

Minutes of the High Hoyland Parish Meeting – Monday 26th July 2021, at 8.30 pm at the Cherry Tree High Hoyland.

Chair: David Roberts

Clerk: Joanna Roberts

Present: Ruth Skupski, Malcolm and Margaret Pursey, John and Melanie Tobin, Mike, Kath and Grace Heaversedge, Will and Vicky Jowett, David, Joan and Steve Warsop, Joan Hall, Glyn and Alison Richards, John Garrity and Kathryn Williams

Apologies: Anthony Massouras, Marcus and Joanna Dacre, Peter Johnson, Paul and Kay Reid, Gearoid and Fiona O’Connell,

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tuesday 4th May 2021

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tuesday 4th May 2021 were read and were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed: Ruth Skupski

Seconded: Malcolm Pursey

2. Matters Arising

Nothing to report

3. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Tuesday 4th May 2021

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Proposed: Ruth Skupski

Seconded: Melanie Tobin

4. Matters Arising

Nothing to report

5. Financial Report

The Clerk confirmed that there remained £1.00 in petty cash

6. Planning

Application number 2021/0795

Development of one dwelling and associated work – land to the rear of The Greenland Cottage, High Hoyland Lane, High Hoyland, S75 4AZ

The applicant was present at the meeting and the Chair encouraged him to explain and justify the latest application in the context of the recently dismissed appeal for a similar proposal on this same site. The applicant advised the meeting that the new application would see the following measures taken so that the property would not be so visible:-

- the former infilled quarry would be dug out and the house would be pushed back further from the access road;
- the roof would be planted with grass and wild flowers;

- there would be a wall erected to the front of the property to give the impression of a quarry wall.

Furthermore, the design would incorporate higher eco standards with the aim of achieving Passiv Haus status.

The Clerk was asked, and confirmed that the site is in Green Belt, and that it is not within the defined boundary of the village as specified on the UDP and Local Development Framework Proposals Maps, and also, as concluded by the Inspector, author of the letter dismissing the Appeal made by the applicant of this application, to his previous application 2018/0380.

The following points were made by attendees of the meeting –

- That the application site is in Green Belt and it was agreed that the construction of new buildings in Green Belt should be considered inappropriate. Having considered the application, it was agreed that it does not constitute an exceptional design and it should therefore be considered inappropriate development in Green Belt.
- That the design of the proposed development was out of kilter with the neighbouring cottages at Greenland, and even if it was not in Green Belt, it would look out of place.
- That permitting development on this site in Green Belt, would set a precedence and would open the door for applications in other Green Belt plots situated in High Hoyland.
- If planning permission was granted, the applicant, or the purchaser of this plot if it was sold on, could seek to alter the application detrimentally.

A vote was taken and it was agreed by 15 votes to 3 to write a letter of objection to the application, to BMBC development management department.

7. Highways

Several villagers reported problems with cars parked on the blind bend outside All Hallows church. This reduces the carriageway to a single lane and accidents between oncoming traffic at this point have been very narrowly averted. The Clerk was asked to suggest to the residents that they park either well before, or after the bend, or possibly on the land at the side of the church.

The ongoing problem with speeding was discussed, including incidents of late night speeding through the village. The Clerk will seek clarification on reports of crashes outside the Cherry Tree. A couple of villagers discussed the possibility of setting up a separate group to try and tackle the ongoing issue.

8. Footpaths

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the PROW team and ask if the paths could be cut back again as they are already getting overgrown again. The Clerk will also contact TWIGGS to see if they can assist with clearing the pavements and/or the PROWs.

9. Crime & Safety

Nothing to report

10. Environmental Issues

Nothing to report

11. Chair and Clerk

The Chair and Clerk both re-confirmed that they will be retiring at the end of this financial year. The position of Chair needs to be filled by someone from High Hoyland. If no-one from the village is willing to take over as clerk, then a replacement could be recruited from outside the village. Whilst the Clerk is currently an unsalaried position, consideration would have to be given to a remuneration package for a new Clerk, at which point a precept would need to be raised, for which a contribution would be charged to each household in the village, via the annual council tax. The Clerk will be writing out to everyone in the village to advise them of the situation and will have prepared a budget forecast for discussion at the next meeting.

The Clerk did confirm that the format of the Parish Meeting, and therefore the responsibilities of the Chair and Clerk, could be further reduced making the responsibilities much less. Furthermore, she intends to continue to run ancillary tasks such as the village oil buying group and the litter picking activities, so that the Clerk would only have to concentrate on any parish business. In addition, she would very happily work with the incoming Clerk to ensure a smooth transition. This matter will be on the agenda for the next parish meeting, but if anyone wishes to discuss the matter prior to that, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair or Clerk for further information.

12. Date of next parish meeting

Monday 25th October 2021.

CHAIR

DATE