**Published** **Held :** -Tuesday 16th May 2023 Commencing 19:00 **amended. KM** reference to Village What’s App Group. **Location** St Benedict’s Church. Haltham.

**Those Attending**: - Sean Matthews **(SM)**, John Huthwaite **(JH)**, Helen Huthwaite(**HH**), Les Allen(**LA**), Sandra Allen **(SA)**, Ken Mellor(**KM**), Pa ula Hartland(**PH**),), Marie Mellor (**MM**), Georgia Mellor (**GM),** Alec McCall (**AM**). Janet Mills (**JM**), Clive Moore **(CM)** Stephen Mills **(SMills)**, Dawn Mutti **(DM),** Jo Sharpe **(JS)**, Anji Yardley **(AJ)**, Elaine Daftas **(ED)**, Gerry Daftas **(GD)**, Kerry Graham **(KG),** Paul Graham **(PG)**, Malcolm Sharpe **(MS)**, Elizabeth Sharpe **(ES)**, Liana Spurrier **(LS)**, Reo Caroline Russell **(RCR)**.

**Guests:** Councillor William Gray (**WG**)

**Apologies for Absence –**

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| All attendees were asked to complete the attendance sheet. | Action |
| **SM** asked that those present stand and observe a minute’s silence in respect of our villagers who have passed since the last annual meeting. This was observed. |  |
| **SM** welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the emergency procedures. |  |
| **WG** was invited to the floor by **SM** to elect in the Chairman for the year. **WG** asked for nominations to the post there was one nomination being **SM**.Sean Matthews was proposed as Chair for the Parish Meeting, proposed by **JH** seconded by **PH**. Vote was unanimous **SM** elected as Parish Meeting Chairman for the year 2023-2024.**SM** gave thanks to the meeting for the re-election. |  |
| **SM** took to the floor to Chair the Parish Meeting, apologies were given on behalf of Margaret McCall, Mike Schofield, Susan Schofield, Sian McDowell, Andy McDowell, Tara Matthews, Rose Kimberley, Tim Spurrier |  |
| **SM** asked for nominations for the post of Vice Chairman. There were no volunteers for the post. No Vice-Chairman for the Parish Meeting for the coming year 2023 – 2024was elected. |  |
| **Minutes of last meetings. JH** asked if there were any points to be raised with the draft minutes of the last meeting. He asked if there were any comments from the draft meeting. There were no comments. The Minutes were accepted for signing into the minute book.  | **JH/SM** |
| **Chairman’s Report.** **SM** offered the floor to KM who gave his apology to Tara Matthews for his post on the Village WhatsApp page.**SM** said that it was both his and **JH** intention that this would be the last year that they continue in their roles for the village. **SM** confirmed there were several reasons for this decision one main reason is the freedom of Information requests that have been put to us in the past number of years.**SM** confirmed no one comes forward to take up the roles of chairman and Clerk that Haltham could “lay” dormant for a few years or we could incorporate our hamlet with Roughton.**SM** said there was a good turnout of residents for the celebration of the Coronation at Corner Farm on the day after the Coronation and considered that everyone enjoyed the afternoon.**SM** thanked all that contributed food and drinks for the occasion.**SM** confirmed that we do own the land known as the village green. Albeit that we have not received the deeds from Land Registry yet. **SM** confirmed that the deeds were needed to speak to the owner of the Marmion about the ongoing issue of the land boundary. **SM** commented that discussions had taken place and that a tentative agreement on the rear boundary (the one parallel to Main Road) was ready to propose and the boundary where access is gained into the village green is the edge of the tarmac of Marmion car park.It was proposed that **SM** continues the dialogue with the owner of the Marmion to reach a full agreement. Proposed by **HH** seconded by **AM** vote carried unanimously.**SM** confirmed that the proposal to reduce the legal speed limit on the A153 road through the village from 50mph to 40mph is in consultation period, but there has been no date given for a decision on this topic. **SM** commented that after the speed limit is reduced, he believes a speed alert system could be introduced on this stretch of the highway.**SM** confirmed that the white lines at the junction of West Lane and Main Road have been reinstated by Highways.**SMills** expressed his concern about the condition of the gate into the village green. It was agreed that a working party would be a good idea to look at the village green as a whole plus the other items that belong to the village in order to maintain everything in good repair.There was a suggestion that the village obtains “white gates” on the verges at either end of the village. This would need to go through County Council Level as the would be adjacent to a public highway A road sited on public verges.**SM** made the point that although he and **JH** cut the village green and verges, there is no reason why others can do the work if they wish to do so. **SM** confirmed that to date in his tenure, there has been no payment made for this work. **CM** considered it could be an idea to let the area grow wild and uncut. **SM** believes it will be a better facility for the village if the grass cutting continued. **AM** said he would assist with the grass cutting.**SMills** suggested that the village forms a working party to maintain the village green and verges.**SM** was asked about the potholes in the village on the stretch of the road leading to the church. It was confirmed that the App Fix my Street should be used to report such issues. It was confirmed that this had been used but no action had been taken. **CM** confirmed that the large hole outside his property had been repaired that day after it had been reported. **SM** agreed to contact the Highways department to push for the repairs to be undertaken.**JM** asked if something can be done about the road sign opposite Rymes Lane that seems to have been removed. **SM** confirmed he will speak to Highways and report back.**SM** confirmed that Mike and Sue Schofield will not be running the Christmas Carol Concert this year. The floor believes that this event is worth maintaining and want to keep it running. **SM** said a group needs to get together to organise the event.**SM** said if any villager wants to hold a social event for the village to get in touch with either himself or **JH.** | All |
| **Social Events.**There are no further social events planned for this year. |  |
| **Clerk Report.****JH** confirmed that discussions have been held to change our bank over to Lloyds Bank but it has yet to be undertaken.**Precept.** **JH** explained about the workings if the Precept and proposed that the Precept Rate for the year 2024 to 2025 be set at zero. Proposed by **JH** seconded by **SM.** Unanimously agreed.**JH** confirmed that the village insurance cover has been reinstated for the next 12 months. Any social event though will not be covered unless it is organised by the Parish Meeting or a sub committee of that.  **JH** confirmed that there is no way round this and that any private event will have to have its’ own insurance cover.**JH** proposed to continue using RJ Accountancy of Woodhall Spa to continue auditing the Parish Meeting accounts. Proposed by **JH** seconded by **AM** unanimously accepted.**Financial Report JH** reported that at the year end, the Parish has a total of £3533.05 in the bank accounts. This is a decrease from last year of £756.20. The main spends being insurance cover £266, hedge trimming £108 and defibrillator batteries £153.84. **JH** proposed that the financial report be accepted seconded by **SM,** vote carried. |  |
| **Planning.**There has been 4 planning applications submitted and 1 appeal for the village since the last meeting. |  |
| **PCC and Churchyard.****HH** confirmed that she will no longer be representing the village on the PCC committee with immediate effect. The floor was approached for someone to take on this role, there were no volunteers that came forward.**HH** confirmed that the Reverend Sue Alison was retiring at the end of May and there were no details available as to who is going to fill the role as yet. | **HH** |
| **AOB.** **AM** asked if the trees along the edge of the road towards the garage could be trimmed back.  **SM** agreed to look at the situation to determine the owner of the trees in question and report back to **AM.****RCR** asked about the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing over the A153. **SM** agreed to investigate but thought this would be driven by the speed limit through the village.It was confirmed that to have a Community Speed Watch “scheme” through the village the legal speed limit will need to be 40mph or less. This will be investigated once the 40mph legal speed limit is in place. **MM** expressed concern regarding a recent event where a vehicle had gone straight through a hedge row at Glebe Farm, stating that it is paramount that the speed limit when introduced is policed. The floor agreed. |  |
| **Date of next Meeting.** To be confirmed.  |  |

Haltham Parish Meeting. June 10th 2023. Revised at Extraordinary Parish Meeting October 9th 2023.

**Signed as a true and accepted record………………………………………………… Dated 10th October 2023.**