

HALTHAM PARISH MEETING

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Minutes from Extraordinary Meeting of Haltham Parish Meeting held on 9th October 2018 in St Benedict's Church, Haltham to elect a Vice Chairman and Clerk and to attend to matters arising from the Annual Parish meeting to the 9th October 2018.

Meeting held at 18:00 hours, 9th October 2018 Location St Benedict's Church

Attendees:- Richard Garner, Mike Schofield, Sue Schofield, John Huthwaite, Helen Huthwaite, Andrew McDowell, Sian McDowell, Angie Yardley, Paul Kimberley, Sean Matthews, Sarah Emsell, Marie Mellor, Nick Emsell, Peter Sewell, T Foulis, William Gray.

The start of the meeting was delayed as both the Chairman, Richard Garner and Councillor William Gray were unavoidably delayed.

R Garner welcomed all to the meeting, apologised for his and Councillor Gray's late arrival and asked for all present to sign in to the attendance record. Richard Garner then asked if J Huthwaite would take notes of the meeting.

P Kimberley then pointed out that there were no apologies for absence on the published agenda. R Garner thanked him for this information and the meeting was informed that Mrs Rose Kimberly and Mr Gilliland sent their apologies for absence.

Before the meeting formally started, K Mellor began to ask questions relating to the background of the village's objection to his recent planning application. He also asked for the reasons for the resignation of members of the Parish Meeting. R Garner stated that the meeting was not about that subject. However; in order to inform the village about the matter, that had caused the bad feelings amongst some residents, all emails and other correspondence relating to the planning application are to be made available for circulation at a later date.

After much heated discussion, S Matthew insisted that the meeting should concentrate on the published Agenda. Most of those attending agreed and so the focus turned to electing the new trustees.

R Garner then informed the meeting that he was resigning from his position as Chairman with immediate effect.

W Gray took the floor in order to elect a new Chairman.

It was proposed by S Matthew that M Schofield be elected Chairman of the Parish Meeting. This was seconded by H Huthwaite. The appointment was overwhelmingly carried.

It was proposed by S Schofield that S Matthew be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Parish Meeting. This was seconded by A McDowell. The appointment was unanimously carried.

W Gray handed the meeting over to M Schofield to continue with the meeting as Chairman.

M Schofield asked J Huthwaite if he was willing to continue in the role of Acting Clerk to the Parish Meeting until the next Annual Parish Meeting, to which he agreed. M Schofield proposed with T Foulis seconding. Overwhelming approval by vote was given.

M Schofield stated that, as the new Chairman, he hoped that the village and the residents would continue to act collectively to achieve goals that benefitted them all and that basically reflected what the residents wanted for their village.

P Kimberley raised a number of issues about the processes of the Parish Meetings, The Chairman replied that he and the trustees would review the Rules and Regulations appertaining to Haltham's situation and brief the outcome at the next Main Parish Meeting.

A vote of thanks to R Garner for 25 years of service to the Haltham Parish Meeting was proposed by the Chairman and was unanimously carried. He also suggested that a farewell do would be organised to take place in due course.

There were two items arising from the previous Parish Meeting.

The Meeting was asked to approve the payment of two outstanding invoices. One for £5 to Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) to pay for the quarterly publication (set up by S Flood). The second for £13 for the hire of Roughton Hall to enable Defibrillator Training. Both payments were agreed.

J Huthwaite informed the floor that the son-in-law of the late Kevin John Lee who lost his life in a vehicle accident at the junction of Main Road and A153 in 2012 wish to donate a memorial bench to the village in his memory. This was supported by the attendees and proposed that J Huthwaite contact the family to see if they have a preference for the location of the bench. Proposed by A McDowell and seconded by P Sewell. Carried unamously.

The Meeting closed at 6:50pm.



Mike Schofield
Chairman Haltham Parish Meeting