

Hibaldstow Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Hibaldstow Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 8th March, 2018 at the Village Hall, Hibaldstow.

Present: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Broomhall, Cllr Brooks (Chair), Cllr Charlton, Cllr Coulson, Cllr Dobbs, Cllr Pennington & Cllr Stothard.

Also Present: 1 resident, Cllr N Poole & Clerk to the Council – Deb Hotson

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Borrill, Elletson & Talliss.

2. To receive nominations for the Nellie Harpham Trophy.

One nomination was received from Cllr Brooks for Max Ibbotson as detailed in the Chairman's Report this was for the work undertaking when Max was completing his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Recommendation to put forward to receive the award to the Parish Council.

3. Minutes

Resolved - The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th April, 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Chairman's report

Cllr Brooks read out his report.

The council is at full complement with the co-option of Sarah Dobbs and Sarah Anderson replacing Ken White and James Swallow.

We continue to spend your money for the benefit of the community: - **Village Hall** - Removal of trees in the park and submitted the planning application for the extension.

Village Voice - donation, **Garden Club** - Replace the Parish Council Cup which is 'battered and over cleaned' with a shield awarded for *Best Front Garden*, **Lindsey Lodge Hospice Hibaldstow Room Appeal** - donations and supporting the Tour of Britain of North Lincs, involving the children from the school, painted bikes around the village, raising £2,000, with thanks to Andrew Elletson and Robert Borrill. **Closed churchyard and Cemetery** (Not the Churchyard extension) are maintained and a water tap has been installed in the cemetery with thanks to Julie Coulson and David Charlton.

With a view to encourage residents to take a pride in the village we provide the flower beds and enter the CPRE - Best Kept Village Competition which resulted in being classed as "Most Improved." This despite the actions of vandalism consisting of : - Break-ins and damage to the Village Hall, the road traffic mirrors at Crockett`s Lane/West Street and Hunt`s Lane/ Becksides, having to be replaced, the bus shelter near the co-op being continually, plants taken from the flower beds, a play area swing damaged and replaced, wall copping stones pushed off the church Hall wall together with other acts, all of which have resulted in the formation of a Community Group with support from Safer Neighbourhood and local Police. – The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th March 10.00-12.00. - ALL ARE WELCOME.

NLC have offered the PC to take on the responsibility and maintenance of Dallisons Park. They have recently removed the slide which they will not be replacing. The Parish Council invite resident's views on the future use of this.

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The Nellie Harpham shield was presented to John Wragg for overseeing the refurbishment of the play area project. One nomination this year is Max Ibbotson, a teenager who volunteered to carry out litter-picking duties within the park and other community areas in the village as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award, an example to all.

11th November 2018 marks the end of the WW1 and the Parish Council have been approached by the Pageant master organising the event across the UK to taking part in this tribute in the form of lighting a beacon on the aerodrome at 7pm. The Parish Council have requested the Parochial Church Council to participate by ringing the church bells at 7.05pm: Battle's Over - Ringing out for peace. The PCC have not yet decided. Further details throughout the year.

Councillors and 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.

This report together with Agendas and Minutes can be viewed on the council website.

Cllr Dobbs joined the meeting at 7.10pm.

5. Parish Council Accounts 2017/18

The Clerk summarised the unaudited accounts for 2017/18. These 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.

6. Village Hall Committee report

Cllr Coulson provided a report.

There have been eight members serving on the committee during 2017, Bryan Shepherd continued in his role as treasurer as a non-member and Cllr Elaine Broomhall carried on her role as Secretary and a booking clerk.

The AGM was held in February of this year and the turnout was low for such a large village. During 2017 the Village hall has made a small profit. This was mainly due to the Vintage car rally held in May which raised just over £2000.

However, whilst the private bookings are constant the hall is still not being used to its full potential. No social events have taken place during 2017, but a draw for 12 bottles of wine held just before Christmas raised £100.

New play equipment and a trim trail had been provided on the playing field in 2017. This was paid for by a grant from North Lincolnshire council and our thanks go out to them and the parish council for making this possible. We also like to thank Brigg Biomass which has kindly provided funding for the new flooring recently put down in the Village Hall.

As previously mentioned in May 2017 the national vintage A30/A35 car club held a rally at the village hall over a five-day period. Between 200 to 250 people took part coming from all over the UK and Europe. The organizers of the events were impressed with the facilities we provided, and the money raised was a welcome addition to our funds.

A plan for an additional meeting room and improvements to the changing rooms have been prepared and submitted to North Lincolnshire council for planning approval. The proposed extension to the village hall is been partly funded by North Lincolnshire council £50,000 subject to certain conditions being met. We are also applying for grants from other groups to meet the proposed build costs

In addition, this year we also intend to provide a kick wall, teen shelter, WI-FI and new village hall signage. The village hall has also provided CCTV cameras to improve security

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During 2017, four diseased trees were removed from the playing field along with the hedge fronting Station road. A flower bed incorporating a drag harrow kindly donated by a resident of the village, is to be provided as part of North Lincolnshire in Bloom. This work will be undertaken in the Spring.

7. Cemetery / closed Churchyard report

Information provided in the Chairman's Report.

Cllr Brooks added that the memorial inspections had still not taken place 2 years from one enquiries first started. The Clerk has now been dealing directly with Rev Eames and the Diocese to try and push this matter on.

8. Open Forum for Public Participation

No questions raised.

Mr Ellwood stated that he had sympathy with the lack of use of the hall and the Church Hall had gone through the same last year and he thought that this was due to the varied birthday activities on offer now.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.