

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2025 AT 6.30 PM  
IN RAMDSEN MEMORIAL HALL, OLD BOLINGBROKE

Present: Pam Powell, Chair of Old Bolingbroke with Hareby Parish Council

6 members of the public

Also present Parish clerk, Deborah Money

1. Chair's Welcome

Cllr Pam Powell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 16 May 2024 were agreed.

3. No reports submitted and neither County Councillor Roberts or District Councillor Grover were present.

4. Cllr Powell gave the Annual report of the Parish Council, for 2024-2025 a copy of which is attached.

5. No comments from any residents.

Meeting Closed 1840

## **Report from the Chair of Old Bolingbroke with Hareby Parish Council May 2025**

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting. I am Pam Powell, Chair of the Parish Council. My fellow Councillors are David Makins, Isobel Godsell, Caroline Wills Wright and Tony Deal. Each Councillor is responsible for a particular area of interest and together we work to support the villages of Old Bolingbroke and Hareby and their residents. Our Clerk is Deborah Money who helps us to run the Parish Council on your behalf.

As you may know this is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting when residents in the parish can hear the work of the Council and ask questions about local issues and areas of interest or concern that need discussing.

The Parish Council has two roles that it fulfils. One is as a Sole Charitable Trust for Ramsden Memorial Hall, the King George V field and the play area. The other role is when the Parish Council acts on behalf of the local authority. There have been much needed improvements to the hall during the last year. We have received very positive reviews about the new foyer area and the patio doors and patio area. The planned extension of a storeroom and toilet will be very welcome once it is completed. Fundraising is in full swing to ensure this part of the project can be realised this year. The committee will then assess the next phase of improvements required. Suggestions have included a revamp of the current toilets, a projector and screen facility and the hall floor needs revarnishing.

We have lots of visitors to our play area and field. Many from the village but also a large number from towns and villages nearby. We have installed some signage but there is more on the way so that it is clearer who is allowed to use these areas and to encourage the opportunity to do so.

The Parish Council continues to work on behalf of the residents. We have kept the precept at the same rate as in the previous two years. The sand storage bin has been placed in the carpark near the play area, The setts around the War Memorial have been improved and drainage work on Horncastle Hill has been completed though insufficient work has been done on the Hagnaby Road drainage problem with concerns about the damage to the edge of the road, and Spilsby Hill also continues to require work. Some trees have been cut down or pruned but more needs to be done.

Our first attempt to have the Black Horse Inn declared an Asset of Community Value was unsuccessful but a second application was agreed. Sadly the community no longer has an open licensed public house as the landlady has closed her business and spends time abroad but hopefully this does not mean we should lose hope of there being an active public house in the future. Currently the Friends of St Peter and St Paul hold an occasional pop up pub in the church as well as other events which goes some way towards keeping the community with a place to meet and with the improvements to the Gas House, the former Butchers Shed and the Ramsden Village Hall we continue to have a vibrant village to live in.

Thanks should go to all those who spend many hours supporting this community in a wide variety of ways but in particular I take this opportunity tonight to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for all their efforts throughout the past year and the residents who are kind enough to offer words of support and encouragement.

Cllr Pam Powell

Chair of Old Bolingbroke with Hareby Parish Council