

The History of South Cave

The earliest mention of South Cave in literature appears in the 11th century. The town was granted a charter to hold a market and fair by King Edward I in 1291 and in 1796 a purpose-built market hall was built in the Market Place. The market died out in the 1850s and the fair in 1939.

Present Day

The parish of South Cave has an irregular shape, extending from Weedley in the east, to Drewton in the north, Broomfleet & Everthorpe in the west and the Humber bank in the south, covering some 2361 hectares [5834 acres]. At present there are some 1850 dwellings in the Parish giving a population of some 5000.

Town Hall

The Building has changed to a Town Hall in 1896 and the Parish Council first occupied the Town Hall in 1906. This building was formerly the Market Hall and Cross School, built in 1796 by Henry Boldero Barnard of Cave Castle, and in planning terms is a Grade II listed building. The ground floor front was the open arcaded market hall, and the first floor Council Chamber was the turnpike and rent room until 1841, when it was converted into the schoolroom. The rear of the building was the schoolmaster's family home. The present tower clock was built by in 1887 to mark Queen Victoria's golden jubilee at a costs of £120.00. The Parish Council renovated the building in 1999 to the condition you see it now.

Parish Council

The Parish Council, currently made up of 11 members, is responsible for the administration of the Allotments, the Cemetery, the Town Hall, footpaths, clearing footpaths and new seats, new litter bins, open spaces, such as the Play Park and King George V Playing Field. The Parish Council also has the right to make comments on all planning applications, which the Local Planning Authority must take into account. The Parish Council undertakes many more activities.

The business of the Council is conducted by the Council at meetings held on the third Monday of each month, except August, at the Town Hall at 7.00pm. The Council's work, such as planning, and the cemetery, etc, is sometimes carried out by Sub Committees, then brought to Council for approval. The Council is also able to call on the expertise of Tree Wardens & Footpath Wardens.