

CARLTON LE MOORLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 in Bassingham Hammond Hall

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Jeremy Hutchinson welcomed the parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting in Bassingham due to the recent closure of Carlton le Moorland Village Hall and informed them of the fire evacuation procedures.

1a. Present at the Meeting

Councillors J. Hutchinson, R. Garland, T. Kirk, S. Traves, A. Sceeny, J. Clarke, E. Surphlis
9 members of the public and the clerk.

1b. Apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllrs. Mrs. Sue Howe and Pat Woodman MBE, R. Gan and the police.

2. Police Matters

There was no police report.

3. North Kesteven District Councillors Report

The District Councillors were attending a meeting at the Council Offices in Sleaford so were unable to attend. The clerk read an extensive report of NKDC's achievements for 2017-18 which had been received from Cllr. Sue Howe.

4. Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting – 10th May 2017 and Matters Arising

The clerk had circulated the minutes prior to the meeting.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly. There was one clarification to the minutes relating to the Lunch Group – where meals were provided 'for people of all ages'.

5. Review of the Year by Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr. Jeremy Hutchinson

The Chairman reported on the year's activities for the Parish Council and outlined what had been achieved, with the Village Hall Development being the focus of the Council's work following the National Lottery award of £500,000 in September 2017.

In summary, he particularly thanked Cllrs. Clarke and Sceeny for all that they had done in respect of the Village Hall project during the year which had proved again to be an enormous task. Subject to the final finances being secured, work was due to commence on the new hall in mid-July 2018 with completion due in Spring 2019. Cllr. Hutchinson noted that grants (WREN and EU Leader) had been submitted to meet the shortfall in finances and the decisions on these would be known in June/July.

He acknowledged the work of the Village Hall Fundraising Group who had raised in excess of £17,000, and in doing so had organised some excellent events which were supported by the community. The Young People's Trust (£20,000) and Breedon (£750) were also thanked for their contributions to the Village Hall project.

The Lunch Group continued to provide an important social function in the village and the Spring Show was another well organised community event enjoyed by all those that attended.

Cllr. Hutchinson thanked the Councillors and Clerk for all their support during the year. He noted that all councillors had made valuable contributions during the year in their areas of responsibility and the clerk for all her work during what had been a particularly busy year. Cllr. Hutchinson also thanked Barbara Smith for cleaning the Village Hall, Margaret Hutchinson for dealing with the Hall bookings, John Shaw for acting as Internal Auditor and Margaret Harwood for litter picking.

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6. Questions from the Parishioners

Mrs. Swales thanked the Parish Council for all that they had done for the village during 2017-18 – ‘they were amazing’!

7. Parish Council Plans for 2018-19

The Parish Council’s focus for 2018-19 was once again on the Village Hall development. Cllr Clarke and Cllr Sceeny gave a brief report on the progress of the Village Hall improvement project. The outcome of the grant applications was discussed and if these failed then Parish Councillors informed the meeting that they may have to seek a loan to achieve the £45,000 deficit in funding. This would increase the Parish Council element of the precept from between £9 and £12 per year on a Band D property. The residents were asked for comments - it was hoped that the grants would be successful, and a loan would not be required.

8. Reports from Groups

Spring Show Committee – Paul Hubbard provided a report from the Committee. They had reluctantly decided that due to the lack of local support and the significant amount of work for a small committee of four, that the Show would cease, and the bank account would be closed. The funds of in excess of £570 would be donated to the Village Hall Development fund – with a particular request for some of the funds to be set aside to purchase a case for some of the trophies to be displayed in the new hall when completed.

Lunch Club – over 186 lunches had been provided over the year with 35 over 60’s attending the Christmas Lunch. He thanked all those who had helped and informed the meeting that the lunches were continuing to be provided at Norton Disney Village Hall.

9. Other matters raised

9.1 Cllr. Sceeny thanked Paul Hubbard for the drawing of the old Village Hall on the front cover of the latest edition of the Witham Staple.

There being no further questions, Cllr. Hutchinson thanked the parishioners for coming and declared the meeting closed at 8pm.