

# HALTHAM PARISH MEETING

**Draft Held :** -Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Commencing 19:00

**Location** St Benedict's Church. Haltham.

**Villagers Attending:** - Sean Matthews (**SM**), John Huthwaite (**JH**), Helen Huthwaite(**HH**), Les Allen(**LA**), Ken Mellor(**KM**), Paula Hartland(**PH**), Marie Mellor (**MM**), Alec McCall (**AM**). Andy McDowell (**AMcD**), Sian McDowell (**SMcD**), Janet Mills (**JM**),

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

**Apologies for Absence** – Margaret McCall, Mike Schofield, Susan Schofield, Richard Garner (**RG**), Paul Gell, Lesley Gell.

All attendees were asked to complete the attendance sheet.	Action
<b>SM</b> asked that those present observe a minute's silence in respect of 5 of our villagers who have passed since the last annual meeting. This was observed.	
<b>SM</b> welcomed everyone to the meeting and the emergency procedures.	
<b>WG</b> was invited to the floor by <b>SM</b> to elect in the Chairman for the year. <b>WG</b> asked for nominations to the post there was one nomination being <b>SM</b> . Sean Matthews was proposed as Chair for the Parish Meeting, proposed by <b>JH</b> seconded by <b>PH</b> . Vote was unanimous <b>SM</b> elected as Parish Meeting Chairman for the year 202-2023. <b>SM</b> gave thanks to the meeting for the re-election.	
<b>SM</b> took to the floor to Chair the Parish Meeting, apologies were given on behalf of Richards Garner, Mike and Sue Schofield, Paul and Lesley Gell.	
<b>SM</b> asked for nominations for the post of Vice Chairman. <b>JH</b> confirmed that Richard Garner ( <b>RG</b> ) had confirmed he was prepared to stand again <b>JH</b> proposed Richard Garner for the post seconded by <b>HH</b> . Vote carried; <b>RG</b> elected as Vice Chairman for 2022 - 2023.	
<b>Minutes of last meetings.</b> <b>JH</b> 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.	<b>JH/SM</b>
<p><b>Chairman's Report.</b>  <b>SM</b> thanked all those attending and said that the last edition of the Haltham Bugle asked for residents to put forward ideas for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. No one had responded and so there would be no event organised by the Parish Meeting to celebrate the Jubilee. <b>SM</b> did say he thought there would probably be some individual gatherings that will take place though.  <b>SM</b> said that there had been approval for the village funds to purchase a wreath for villagers who had passed. It was clarified that <b>JH</b>, or <b>SM</b> need to know the wishes of the families to confirm if a wreath would be considered appropriate.  <b>SM</b> confirmed that the postponed Christmas Carol Concert would be held this year, details in Social Events.  <b>SM</b> said if any villager wants to hold a social event for the village to get in touch with either himself or <b>JH</b>  <b>SM</b> asked if there were any comments or alterations that need to be addressed with the Standing Orders. Going forward if there are any alterations or revisions, contact should be made with <b>JH</b> to look at making the changes.  <b>SM</b> reported that progress with the transfer of the Village Green was still progressing, and that completion is expected late August/September. All necessary paperwork is with The Land Registry Office and is being processed. <b>SM</b> confirmed the village (Parish Meeting) are the owners of the land known as the village green and that the Land Transfer has taken place.  <b>SM</b> reported there remains a dispute with the owner of the Marmion over where the boundary of their property lies. On the elevation to the south of the Marmion car park it is considered that the owner of the Marmion has encroached onto the village green by over 1 metre and on the eastern boundary of the car park by over 500mm. <b>SM</b> confirmed that following advice was given by our solicitors we wrote to the Marmion owner about this issue, but there has been no response. <b>SM</b> proposed to seek more legal advice <b>SMcD</b> seconded the meeting unanimously agreed to go ahead. <b>JH</b> confirmed that the owner of the Marmion had spoken today regarding the dispute and requested that a meeting be held to try to resolve the current situation. <b>JH</b> proposed that this be organised seconded by <b>SMcD</b> to try to reach agreement, unanimously agreed. <b>JH</b> to arrange the meeting.</p>	All
<p><b>Social Events.</b>  There is a Christmas Carol Concert being organised for this year with Mike and Sue Schofield will be running the event, proposed date being Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm in the church building.  <b>SM</b> pointed out that the social events are planned and run as private events and are not part of the Parish Meeting. Any proceeds raised are given over to the organiser's chosen recipients.  <b>SM</b> confirmed that if the Parish Meeting organises a social event, then it will be made clear that any funds will come through the Parish Meeting Accounts.  <b>SM</b> re-confirmed that questions had been put from a resident of the village regarding the allocation of funds from social events, it was explained that the events were privately organised events and not Official Parish Meeting events and as such we have no control over where any funds are given.  <b>SM</b> to investigate a cheaper way of having dedicated email addresses for the 4 people who carry out Parish Meeting business and confirmed that we are not allowed to use our private email addresses for Parish Meeting matters.</p>	
<p><b>Clerk Report.</b>  <b>JH</b> requested permission to seek a new bank located in Horncastle for the Parish Meeting accounts. Additional monthly charges are now being levied by our existing bank HSBC; it will also be advantageous for us to have the facility of electronic banking wherever possible to save travelling to carry out banking services. <b>JH</b> proposed seeking an alternative bank, seconded by <b>AMcD</b>. Vote carried unanimously.  <b>Precept.</b> <b>JH</b> proposed that the Precept Rate for the year 2023 to 2024 be set at zero. <b>SMcD</b> seconded. Vote carried.  <b>Financial Report</b> <b>JH</b> reported that at the year end, the Parish has a total of £4289.25 in the bank accounts. This is an increase from last year of £69.66. <b>JH</b> proposed that the financial report be accepted seconded by <b>SM</b>, vote carried.</p>	
<p><b>Planning.</b>  There has been 1 planning application submitted for the village since the last meeting. Outline Planning Application for the erection of a dwelling on the area that was once the car park for the Marmion Arms Public House.</p>	
<p><b>PCC and Churchyard.</b>  <b>HH</b> reported that the churchyard grass continues to be cut by villagers. <b>HH</b> confirmed that there is another churches festival to be held this year, but that it is not intended that St Benedict's church is included in the list of churches involved.  <b>HH</b> confirmed that the collection box for the leaflets that were printed has disappeared from within the church. It is estimated that approximately £18 to £25 is missing.</p>	<b>HH</b>
<b>Date of next Meeting.</b> To be confirmed.	

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