

# *Hibaldstow Parish Council*

## *Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting*

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Annual Parish Meeting held at 6.30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the Village Hall, Station Road.

**Present:** Cllr Allaby, Cllr Brooks (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Cllr Stothard, Cllr Riley & Cllr Whitaker.

**Also Present:** 1 resident, 2 visitors & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson

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**1. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Cllrs Borrill & Done and Ward Cllr Foster.

**2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**Resolved** - The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were approved as a true and correct record.

**3. To receive the Chairman's report**

Cllr Brooks read out his report.

Due to Covid 19 Regulations we were not able to meet last year in person and it is good to get back to face to face meetings, however due to the continuing effects of Covid, care is required for one's own safety.

During the year Richard Riley was co-opted onto the council replacing Graham Maycock. Due to Dave Carlton moving from the area and the resignation of Andy Talliss there are two vacancies to serve to the end of April 2023 being the end of our four-year term, with elections in May 2023, please contact the Clerk for further information.

The council continue to manage the grass cutting of the verges and PROWs (footpaths) on behalf of NLC and may also take on the outer parish links to other adjacent villages. The flower beds this year for the Queens Platinum Jubilee will be red, white, and blue. Bulbs obtained from the winter in bloom fund were planted in the autumn with thanks to the planters.

There was various contentious planning activity throughout the year, following an appeal the Ings Lane application for 20 dwellings, which was refused twice by NLC, received approval. An appeal against failure of NLC to give notice of its decision within the appropriate period for the application for 100 dwellings off Hunt`s Lane was dismissed and refused for outline planning. Further 4 plots were approved on the Brigg Road site totalling 9, however the 9 dwellings site off Redbourne Road was refused and has now gone to appeal. The application for approval of all reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for up to 48 residential dwellings on Station Road, has been refused by NLC. Permission has been granted to construct a WW2 RAF Memorial Heritage Centre consisting of two wooden huts, a Nissen hut and a brick building on the airfield. Activities in Gainsthorpe, the South Quarry is operating under a new licence from the Environmental Agency. An existing access into the north quarry has now been gated and leads to the fishing lakes, named Hibaldstow Lakes. The result of the survey undertaken on Gainsthorpe Road with a view to reduce the current speed limit from 40 to 30 did not succeed.

Cllr Talliss informed the Council that he has been working with the Charity Commission, Insurance, staffing, grass cutting contracts and the bank to try and sort out the mess since some of the Trustees had abandoned the running of the hall. To support the running of the VHC the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk will support the remaining Trustees and Representatives and organise a meeting to include all remaining Trustees, Representatives

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and HWRA to find a way to move forward, the outcome of which will be reported by the VHC.

The Play Park off Greenfield continues to suffer from littering and vandalism resulting in the swings being removed and a note has been placed into the latest Village Voice regarding litter.

The parish continues to be affected with the usual issues of Fly-tipping, potholes, dog fouling, littering, etc, which when placed on social media gives bad publicity, it would be beneficial if residents would report all incidents direct to NLC via the portal.

<https://northlincs-self.achieveservice.com/module/home> or Tel. 01724 297000.

NLC reported in May 2021 that, *all litter and dog bins are being reviewed across NLC with a view to removing dog bins and replacing with all litter bins.* We are still awaiting the outcome

The Precept for 2022/23 was set @ £ 20,000 to allow for reserves to be built up to carry out repairs to the Closed Churchyard wall.

The Parish Council are currently in discussions with Hibaldstow Academy regarding a proposal for joint venture MUGA.

Finally, congratulations to Deb being appointed Broughton Town Clerk and continuing as our Clerk.

#### **4. To receive the draft Parish Council Accounts 2021/22.**

The Clerk summarised the unaudited accounts for 2020/21. Once audited by the Internal Auditor will be signed off by the Council and published at their next meeting.

#### **5. To receive the Village Hall Committee report.**

A report was received from the Committee and read out by the Clerk.

The village hall committee reformed with new members at the start of the year.

The new committee is committed to driving up utilisation and revenue from the building and increasing community involvement. Several new initiatives are being launched in 2022 including:

A village film club. A licence for such a venture would allow us to show films without charge but revenue would be generated from sale of drinks and snacks.

We have applied for a grant from Merlin Renewables Community fund for equipment purchase and this has the added benefit of potential future business conference use.

A discount Sunday booking rate for parties etc. This is to increase use on Sundays where the building stands empty. To date 8, pop up markets and 2 parties have been booked in this time slot.

A Jubilee party as a forerunner to resurrecting an annual village gala event

To promote several village hall events such as quizzes, beetle drives etc through the year.

We are planning a critical look at costs and charges in the light of rising fuel and heating costs, particularly for outdoor activities

The committee has started to look at the fabric of the building and grounds and a full review will happen in 2022. To date, a replacement flagpole will be erected, new signage and mailbox and a general tidy up of the frontal appearance. A Jubilee orchard has been planted and refurb costs are being sought for the tennis courts.

Disabled access ramps have been procured to bridge the threshold of the building which are problematic for mobility scooters etc.

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The constitution will be updated to be compliant with C.I.O charitable status and banking facilities are being updated to online banking with a plan to acquire contactless payment facilities for the hall.

**6. To receive the Cemetery / closed Churchyard report.**

In accordance with the Cemetery Regulations some of the plots need levelling and two headstones resetting.

The hedge between the cemetery and churchyard extension is to be trimmed and have infill hedging inserted.

Thanks to Cllrs Allaby & Stothard for the refurbishment of the seats in the cemetery.

The Closed Churchyard wall requires recapping in various areas.

**7. To receive a report from the Village Voice Representative.**

No representative.

**8. Open Forum for Public Participation**

No comments were made.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.