

CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CLOUGHTON PARISH Monday 3rd May 2021 at 7pm To be held online

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PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

AGENDA

- 1 Election of Chairman (only if Parish Council Chairman not present)
- 2 Apologies for absence
3. To note no parish assembly was held in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and the consequent restrictions on travel and public meetings.
- 4 To approve Minutes of 2019 Parish Assembly (*already confirmed as an accurate record at Parish Council meeting of 3rd June 2019, minute 41/19 refers*).
- 5 Annual Report by Chairman of Parish Council [*enclosed*]
- 6 Any other reports as available.
- 7 Any matters (related to the parish) which parishioners wish to raise.

P. Couch

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Chairman of Cloughton Parish Council
23rd April 2021

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CLOUGHTON PARISH HELD IN ST. MARY'S
CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2019 AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllr. D Baker (Vice Chairman of Parish Council)
5 parishioners
Mrs J Marley – Clerk to the Parish Council (minute taker)

A1/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – In the absence of the Chairman of Parish Council, the meeting agreed Cllr. Baker (Vice Chairman of the Parish Council) be Chairman of the Parish Assembly

A2/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – **Received** from Cllr. P Couch (poorly), Cllr. Mrs Loy (prior commitment).

A3/19 MINUTES OF 2018 ASSEMBLY
Having been previously circulated & confirmed as accurate at the Parish Council meeting of 4/6/2018, the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Assembly were approved and signed by Cllr. Baker as Chairman of tonight's meeting.

A4/19 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
A written report had been submitted by Cllr. Couch. The re-development at Town Farm was now well on the way and some houses were already occupied. The Parish Council was progressing with finalising playground designs; funding in the region of £50,000 was now available and tenders would be going out later this year. The Tour de Yorkshire came through Cloughton this year. The Christmas Lights Competition had again proved popular. The annual village pantomime had been well attended. The Duchy of Lancaster had now taken 'in house' the management of their Cloughton Estate and their programme of renovation and upgrading of their properties was well advanced. The War Memorial has had some minor repairs done and been cleaned. Cllr. Geoff Hill stood down from the Parish Council after nearly 25 years service - passionate about helping parishioners and the village, his help, advice and guidance to many Chairmen, Councillors and Clerks will be sorely missed.

A5/19 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM
Comments that the new finger posts erected by the North York Moors National Park and showing footpaths and walks looked very good.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Paul Couch, Parish Council Chairman
3rd May 2021

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Parish Report for Cloughton Parish Assembly for 2021

Good evening and a very warm welcome one and all to the Annual Cloughton Parish Assembly. There wasn't an assembly in 2020 – the coronavirus pandemic (now known as Covid19) arrived in this country around Christmas 2019 and in mid-March 2020 government imposed a central "lockdown" - people were told to stop all non-essential travel, work from home and most shops (except supermarkets) closed. This also meant that public meetings could not be held.

A very strange and worrying 14 months later due to Covid19, and while we can see light at the end of the tunnel we still need to be careful moving forward with care with the surroundings we now live in.

I would like to start with thanking parish councillors and Clerk in their efforts and hard work in the last 14 months working for the people of the parish, with Zoom meetings as meeting face to face has been very sorely missed but hopefully soon we can meet as normal which is very promising for the coming year in helping Cloughton move forward, and I would also like to thank all and the parishioners for their input in helping us and the community in these very difficult times.

2019/20/21 for the parish has been another quiet year especially the lockdown period, the winter months have been relatively mild, but that said it was very heart-warming as a Parish Councillor and parishioner to see villagers helping all generations by getting prescriptions and shopping for them due to the pandemic and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their kindness in giving their time to help others.

The Christmas Lights Competition was very well represented in the village with more lights and decorations been put up early to try and give early Christmas cheer in these worrying months making the spirit of Christmas for visitors passing through and locals of our parish more pleasurable, with the Parish Councils lights at the top and bottom of the village with everyone enhancing the Christmas cheer, and i would like to thank all the people for their hard work and effort and look forward to see more lights at this special time of year.

The Pantomime, 1st Cloughton Brownies and Church groups have had to curtail their gatherings due to Covid but hopefully in the coming months they can start meeting again, with these groups being very instrumental in our community for mind and body.

PC Bilton and PSCO Rea Lockey and others have had a very busy time in the large rural area which Cloughton is part of. Thankfully our area has been safe and quiet due to their diligence and hard work in and around the parish although speeding through the village is quiet disturbing but hopefully they will get it sorted to make it a safer place for all.

The Duchy of Lancaster has been busy in Cloughton estate starting the next phase of renovating and upgrading of their properties to a high standard with also mention of a Cloughton office, which should improve enquiries about getting things done.

Town Farm is now finally finished with the new houses built on the old farm site and back to normality, with the transformation from a working farm into a family environment.

The Village playground is now closer than ever to fruition with plans sought, mulled over and hopefully soon chosen for a safe and fun environment for all ages to play, sit and enjoy with Councillors Brace, Loy, Readman and Staveley and all Councillors working very hard behind the scenes in pushing forward to make it happen. I would like to thank you for your time and effort you have put in.

Planning matters have again been a quiet again this year with people making the most of renovating their homes and enjoying the village rural views, with only a small amount of local issues that were discussed and dealt with by the Parish Council and hope for more of the same again in the year to come. The plans submitted a few years back for a camping site in the area around the old sawmill in Cloughton Woods have now become plans for holiday lodges – and a decision is likely in the new couple of months.

The War Memorial had some repairs done and a good clean for all to see to commemorate the fallen in both world wars is now a honour to stand in front of and pay our respects on Remembrance Day which i would like to thank the people in helping do so.

And finally as Chairman of Cloughton Parish Council I would like to thank everyone in these difficult times we are living through and hope you all stay safe and well.

Kindest Regards

Paul Couch,
Chairman Cloughton Parish Council

3rd May 2021.

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