

# Hoe and Worthing Villages: Norfolk

## Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 19 October 2021

### Hoe and Worthing Parish Meeting

#### 1. Attendance

James Keith (Chairman), Trevor Wood, Dick Malt, Mr and Mrs Lewis, Celia Daniels, John and Jenny Tuckwell, Margaret Barrett, James Sayer, Carl Watling, Simon Brock, Harry and Jane Whitcher (Treasurer)

Apologies were received from Sally and Mike Mullins, Sue Malt, Phil Barrett, Bill Borrett .

The Chairman opened the meeting to remind everyone this is the autumn Finance meeting, primarily to set the parish precept for the coming year.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented her report to the meeting for the 6 months to 30 September 2021.

It was noted that the income for this period consists primarily of the precept and the hires of the hall. The income for the 6 months was £2,340.

The expenses for the period were £394.35, which is mainly the annual costs for insurance and memberships.

The format of the summary of accounts shared with the meeting shows the income and

The Treasurer asked people to raise for discussion any items where they did not agree with the suggested allocation. None were raised.

The estimated balances available to the 31 March 2022 are for the Parish £4,380, and for the Hall £1,990.

The Treasurer advised that the terms and conditions at the bank were changing from the 1<sup>st</sup> November, so the account would no longer be free to operate. An alternative bank was suggested by Celia Daniels and Margaret Barrett, which the treasurer will investigate.

The chairman thanked the Treasurer for her report.

#### **Spending Proposals**

- Celia Daniels, Worthing to support their churchyard project work. Proposed by Celia Daniels and seconded by Mrs J Lewis Voted: in favour, 7 and 2 against. Carried
- John Tuckwell and seconded by Margaret Barratt. Voted: in favour, 7 and 3 against.
- It was suggested by Dick Malt that £2, reserved for the Village Hall, to enable them to continue with the outstanding repairs. Mr Wood further proposed that this should be for a period of one year. Proposed by Dick Malt and seconded by Simon Brock. Passed by 11 in favour.
- Celia Daniels raised the possibility of purchasing a Grit Bin for Worthing, at an approximate cost of £280, subject to grants not being available from the Council for this. Proposed by Celia Daniels and seconded by Margaret Barrett. Passed unanimously. Celia Daniels asked if the Council could ever burst its banks again, to prevent Joy Riders making bow waves through the village and making damage to properties even worse. The Chairman said he would request from Highways signs if possible, but feared that the parish may not have the authority to close a road what ever the situation?

### Parish Precept

It was proposed that the parish precept should remain at £1,800 for the 2022-2023 financial year. Proposed by Simon Brock and seconded by Margaret Barrett. Passed unanimously.

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### - Flooding in Worthing

The Chairman gave an update on the flooding in Worthing. He expressed his frustration in dealing with The Environment Agency, and the slow speed of any action, and the requirement for endless surveys and risk assessments before any work could be done.

### - Hoe Trod

Trevor Wood gave an update on the Trod which will be installed along Fakenham Road in Hoe, between Gorgate Lane and the Beetley bridge. There is ongoing discussion amongst various departments at the Council as to who is responsible for filling in the ditch which is the next step.

### - Plaque

A plaque to recognise the work that villages did during the pandemic has been offered by The Council. The Chairman has requested one, which should be available shortly. It is hoped to find a time and venue for a presentation.

### - Platinum Jubilee

The chairman asked if people could give some thought to anything that we might like to do for the Platinum Jubilee.

### - Litter pick

The Chairman advised that he would be arranging for a litter pick to be done in early spring next year. He will ask Trevor Wood for guidance on the best way to organise it.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

The setting up of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to separate out the financial activities of the Hall from the Parish was discussed. It was considered that this was a very good way to proceed, and it was agreed that a separate meeting should be arranged to discuss this further.

5. At Trevor Wood request a separate item about Complaints was added. Trevor explained that he was not happy with the process for handling complaints and referred to a number of items of concern. Trevor started to explain in detail about where he felt the handling of his concern was not correct. The discussion soon became heated, as this item had been discussed at previous meetings and the assembled view was that this had been dealt with. Clearly some member of the parish felt so strongly about this that they left the hall. The Chairman did point out that this item had been raised at a previous meeting and discussed at length. The Chairman said he was happy to stand down if it was felt he had not acted

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and that perhaps his complaint was the planning Department of Breckland? The Chairman acknowledged the request and agreed this item would appear again on the Agenda for the Spring 2022 meeting.

#### **6. Date of next meeting**

To be advised.