

Minutes of the High Hoyland Parish Meeting – Tuesday 4th May 2021, at 6.30 pm via zoom.

Chair: David Roberts

Clerk: Joanna Roberts

Present: Marcus and Joanna Dacre, Ruth Skupski, Malcolm and Margaret Pursey, Melanie Tobin, Peter Johnson

Apologies: John Tobin, Anthony Massouras

1. Minutes of the meeting Monday 16th November 2020

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 16th November 2020 were read and were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed: Peter Johnson

Seconded: Marcus Dacre

2. Matters Arising

Nothing to report

3. Report of the Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor confirmed that he had checked through the accounts and the administrative matters of the Parish Meeting and completed the Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/2021 (page 3, AGAR PART 2 PM). He has submitted his written report confirming 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.

4. 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 2020/2021. The meeting considered the Certificate of Exemption and Declaration of No Accounts confirming there have been no financial transactions in the year of account 2020/2021 and it was proposed and seconded that it was accepted.

Proposed: Peter Johnson

Seconded: Melanie Tobin

5. Approval of (AGAR PART 2 P.M.) –

a) the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/2021

b) the Accounting Statements for 2020/2021

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.

Proposed: Ruth Skupski

Seconded: Marcus Dacre

6. Planning

Nothing to report

7. Cannon Hall Farm application – to amend the licence to include the provision for holding a 3-day festival once per year which in 2021 would be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend

It was confirmed that the Parish Meeting, along with a number of High Hoyland residents, had made representations to BMBC voicing serious concerns about the application. The application has been approved with a number of conditions - to reduce the noise disruption and litter issues, along with a condition for a noise management plan to include not just this festival but also the other events that Cannon Hall Farm hold throughout the year. The licensing department field officer, Martin Cooper has clarified that if any of the events cause issues for any local residents, then assuming the evidence is recorded and reported to either the Licensing Department or the Regulatory Services (Noise Pollution), then the matter will be investigated. At that point, a review of the licence may be requested and the evidence should then be produced. The objection would have to be under one of the four licensing objectives as advised by the department.

The Senior Network Co-ordination Officer, who deals with temporary traffic management for events has confirmed that he is having regular meetings with the organisers to try and ensure that as many of the issues raised as possible can be managed appropriately during the event. As the festival will be “admission by ticket only”, purchased in advance, the organisers will issue direction instructions to the attendees prior to arrival. He confirmed that there are no proposals for a one-way system although it is likely the road close to Cannon Hall Farm, may be closed, thereby denying access to Cawthorne via High Hoyland Lane. He is speaking to the organisers about issuing a pass for villagers who need access via this route. He has also confirmed that BMBC will not permit event traffic to be signed along Jebb Lane, and is expecting measures to discourage this. He will also be checking that this is included in the signage plan, along with signage in the village directing event traffic (only) down to Cannon Hall Farm.

8. Highways

The Clerk confirmed that she is still pursuing BMBC about speeding issues in the village. She understands that a speed monitor was sited in the village immediately prior to Christmas, but has not been able to make contact with the highways officer responsible since then, to ascertain the results.

There is an ongoing problem of vehicles pulling out of the junction of High Hoyland Lane into the passage of oncoming traffic along Bank End Lane. The Clerk is to ask BMBC Highways to reinstate the 50 - yard warning sign prior to this junction, which was damaged and removed some time ago.

9. Footpaths

Nothing to report

10. Crime & Safety

There have been no further sightings of the occupants of the white van which had been behaving suspiciously in the village in March.

It was reported that Bowers had their Landrover Discovery stolen from their drive last month. It would appear that these vehicles are being targeted as a Discovery was also known to have been stolen from Higham at the beginning of May.

A suspicious vehicle was reported to have been parked on High Hoyland Lane in the middle of April. The occupants returned in the early hours of the morning, when it appeared they tried to gain entry to

property at Greenland Cottages. The police were alerted and attended at that time. A very strong smell of cannabis was also reported at the scene., but there was no evidence of the drug on site.

The Clerk thanks everyone for alerting her to these issues. She asks that all reports are made directly to the police as well as to her, via 101 or 999 as appropriate.

11. Environmental Issues

It was reported that there has been a lot of fly-tipping round the village recently. The Clerk urges everyone to report this to BMBC via their website or by ringing 01226 770770.

It was agreed that a village litter pick would be held on Sunday 30th May – meet at 3 Church Lane at 10.30 pm.

12. Any other business

a) Remote meetings –

Following Government directives, permission to hold remote meetings has now been removed, so future meetings will be held at the Cherry Tree again.

b) Resignation by the Chair and Clerk

The Chair and Clerk both confirmed that they will be retiring at the end of this financial year. The position of Chair really needs to be filled by someone from High Hoyland. If no-one is willing to take over as clerk, then a replacement could be recruited from outside the village. Consideration would have to be given to a remuneration package, 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. 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.

c) Date of next parish meeting

To be advised

CHAIR

DATE