

## Minutes of the High Hoyland Parish Meeting – Monday 23rd May 2022, at the Cherry Tree, High Hoyland

**Chair:** Newly elected at the immediately preceding Annual Meeting, Anthony Massouras took the Chair.

**Clerk:** Joanna Roberts

**Present:** Ruth Skupski, Gearoid and Fiona O'Connell, Marcus and Joanna Dacre, Simon Kaberry, Charles Durrans, Anthony and Petrina Massouras, Barrie and Linda Sharp, John and Melanie Tobin, Peter Johnson, Mike and Kath Heaversedge, Vicky Jowett, Glyn Richards, Kathryn Williams, John Garrity

**Apologies:** Will Jowett, Malcolm and Margaret Pursey

### Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 23rd November 2021

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 23rd November 2021 were read and were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed: David Roberts                      Seconded: John Tobin

#### 1. Matters Arising

Nothing to report

#### 2. Report of the Internal Auditor

The Clerk presented the report of the Internal Auditor, confirming that he had checked through the accounts and the administrative matters of the Parish Meeting, and that no matters had arisen during the internal audit which needed reporting to the meeting or referring to, in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. He also completed the Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/2022 (page 3, AGAR PART 2 PM), copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

#### 3. Approval of the Declaration of no Accounts and Certificate of Exemption

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated copies of the accounting documents in relation to the accounts for 2021/2022. The meeting considered the Certificate of Exemption and Declaration of No Accounts confirming there have been no financial transactions in the year of account 2021/2022 and it was proposed and seconded that it was accepted.

Proposed: Gearoid O'Connell                      Seconded: Marcus Dacre

#### 4. Approval of (AGAR PART 2 P.M.) –

##### a) the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022

##### b) the Accounting Statements for 2021/2022

Whilst it is not necessary for the Parish Meeting to complete these documents, the Chair, Internal Auditor and the Clerk hold the opinion that the consideration of them forms part of the assurance that the obligations and assessment of the internal controls are being met. Approval was confirmed for these documents and acceptance of them was duly proposed and seconded by the Meeting.

##### a) The Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022

Proposed: Ruth Skupski                      Seconded: Marcus Dacre

## 5. Planning

Tina Hodges advised the meeting on behalf of her family, of their intention to submit a planning application to build on their land to the northerly side of the church where their caravan is sited. Formerly the site of a sexton's cottage, their intention is to seek permission to build a replica for the family to live in, so that All Hallows Church will no longer be their family home, but will be used solely as a retreat. Vehicular access would be via the gateway on the road side and there would also be a pedestrian gateway made from the public footpath for easy access between this new property and the church.

Application no 2021/0795

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had instigated a conversation at the beginning of May with the Planning Officer about the application, as there had been no progress with it since previous assurances at the beginning of March, when the applicant and his agent had agreed to produce further information for consideration. The Planning Officer confirmed to the Clerk that she would agree a timescale with the applicant, to receive amended plans by the end of May, with a view to taking the scheme to the Planning Regulatory Board at the end of July. A discussion followed concerning the lack of progress with this application. Those present agreed unanimously that should the timescale fail and the deadline be missed, that we consider further action.

## 6. Highways

Mike confirmed that he and Will Jowett had made contact with various members of the council sometime ago, but had had little response from them about the problem of speeding in the village. The Clerk has now given them some new contacts and they would be taking the matter up with them in the near future.

The Clerk was asked to contact the highways department about High Hoyland Lane. The road needs attention – the edge of the road from Cannon Hall Farm entrance up to the junction with Bank End Lane, is very deep in places, particularly near the junction – and could cause tyre damage. Furthermore, there are some serious potholes in the surface along the same stretch.

## 7. Footpaths

The Clerk is to contact Sarah Ford to try and establish a date for cutting back the footpaths around the village.

## 8. Crime & Safety

Tina confirmed that there have been very few disturbances up at All Hallows Church since the last meeting.

After the recent spate of burglaries, the Clerk has secured a date for the Penistone PCSOs to attend a meeting to discuss safety issues. This will be at the Cherry Tree on Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 7.30 pm. It was suggested that the village start a WhatsApp group dedicated to sending alert messages about any suspicious vehicles/persons/activities in the village. Fiona O'Connell offered to co-ordinate this. This will be much more immediate than sending email messages to the Clerk. The Clerk thanks everyone for alerting her to these issues in the past and reminded everyone that as well as sending

messages round the village if anyone sees anything that needs police attention, they should report it immediately via 101 or 999 as appropriate.

It was also suggested that when away, homeowners leave lights/lamps lit by timers around the house and preferably upstairs (where passers-by can't check) to give the illusion of someone being at home.

#### **9. Environmental Issues**

There was a litter pick held the day before the meeting and a considerable amount of rubbish was collected from the road sides. The Clerk and Chair thanked all those who helped out. It was noted that fly tipping round the village has been very high recently and these litter picks make a huge difference to the village appearance. The Clerk reminded the meeting that anyone can report fly tipping via the Barnsley Council website under the section "Fly Tipping".

#### **10. Any other business**

The Clerk introduced Simon Kaberry to the meeting. He will be the new Clerk working with Anthony and will take over following the completion of the documentation relating to this meeting. Simon will be dealing ONLY with all issues relating to the Parish. Jo Roberts will still handle all matters relating to the village oil group, litter picking exercises, liaising on crime and safety issues with Penistone Police and volunteering with TWIGGS. As soon as Jo has email addresses for Anthony and Simon, she will advise the village of their full contact details

#### **11. Date of next parish meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30 pm

**Chair**                      **Anthony Massouras**

**Date**    **10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**