CARLTON LE MOORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

<u>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2024</u> <u>in Carlton Le Moorland Village Hall</u>

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Ewan Marland welcomed the parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting.

- Present at the Meeting Councillors E. Marland, J. Hutchinson, A. Sceeny, F. Jacques, M. Waring, M. Frost,4 members of the public, County Councillor Marianne Overton, District Cllr. Mary Green and the clerk.
- 1b. <u>Apologies for absence</u> There were apologies from Cllr. R. Garlant.
- 2. <u>Matthew Bentley Conservation Officer NKDC talk about his role and</u> <u>conservation matters in NKDC</u>

Matthew Bentley joined NKDC in June 2023 and his post is within the Planning team dealing with heritage – the built environment and where it affects planning applications. His work requires him to review the heritage in NKDC and the historic environment. There were 7 listed buildings in Carlton le Moorland and 15 buildings on the local list of non-designated heritage assets. In the near future he would be working with parishes to understand and review the local list. Matthew informed the meeting that there was an NKDC Heritage Grant Scheme of £25,000 and applications were invited offering grants of up to £3,000 for works to historic buildings in the district. Residents questioned the reliability of advice being provided to NKDC by the Heritage Trust of Lincoln for planning matters. Matthew Bentley acknowledged this comment and agreed that quality assurance checks needed to be applied in the service being provided. He was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.

- 3. <u>Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting 12th April 2023 and Matters Arising</u> The clerk had circulated copies of the notes of the last meeting to councillors and on the website prior to the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
- 4. <u>Review of the Year by Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr. Ewan Marland</u> The main points were as follows:
 - Following the purchase of the speed indication device, the council has deployed the equipment in different locations around the village. Statistics continue to be downloaded and monitored.
 - The number of Village Hall bookings was very positive in 23/24 and the council had invested in a mechanical floor cleaner to improve the cleaning of the floor surface. A Tesla battery and Eddi had been installed in order to effectively manage the halls energy consumption. Further grants were being sought to increase the number of solar panels on the hall roof to provide further energy efficiencies.
 - The Council had engaged with Anglian Water and residents over the flooding issues in Clay Lane and Bridle Lane during the winter months. Remedial work had subsequently been completed to the overflow in Bridle Lane and monitoring continues.

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- There was more work to be done to the equipment at the Playing Field in the coming year following inspections in 2023.
- The Parish Council made a \pounds 1,000 grant contribution to the Church clock refurbishment in 2023.
- In December 2023 the Parish Council once again supported the Christmas Carols event.
- The Council had agreed in March 2024 to make a grant donation to the D Day commemorations in June 2024.
- In January 2024 the Parish Council welcomed Mark Waring as councillor following resignation of Diane Cook. Cllr Marland thanked Diane for her work on the Parish Council.
- In January 2024 the Parish Council agreed that the Precept would increase marginally in 2024/25 following an unchanged rate in 2023/24.
- Thanks were extended to: Cllr. Jacques and Volunteers for maintenance of the Village Hall grounds, Sands area and playing field. Village Hall – Margaret Hutchinson (Bookings), Sue North (Cleaning) Handyperson/Litter Picker – Margaret Harwood and husband Tony and John Shaw (Internal Auditor).
- Cllr. Marland thanked the Councillors and clerk for all their support during the year.

5. <u>Items, issues and suggestions raised by parishioners</u>

A resident raised the issue of hanging wet clothing up when entering the village hall. There were hooks in the storeroom but there was an accessibility issue which the council would deal with.

There being no further questions, Cllr. Marland thanked the parishioners for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.