

NEW HOLLAND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 21st April, 2021 via a Zoom platform.

Present: Cllr G Booker, Cllr O Booker, Cllr Graves, Cllr Hudson, Cllr Kelynack & Cllr Woodhead.

Also present: Ward Cllr Hannigan & Deb Hotson – Clerk to the Council.

Apologies: Ward Cllr Clark

1. To receive the Chairman's Report

Cllr Woodhead read out his report.

I write this report in time for what we all hope will be the last New Holland Parish Council Zoom Meeting in April.

Like everyone else the Parish Council, for the last 12 months, has followed the government guidelines, councillors have been working mostly by e-mail, text and Zoom meetings.

There are some things that have been postponed until life and business gets back to some sort of normality, but we have continued to deal with queries and new issues in a timely way due not least to our excellent clerk, Deb Hotson, who has fielded many and varied requests and problems, ensuring that the day-to-day business of the council has continued smoothly, involving councillors as needed for advice and authority. Thanks to Deb and to all councillors who have responded to requests in a timely manner.

Like everybody, the parish councillors are anxious to get back to work, we are all local people with a wealth of local knowledge and we willingly use our time and knowledge on behalf of the community which is also our community and we are proud of it. I thank them all for the hard work they have committed to, it is much more than simply attending meetings.

I also thank our clerk for the knowledge, advice, and guidance she gives to the council and the public. I must also thank the Ward Councillors, especially Councillor Hannigan, for their continued and unwavering support.

Coming out of this lockdown situation is going to be difficult for all of us; please remember we are approachable and ready to help if we are able, let us work together for the continued good of our community.

On a closing note, I would like to welcome our newest Councillors to the Parish Council, Councillors Hudson and Kelynack who have already been busy and, as I am sure you will all agree, will be valued members of the Parish Council.

2. To approval of minutes from the Annual Parish meeting held 15th May, 2019

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true and correct record.

3. To be notified of the Parish Council Accounts 2020/21.

The Clerk read through the accounts for year ending 2020/21. Once approved at the May meeting these will be made available on the Parish Council website.

4. To receive a report on the New Holland Community Centre

Cllr G Booker read out his report.

Although the Centre has been closed over the past year a considerable amount of work has been carried out.

Although previous work had been carried out to the roof there was concern about

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leakages during heavy rainfalls. These have all been rectified. New PVC cladding has been installed around the building as well as new gutters and downpipes and the outside render has been repainted.

A completely new fence has been installed to the rear of the building as well as a slabbed area for bins.

Internally, the main hall has been fitted with new radiators to improve the heating in that area. Pipe work above the dropped ceiling was found to be leaking and was repaired. The hall has been treated for rising damp at the main entrance. Coving to the ceiling at the far end of the hall has been fitted and the hall repainted.

Cafe area - repairs have been carried out to one of the windows which had serious rot. The wall left of counter was taken back to bare brick, sealed and re-plastered and painted.

Before re-opening the Centre needs, a thorough deep clean, which is to be done this coming Saturday by a volunteer of the village who does this as a profession. Hand sanitisers are fitted throughout the building which is covid secure.

The elections are to be held on the 6th May and the Café will re-open under new management on 17th May.

5. Open Forum for Public Participation

Cllr Hannigan stated that NLC Summer Litter pick was going ahead from 28th May and was keen to work with the Parish Council as a joint initiative to carry on with the Parish Council initiative to get the village clear of rubbish.

NLC will provide a truck to remove all the debris collected and letters will be delivered to all households encouraging them to join in with the pick.

Cllr Kelynack to carry on leading this initiative as she has built up a good network of volunteers.

Cllr Hannigan will obtain further litter picking equipment.

Cllr Hannigan raised a further issue with regard to Manchester Square and this will be placed onto the June agenda for further discussion after some initial investigations.

The meeting closed at 7pm