

CLERK'S NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDING 2015/2016

During the financial year 2014/2015 High Hoyland Parish Meeting explored several options to reduce the administrative and bureaucratic obligations of the Parish Meeting. Eventually the following measures were agreed –

The Parish Meeting would operate without finance – the Clerk would continue to work but without pay; the assets of the Parish would be transferred for a fee to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council; the memberships and subscriptions which the Parish had supported would cease; reserves of stationery etc would be built up and the bulk of correspondence would be done by e-mail; with no cash, employees or assets the Parish Meeting assessed that the need for insurance was eliminated and so it was agreed not to renew the policy. Repairs to the existing assets were completed and two new bins were purchased prior to the transfer of assets to BMBC. It was agreed that the Parish Meeting would not apply for a precept for the forthcoming year – 2015/2016. These measures were implemented at the end of 2014/2015, the financial reserves were reduced in the bank account to £1 and it was agreed that the account would remain dormant until such time as it may be resurrected or closed.

Accordingly, during 2015/2016 the Parish Meeting operated without a precept, income or outgoings. The financial needs were assessed during the year and agreed to be redundant and so again, the Parish Meeting did not request a precept for the forthcoming year – 2016/2017. The Clerk has returned a completed form to the External Auditors declaring that there are no accounts for this financial year. The financial statement portion of the annual return for 2015/2016 therefore records

- the activity recorded during 2014/2015 and
- a dormant account for 2015/2016.