**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 19:30 at ABN.**

Present: Cllrs Hemesley, Healy, Falkingham, Wormald and Ward Cllr West.

The meeting was opened by the clerk in lieu of nominations for Chair.

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

OPEN FORUM

Newly-elected Ward Cllr West introduced himself to members of the PC. He noted that Ward Cllr Hammond had reported that a letter had been sent to Wold View residents asking them to be more considerate of their parking. Both Cllrs Hemesley and Falkingham have already received reports that the situation has improved.

Ward Cllr West left the meeting at this point.

Meeting started at 19:33

2023.64 Welcome and Apologies

No apolgies as all Cllrs were present.

2023.65 Signing of Declaration of Acceptance Forms and Completion of Register of Interests Forms

All declaration forms were signed by Cllrs and counter-signed by the clerk. ACTION: Clerk to send forms back to ERYC. ACTION: Clerk to send completed register of interest forms back to ERYC once all are completed.

2023.66 Nominations for Chair

Cllr Hemesley nominated Cllr Healy, Cllr Falkingham seconded this, and all agreed. Cllr Healy signed the relevant form.

2023.67 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None.

2023.68 Minutes from Previous Meeting

It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Healy.

2023.69 Matters Arising

**Painting of bus shelter**

It was agreed to schedule this for after the telephone box has been refurbished. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to research sylvan paint colours

**BT Telephone Box**

Cllr Falkingham has started to clear the area around the box and will progress stripping the old paint.

**Painting of the Beacon**

It was agreed to schedule this for after the refurbishment of the telephone box. ACTION: Cllr Falkingham to order black paint.

**Grant funds**

Cllr Hynes has spoken to ERYC who have agreed that the funds can be spent on a commemorative bench. A discussion was held, and it was agreed by all that a bench should be purchased. ACTION: Cllr Hynes to organise ordering the bench.

2023.70 Accounts

The clerk had circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting, the bank reconciliation, statements, schedule of payments and invoices.

Samantha O’Connor – (clerk salary for April)

Samantha O’Connor - £24 (work from home allowance for April)

HMRC - £10.80 (clerk PAYE for April)

Cllrs Hynes and Healy signed the invoices and schedule of payments.

The bank statement and accounts spreadsheets were signed by Cllr Falkingham.

2023.71 Asset Register Actions

Cllr Hynes had reported that during his risk assessment of the assets, one of the benches need two planks repairing. ACTION: Cllr Falkingham to ask local contractor to fix this.

2023.72 Additional Duck Signs

Cllr Healy had found extra signage and had sent this to all Cllrs. After a discussion about the size of the sign, it was agreed that the situation should be monitored for now.

2023.73 Speeding in Village

Following on from a recent incident involving a car crashing into a garden on York Road, the residents of the property asked Cllr Healy what could be done about speeding.

Cllr Hemesley versed Cllr Healy on the history of tackling this issue and noted that the last ERYC traffic survey carried out, determined there was no issue. ACTION: Clerk to ask ERYC for a new traffic survey to be conducted.

2023.74 Community Issues

Cllr Wormald enquired as to when the village green would be cut as it has become very long. ACTION: Clerk to contact ERYC. Cllr Healy asked if the verges outside of The Rectory could be cut as they are ERYC verges. ACTION: Clerk to ask for a grass cutting map.

Cllr Hynes noted the sad passing of Graham Whitfield.

2023.75 Correspondence

The clerk forwarded information regarding a Hedgehog Highway project that involves installing hedgehog fencing in gardens. This was discussed and agreed that the hedgehog gates would be better suited to suburban housing estates where there are no natural gaps in boundaries. For any resident who wishes to purchase one of these gates, use the link <https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/hedgehog-highway-project>

2023.76 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that future meetings would begin at 7pm. The next meeting will be at 7pm on 21st June at ABN.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:24 hrs.

Signed as a true and correct record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_