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## **MINUTES O THE MEETING OF HOGSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14 APRIL 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT: John Midgley (Chairman), Paul Smith (Vice Chairman)**

**Councillors: Mary Banks, Amanda Green, Tim Smith and Angela Stubbs**

**There were about 70 members of the public**

The Chairman informed everyone that The Playing Fields Meeting would not commence as the Chairman had resigned.

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to stand for Chairman of the Playing Field. There were two candidates Amanda Green and Angela Stubbs. Both had two votes each; therefore, the Chairman had the deciding vote. Amanda Green was elected as Chairman of the Playing Field.

Members of the public were encouraged to enter discussions and the Chairman informed them that, in fairness to everyone, they would only be allowed to speak for two minutes so that each person would be given the chance to put forward their viewpoint. He informed everyone that the Planning Application would be discussed as an Agenda item as he realised that was why so many people had attended. The Chairman congratulated Mr Blanchard on his birthday and the members of the public gave a round of applause. A member of the public said that he had a couple of ideas for the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5 June 2022. One idea was an assault course, charging £1.00 each participant and the other idea was a run through the village via Thames Street. He suggested that any monies raised should go to the Ukraine to help with the appeal. Another member of the public pointed out that the cemetery had some issues regarding overgrown bushes and ivy covering gravestones and rubbish. The Clerk informed him that she would resolve this problem. A member of the public asked the Chairman of the Playing Field if the car boots were going to continue. The reply was that she thought not as she had plans for the Playing Field. It was also pointed out that the churchyard wall was leaning with the weight of the gravestones, but this was something that the Council was aware of and will resolve in the future.

Many members of the public came to the Meeting to raise their grievances against the Planning Application N/084/00625/22 for 104no. static caravans and alterations to existing vehicular access. The person who submitted the application was also present. A neighbour of the property in question spoke about the fact that she had lived at the address for many years, and it was so peaceful, and she did not want it spoilt by the introduction of a caravan site. The noise, pollution, extra heavy traffic, safety of the general public and horses and no access of a footpath were just some of the things that

she introduced. The Clerk has produced a Report that will be submitted to the Planning Office with objections. This is enclosed.

Interview and Acceptance of New Councillor – Mrs Ellen Joyce Smith was co-opted by Angela Stubbs to be elected as Councillor. There were no objections by the Council.

154. Chairman's Welcome – The Chairman welcome everyone to the Meeting and was surprised at such a big turnout which was appreciated. He informed them that were not allowed to speak or give their views whilst the meeting was in progress.

155. Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons given. There were no absences.

156. Notes of last Parish Meeting held on 3 March 2022 to be approved as minutes. Minutes were approved by full Council.

157. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensation. None given.

158. To receive reports from outside bodies and other meetings. Mary Banks informed the Council that there were no problems with Charity Farm and the Allotments were looking neat and tidy.

159. Election of the Playing Field Committee: Amanda Green (Chairman), Tim Smith (Vice Chairman), Angela Stubbs (Member), and Paul Smith (Member).

160. Playing Field grant money to be paid to (Chairman) of Playing Field from Parish Council account. Agree a date to be paid back. The Clerk is still awaiting confirmation of the Playing Field bank account and has a cheque to be deposited. It was suggested to have the cheque re-issued with HSBC Bank in view of it now being out of date.

161. Financial Matters. Payment of Accounts. Cheques were paid to: AJ Johnson - £6,705.00, Clerk - £14.01, Clerk's salary - £747.50, D.Emerson - £100.00, Kerry Stafford - £56.00, Clerk's expenses - £57.48, Hogsthorpe Allotment Association - £250.00, Clerk training – CILCA £410.00 - £282.38 Clerk's training by Maureen Clarke from Wainfleet St Mary's, Clerk - £26.00, HMRC - £60.69.

162. Ongoing training for Clerk CILCA , Certificate in Local Council Administration £410.00 for approval. Full approval of the Council.

163. Clerk's Report. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a cheque for £822.50 from the Hogsthorpe Allotment Association for the yearly rents. She had now completed the training sessions with Maureen Clarke who is the Clerk of Wainfleet St Mary's and she thanked her for all her help and support. The Clerk has also attended a zoom meeting training of the Hogsthorpe Website (Peter Langford, Webmaster). She has completed spreadsheets for the end of year accounts for the auditor internal and external. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received three quotes for the repair of the brick pier of the village sign and two for the wooden post. RDR will produce an oak post with 'Hogsthorpe' engraved as previously. Darran Emerson will be building the brick pier as soon as RDR have completed the post as this has to be bolted in first. The top of the sign will be cast aluminium as suggested by RDR as this would be more cost effective and it will be attached to the post by RDR. The clerk suggested a small fence around the

Heritage Garden so that in future, the village sign has more protection. She will speak to RDR about the cost of this. One of the benches in the churchyard will be replaced by a brown resin one by Pauline James as agreed in a previous meeting of the Council.

164. Repair of the village sign. After being hit by a vehicle, the village sign had become dangerous, therefore, the Clerk enlisted Darran Emerson to make the site safe by taking the brick pier away which was damaged and was a safety issue. There is red and white tape around the site. See Clerk's report for details of new village sign.

165. Churchyard wall. It was suggested by Council that the Clerk meet up with Mr Blanchard to see which parts of the churchyard wall need fixing.

166. Position of S106 monies. There is £6,210.00 available to be used by the Council. It was suggested that part of this money could be used for the village sign. The Clerk will send this application for approval.

167. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – the new Chairman of the Playing Field has quite a few ideas for the Jubilee Celebrations. These will be held on Sunday 5 June 2022 at the Playing Field, Thames Street, behind the Village Hall.

168. AGM – agree a date. The date of the AGM will be 12 May 2022. The date of the Playing Field Meeting will be 19 May 2022.

169. The Playing Field have received a grant of £450.00 for a new basketball unit, either fixed to the wall or stand-alone fixed into the concrete. The Chairman and Committee of the Playing Field have yet to decide which one will be appropriate.

170. Key holders of changing rooms in Playing Field. Paul Smith has keys to the changing rooms.

171. Planning Application N/084/00625/22 – Observations by 27 April 2022. Mill House, Sea Lane, Hogsthorpe, PE24 5QG. Change of use to site 104no. static caravans and alterations to existing vehicular access. The full council gave a vote AGAINST this application. There is a report attached to these minutes that will be submitted.

Planning Application – Observations no later than 14 April 2022. Land at Langham Road, Hogsthorpe. Change of use of land to site 3no. transportable holiday units. There was one objection on the grounds that more units would be wanted on the land in the future. Other Councillors needed more information.

Planning Application N/084/00723/22 – Observations by 8 May 2022. Avoca, High Street, Hogsthorpe – Councillors needed more information to comment further.

172. Date on which the next meeting is to be held to be agreed – 12 May 2022.