, these will be reported to LCC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Refreshments were served and a toast was offered to Prince Harry and his fiancé for their forthcoming wedding.

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