

Eakring Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7.00pm. Held in Cator Hall, Eakring.

Present;

**Parish Councillors Ken Peet, Marion Peet, Sharon Foster
10 members of the public
County Councillor**

1. To receive apologies for absence

Jeff

2. To read and confirm the minutes of the annual parish meeting held May 2024

Approved (KP/MP)

3. To receive the report by the Chairman

Hall refurbishment and acoustic panels have been successful. CCTV and alarm installations are now in place. New village signs have been installed, despite one being stolen 7 days after installation. It is hoped this will be replaced soon. The water trough and telephone box have now been adopted.

Unfortunately we have lost the Clerk and numerous Councillors throughout the year, and we hope that this will change in the coming 12 months. Councillors are volunteers and do this for the community. The chairman encouraged application for new members

4. Aspirations for the year ahead

Aspirations to install Main Street and Kirklington Road flower boxes have been dealt a blow by Via as the costs are not suitable. Additional planters will be sought instead. The grass verges and footpaths are hopefully to be maintained better by Via. There has been damage to the play park but this has been rectified and we hope for better security this year. The defib has been installed and we hope this will be reassuring for the residents.

5. Questions from the floor

Resident queried if the clerk and councillors left because of abuse for the floor. Councillor confirmed that this is correct but they will not be named at this meeting. A discussion was held regarding the origins of the abuse on both sides, inside and outside of Parish Council meetings. The resident raised concerns that this may be because of the increase in funds available to the Council.

Resident queried if the minutes were available for 7th Feb 2024 which descended into an argument. Residents value the Parish Council and hope the Council improves in future.

Resident raised that younger people in the village cannot always attend all events and meetings, but do volunteer in other way, such as with litter picking and graveyard clearances etc.

Praise given to other residents who also put on events and encourage community.

Resident highlighted that the turnover of Councillors is disheartening to the public and Council. The future of the Parish Council is concerning to both the public and the Councillors.

The discussion resolved positively with both Councillors and residents hoping to improve relations in future and continue to work well for the community.

Meeting closed 19:30