

Milkwood. Instead I shall start on 12th August 2024.

Why?

It was on this date that Leo Hammond became deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. His main brief was for Rural affairs and public Protection and community safety. This has been a steady climb from someone who first applied to become a parish councillor at the age of 18 before going to Hull University. Learning on the job is a real way to understand the needs and opportunities. His commitment and support by his family have ensured that many small projects have succeeded and small things make a difference.

The parish has planted many bulbs with the aid of volunteers.

The Coronation tree has finally been planted, twice

The community Orchard has been established and will have its first Open day in September this year

A smart new bus shelter has been installed at Meltonby

Finally the new noticeboard has been bought and installed

Most of the successes have been due to securing money for these projects and we seem to be good at that.

While smaller things were achieved we were not able to save the church which will close. As in all these cases the population has moved away and life is different.

As always we are trying to recruit councillors and sadly this year we saw that Richard had to leave due to work . On an optimistic note Anna Hallam has applied to join the council and perhaps will bring new ideas to the team.

As I said at the beginning sometimes this can lead to other things and perhaps younger people reading this might consider what they could learn and contribute.

There is the simple rule of 3- Watch, Listen and Think before speaking or taking action

The parish is a reflection of the willingness of those to participate and give of their time to make their part of the world a better place .

I thank you all for your efforts during the year.