Minutes of the High Hoyland Parish Meeting – Monday 16^{th} November 2020, held remotely via zoom.

Chair: David Roberts

Clerk: Joanna Roberts

Present: Marcus and Joanna Dacre, Ruth Skupski, Peter Johnson, Gearoid and Fiona O'Connell, Kay

Reid, Anthony Massouras, John and Melanie Tobin, Malcolm and Margaret Pursey

Apologies: Will Jowett, John Garrity

1. Minutes of the meetings Monday 18th November 2019

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 18th November 2019 were read and were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed: Marcus Dacre Seconded: Ruth Skupski

2. Matters Arising

Nothing to report

3. Minutes of the meeting Monday 25th August 2020

Proposed: Peter Johnson Seconded: Malcolm Pursey

4. Matters Arising

Prior to tonight's meeting, the Clerk had circulated a copy of the minutes of 13th May 2019. Although these had previously been approved at the meeting on 18th November 2019, the Internal Auditor had made the observation at the meeting of 25.08.2020, that there had been an anomaly in the recording of dates in the minutes of 13th May 2019, which he had noticed during the internal audit of the accounts for 2019-2020. The amended minutes were re-approved and the corrections noted.

5. Financial Review and Precept Planning

The Clerk confirmed that a balance of £1.00 is still held in petty cash. She further confirmed that she had considered the need for a precept and had concluded that she did not foresee any need for funds for the ongoing operation of the Parish Meeting. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Meeting would not request a precept for the forthcoming financial year.

Proposed: John Tobin Seconded: Joanna Dacre

6. Annual Review of the Risk Assessment and the Internal Audit Arrangements

The Clerk confirmed that she had reviewed the risk assessment and internal audit arrangement documents and had then passed them to John Tobin, Malcolm Pursey, John Garrity and Peter Johnson to be checked. Some minor adjustments had been suggested which were incorporated into the risk assessment, and then both documents were circulated along with the agenda for tonight's meeting. These documents were approved by the Parish Meeting.

Proposed: Melanie Tobin Seconded: Anthony Massouras

7. Planning

There are no new planning applications to consider

8. Highways

BMBC has advised that a temporary speed restriction of 40 mph will be applied for approximately 5 days from 30th November 2020 along the highway between Winter Hill Farm and the end of the bridlepath (direction – towards the village centre). This is to allow for works to reinstate the pavement on the northern edge of the highway.

The Clerk was asked to contact the highways department/Councillor Wilson to ask if the footpath to the north of High Hoyland Lane, between the Chapel House and the junction with Bank End Lane can be similarly repaired. This is still outstanding following the rebuilding of the retaining wall opposite.

Speeding – the Clerk has written to the highways department about the problem with speeding, on 3 occasions since the last meeting, without response. Councillor Wilson has now written on our behalf to the head of Highways to try to progress the matter, and the Clerk will continue to follow this up.

9. Footpaths

Nothing to report

10. Crime and Safety

It was reported that a significant number of vehicles have been stolen in Clayton West, Kexborough and Cawthorne.

The meeting agreed that the crime notices circulated by South Yorkshire police were useful and well received.

11. Environmental Issues

It was noted that a considerable amount of rubbish is being fly tipped on the highways round the village. The Clerk was asked to suggest to BMBC that cameras and/or notices are erected at the worst sites to deter the fly tippers.

It was agreed that the village should hold a socially – distanced litter picking session at the end of lockdown on Sunday 6th December, 10 am onwards. All willing to participate are requested to contact David and Jo Roberts and agree a start time to collect equipment, along with an area to clear.

The Clerk was asked to contact BMBC and request that the litter bins are emptied as a matter of urgency as they are overflowing with rubbish.

12. Any other business

Kay advised the meeting that she and Paul are considering converting a garden store into a home office. All the works involved will be internal. They have sought advice from an officer in the planning department, and been advised that planning permission is unnecessary for this

development. Anyone wishing to speak directly to Paul and Kay about the project is welcome to do so.

David advised the group that the big Christmas tree on the junction of Church Lane/Bank End Lane/Upperfield Lane is scheduled to be chopped down. Over the last few years, it has become increasingly difficult to trim up because of its height, even using a cherry picker, and many of the lights have been damaged when being removed, which has proved very costly. Furthermore, it is a visual obstruction for vehicles pulling out of the junction. However, the smaller tree sited on the garden opposite 3-4 Church Lane will be trimmed with lights as usual. David and Jo will also clear that plot of brambles and bushes to improve the sightline at the junction.

13. Provisional Date of next Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Monday 17th May 2021

Please note that these minutes are provisional until approved at the next parish meeting