

# *Hibaldstow Parish Council*

## *Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting*

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at the Village Hall, Hibaldstow.

**Present:** Cllr Broomhall, Cllr Brooks (Chair), Cllr Charlton, Cllr Coulson, Cllr Elletson, Cllr Pennington, Cllr Sacker, Cllr Stothard & Cllr Talliss.

**Also Present:** 2 residents, Cllr N Poole & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson

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

Apologies received from Cllr Elletson.

2. **To present the awards for the anti-dog fouling posters.**

3. **To present the Nellie Harpham Trophy.**

4. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.**

**Resolved** - The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 were approved as a true and correct record.

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

Cllr Brooks read out his report.

Parish Council Elections were held during May to elect eleven councillors for the 2019/23 term, however only eight nominations were received. Robert Borrill and Ken Allaby were co-opted followed by resignations from Julie Coulson and Lisa Pennington leaving three vacancies, one application is to be considered later at the meeting to follow. If you are community minded please contact the clerk for further information.

The council took on the responsibility of grass cutting the Verges and PROWs (footpaths) from NLC during 2019 and continued with maintaining flower beds and hanging baskets, both summer and winter. The village was awarded Highly Commended in the Annual CPRE - Best Kept Village Competition. – well done to all.

As announced last year the council had taken on the responsibility and maintenance of Dallisons Park which was not appreciated by certain individuals resulting in the police arranging for a letter drop to the neighboring residents.

Residents were notified of the opportunity to set up a Neighbourhood Plan Group and a Community Speed Watch Group, thanks to those who had volunteered, but due to insufficient numbers both have not progressed.

As referred last year we had received several contentious planning proposals which resulted in the approval of 48 dwellings on Station Road and 14 on Barnside. The Ings Lane application was refused on the grounds of there being *No Demonstrable Need*, however following a survey carried out earlier this year the application is back on the list for 20 dwellings. A further application for 100 dwellings is still under consideration off Hunt`s Lane, together with two smaller applications of 5 and 9 dwellings.

Councillors and the clerk have attended various training sessions to be able to undertake their roles and responsibilities of an ever-changing workload, much of which is imposed by Government, thanks to all which has resulted in the council being awarded **The Local Council Award Scheme - Foundation**, the second Parish Council in North Lincs to achieve such an award.

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Liaison meetings have been held with KORC regarding various issues relating to the Gainsthorpe Quarry sites.

As many are aware the parish has been blighted with Fly-tipping which has been a hot-topic on social media, such incidents as well as potholes, dog fouling etc, should be reported direct to NLC via the portal –

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

With reference to dog fouling, it is a pleasure to congratulate six village children on their environmental concerns and artistic skills in producing the artwork for the newly installed anti dog fouling signs which have been installed throughout the village, thanks to the school and all who entered this project.

The precept remains at £15,000.

A donation of £ 700 was given to the VHC towards the carpark fencing.

### **Closed Churchyard**

Inspections have been carried out on the memorials with the report sent to the PCC, further remedial works are to be carried out on the trees.

### **Cemetery**

The memorials have been inspected and a gate post has been replaced.

The bench seats have been sanded and treated – thanks to David Stothard

### **6. To receive the draft Parish Council Accounts 2019/20.**

The Clerk summarised the unaudited accounts for 2019/20. Once audited by the Internal Auditor will be signed off by the Council and published at their next meeting.

Copies of the accounts were made available to members of the public.

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

Cllr Coulson had provided the Trustees Report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

The committee consists of residents of Hibaldstow Village who work on a voluntary basis to run and manage the Village Hall and Playing Field as a charity.

At present there are 11 members on the committee.

We are pleased that Brian Sheppard who has been our treasurer for many years is happy to continue in this role for the near future if voted on.

This year has also seen the retirement of two long standing members of the committee.

Elaine Broomhall resigned as secretary at the last AGM but kindly continued to do the Bookings for us until we were able to find a replacement. Our thanks go to Elaine for all her help and dedication over the years.

David Stothard our previous Chairman retired in the late summer from the committee but still kindly helps the Village Hall with signage for events. David has been a dedicated committee member for many years and his knowledge has proved invaluable over this time. Our thanks go to David for all he has done and continues to do for our Village.

Christine joined the committee as secretary in May last year. Christine moved to the village in recent years and kindly took on secretarial duties along with raising funds for the village by setting up a Craft Hub. Due to Christine and her family moving away she can no longer continue the roles this year. The Hibaldstow Craft hub did raise more than the standard hourly rate for the time it was running and added much needed funds towards the running of the Village Hall.

We were delighted to welcome the New members to the Committee. They have already made positive contributions and our thanks go to all committee members who continue to work hard to keep the Village Hall running.

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### Funding and Accounts

The committee has done numerous fundraising events throughout the year, which has proven popular with the villagers.

As we made quite a substantial loss last year it was decided to set up an Events sub-committee to help bring more people and funds to the Village Hall. The Events committee have played a vital role in bringing people through the door and this has reflected in more bookings and interest in both the Playing field and Village Hall. Thank you.

Bookings can now be made by telephone and online using the Hallmaster calendar which is available on the Hibaldstow Parish Council website.

The expenses for the year totalled £13,200

The Income excluding the fundraising totalled £10,059

The committees raised funds totalling £2,947 which made us break even for this year.

On top of this Grants of £14,500 have been raised for the following.

- A New kitchen
- 120 New cushioned chairs
- A Baby Changing Unit, (which is now fitted)
- Fencing (which has just been completed outside)
- New curtains for the Hall

Dulux donated lots of paint which has been used to update this hall. There is still some more to do before it is completed.

Also, Silica Lodge Garden centre kindly donated the outdoor Christmas tree.

We are very grateful to the regular users who help keep the Hall and playing field running. There are some great groups who would welcome new members if anyone would like to join.

Thanks also to Church Street Stores, the Drs Surgery, Skydive, Elaine's Dog groomers and Wheatsheaf for donations and selling tickets for our events held last year.

### Improvements

Again, this year there is a rise in dog owners using the playing field to walk their dogs, despite notices stating that dogs are not allowed on the Playing field. There have been issues with owners not picking up after their dogs and letting them off leads despite children using the play area.

Bookings have increased slightly but we would welcome more usage in the daytime and weekends. I would like to thank Lorraine Drewery, in setting up the new online bookings system which has had positive feedback from its users.

The Playing Field continues to be well used by the Cricketers and we have two football teams regularly using the pitch.

The new fencing has been completed on the Station Road side. The local community groups and businesses kindly donated the majority of the monies needed to complete this and I would like to thank Hibaldstow Parish Council, 200 Club, Merlin Renewables and John Stone of KORC for grants towards the Fencing.

### Plans for the future

The refurbishment of the Kitchen will hopefully go ahead soon. We are looking for qualified kitchen fitters to install the rigid units and tops we have chosen from Howdens Kitchens in Brigg.

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Once this has been completed, we can apply for more funding towards the build of the VH extension. We have a contractor in place once all funding is secured.

We have 3 events coming up, the first being the Indian buffet which was held on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Easter egg hunt was extremely well attended and we are holding another one the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

The VE day celebrations will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. We have lots going on both inside the hall and on the Playing field.

We have a wedding event to be held in a marquee on the Playing field which will hopefully be the start of more similar events.

There may also be a Classic car event later in the year.

We plan to hold further fundraising events throughout the year. All will be advertised on the Hibaldstow community group webpage and locally throughout the Village.

We have also discussed planting a small edible woodland at the far side of the playing field for the enjoyment of the villagers.

A bench that has been kindly donated by KORC would be placed in the area.

### Conclusion

After large losses last year, the hard work and commitment of the committee members has paid off. Thank you to you all

### **8. To receive the Cemetery / closed Churchyard report.**

As detailed in the Chairman's Report above.

### **9. Open Forum for Public Participation**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.