

**INGLEBY GREENHOW PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Wednesday 5th May 2021 held by Zoom at 7.30pm**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>PRESENT</b>  Cllr T Sutcliffe Chairman, Cllr L Smith Vice-Chair, Cllr M Staples, Cllr M Reed, M B Bowes Parish Clerk/Responsible Officer  The Chairman welcomed NYCC Cllr H Moorhouse, HDC Cllr R Hudson to the meeting.</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  They were accepted from Cllr E Martin, HDC Cllr R Kirk</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  The Parish Council Resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Annual Assembly meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.  No Parish Annual Assembly took place in 2020 due to the pandemic.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  There were no matters arising from Minute's 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR 2019 – 2021</b>  The Chairman welcomed participants to the meeting and thanked North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Cllr H Moorhouse and Hambleton District Council (HDC) Cllrs R Hudson and R Kirk for their attendance and input into Parish Council meetings over the two-year period.  Two new Parish Councillors have joined the Parish Council over the period - Cllr Eileen Martin (2019) and Cllr Mark Reed (January 2021). Mark was welcomed to his first Annual Parish Assembly.  The Chairman explained the need for the two-year report and the fact that an Annual Assembly had not been possible in 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions.  During the last year Covid 19 restrictions have had a major impact on the work of the Parish Council and how it has had to undertake its duties. No Parish Council meetings were undertaken from April until September, with business undertaken by delegation and with the use of emails.  This was a year of challenges and firsts – with no Parish Council meetings for six months then holding the first Covid 19 compliant outdoor Parish Council meetings in September and October at the rear of the Village Hall. Despite windy conditions and some drizzle at one meeting, business was successfully concluded. In January 2021 the Parish Council held its first Remote Meeting using Zoom. This was successful despite some technical teething problems and was used for the following monthly meetings with increased confidence. It was regrettable that no residents joined the meetings remotely, however this is also reflected nationally.  Two other firsts which occurred during the period were the first complaint against the Parish Council received from residents, which was considered under the Parish Council Complaints Policy and also a Freedom of Information Request. Both of these took considerable Parish Council time and resources to deal with. In the case of the complaint, it was not upheld by the Parish Council and nor later by HDC.  The Main Issues over the two years include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Defibrillators</b></li> </ul> <p>It was reported that the 3 units were installed by HDC in Ingleby Greenhow, Battersby Junction and Battersby, powered by adjacent lighting columns, at a cost of £1,900. They became operational in January 2020 and each unit has its own local guardian who undertakes a weekly check of the unit and reports back to both Yorkshire Ambulance Service and North East Ambulance Service and to Parish Clerk. The chairman thanked the volunteer guardians. Replacement Pads for the unit</p>

will be required in September 2021. The training which was offered to accompany the installation of the units had to be deferred due to Covid 19 restrictions.

- **Street Lighting**

Installation of new LED units was completed along with the removal of old columns in Ingleby Greenhow, Battersby Junction and Battersby.

- **Major Roadworks**

The long-awaited structural repair work was undertaken on the road from Battersby to the Chop Gate turn-off and from Ingleby Greenhow to Easby. This work included the area in front of the Church which was particularly welcome.

The Chairman had written to the Chairman of NYCC thanking the County Council for undertaking this work which has left the majority of Parish roads in probably the best condition they have been in for many years.

Pothole problems remain on side roads. The Bank Foot and the Howe Hill to Waterbeck roads remain in need of significant work.

- **Broadband**

NYNET/BT successfully completed the connection of Battersby Junction onto the Superfast box at Ingleby Greenhow with cables underground, though there was some disturbance to the stone trod on the Bank Foot to Battersby Junction section.

At Battersby some preliminary work was undertaken, and poles erected 18 months ago but there has been little progress since and there is no firm date for the completion of the connection.

- **Village Benches**

A new bench has been provided in the Pound area which was donated by a resident. The old bench previously situated there was refurbished and relocated to the Bank Foot road, adjacent to the trees planted by the Parish Council.

- **Memorial Trees in the Parish**

The Parish Council has concerns about the condition of some of the Memorial Avenues in the Parish the former landowner, Ingleby Estate, has sold off many of these areas. The Estate has been contacted and a member of the Local History Group is researching the ownership and management of the Avenues on behalf of the Parish Council in order to seek to protect them and ensure public access to the trees.

- **Mobile Post Office Van**

Since February 2021 the mobile Post Office van has called each Thursday at Ingleby Greenhow. It is a popular and welcome service, particularly during the Covid restrictions. Hopefully it will continue beyond this time. All are encouraged to use the facility.

- **Woodland Trust - Church Plantation and Marsh Lane**

The Parish Council met with the Woodland Trust to look at various tree management issues, one of which was the problem of overhanging trees on Marsh Lane, following a number of complaints. Both the Woodland Trust and the Village Hall Committee agreed to have the overhanging branches removed.

- **Planning and Listed Building Applications**

It seemed a busy 2 years with around 30 Planning and Listed Building applications being submitted. This included 3 applications for Certified Exempted Caravan and Camping submissions, one of which was for Shepherds Huts. Three other applications were submitted for Shepherds Hut sites.

Significant development plans were also submitted at Atkinson's Wood - Easby, Centre Farm - Battersby, Station Farm - Ingleby Greenhow, Beth Haven Farm - Greenhow, Rose Cottage - Ingleby Greenhow, The Butcher's Shop - Ingleby

	<p>Greenhow and Pig Park – Ingleby Greenhow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Village Footpaths</b></li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council supported the repair of the footpath handrails on Church Bank (Chocolate Path) and the submission of a grant application by the landowner to North York Moors National Park. The repair is now complete with a £1,500 Grant from the National Park, based on its use as a village footpath and historic feature. The Parish Council has looked at the status of this and adjoining paths following recent changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Pound Area</b></li> </ul> <p>Documents are being prepared for submission to the Land Registry to formally claim ownership of the area as the Parish Council have maintained the area for over 40 years. The Local History Group have agreed to help with research into both the Pound area and adjacent footpaths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parish Trees</b></li> </ul> <p>Work has been undertaken to maintain the trees planted by the Parish Council on Stone Stoup and Bank Foot road and on the Parish Centenary Tree on Church Bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boundary Stones</b></li> </ul> <p>The boundary stone on the Great Broughton road has been destroyed. It is hoped to replace this important historic marker. The boundary stone on the Easby road has been knocked over and damaged and will need repairing and re-erecting.</p> <p><b>ADDITIONAL NOTE</b></p> <p>At the end of the meeting, the Chairman noted that, as of this week, he has been Chairman for 18 years. This followed a 20-year apprenticeship as a Parish Councillor under the excellent guidance of the two previous Chairs, Miss Mary Shotton and Mr John Coverdale. He thanked all Parish Councillors who had worked with him whilst Chairman and advised that he would not be seeking re-election as Chairman.</p>
5	<p><b>FINANCE REPORT – Parish Clerk/Responsible Officer</b></p> <p>The Clerk gave details of the Parish Council accounts, please see attached sheet.</p>
6	<p><b>Public questions on Parish Affairs</b></p> <p>HDC Councillor thank the Councilors and Parish Clerk for the work they do for the Parish.</p>