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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council

on 14th May 2019 in Yapham Village hall at 7.00pm

**Present**: Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bradley (chair), Cllr Gray, Cllr Hammond, Cllr Moverley, Cllr Newman, Clerk.

1. Cllr Bradley was elected as Chair and completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Proposed by Cllr Hammond, seconded by Cllr Moverley.

2. Apologies were received from Cllr Jefferson-Hallett.

3. Cllr Arnold was elected as Vice Chair and completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Proposed by Cllr Gray, seconded by Cllr Hammond.

4. The minutes of Yapham cum Meltonby Annual Meeting from Tuesday 14th May 2019 were accepted as a true record Proposed by Cllr Hammond, seconded by Cllr Moverley.

5. Members were selected to represent the PC as follows:

• Personnel Committee – Cllrs: Arnold, Gray (Chair) and Moverley.

• Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Moverley

Proposed by Cllr Hammond, seconded by Cllr Newman

6. ERNLLCA representatives – membership suspended so none required.

7. Chairman’s Report (post lockdown for Pandemic Covid-19): *The last AGM, in May 2019, almost seems like a different world to the one we have all been dealing with for the last year or so. It has been a time of real change and challenge. So how did we measure up?*

*Leo was ff to London to experience Parliamentary life but no sooner had he got there than an election was called and he was back again. Sadie had just started her role as Clerk and was quickly building up contacts. Louise and Keith were just getting used to the meetings when the pandemic struck. Many thought it would be over by June 2020, just in time for the holidays. Having experienced SARS I thought it highly unlikely. An emergency meeting in March 2020 decided that no face-to-face meetings would be held and that we would use technology to keep in touch.*

*If you ever wondered why you decided to live in a rural area then last year confirmed it was a good decision. Firstly, you knew most people in your area, and probably had reasonable space and access to the countryside. The downside would have been accessing services but this is where being rural helped: Prescription runs were organised, local shops started delivery services, neighbours checked on others. Broadband was essential and suddenly everyone became confident at Zooming.*

*Links were forged and hopefully most problems were sorted. Most of us realised that we had many more walkers and visitors to the area. We just had to go outside our front doors and it was there.*

*I would also like to highlight how important the allotments had been to many people who rent them from the parish. To some it was a real supplement of food supplies when their work had dried up. Others it was about getting out of their four walls into an open space. It kept people sane – they were outside talking to others, swapping plant and being as near normal as possible. Above all we were able to continue as a parish council, which in this year was keeping things going on a more limited scale.*

*During the last year we have changed some things we do. Sadie was able to catch up on her website work, as we had fewer meetings. Meanwhile she had been investigating some things we do, and will now do differently, such as the payroll. A review of our practices happened because we had the time to reflect rather than just carry on as before. I suspect that most miss the personal contact with others but we must be thankful that we have the technology to help us – not replace us.*

*Above all I would like to thank you all for your efforts and good deeds and being considerate neighbours just when help was needed. Soon everyone will have had heir jabs and, thanks to modern science, life will continue in a slightly altered way. Change always happens – it is up to us to make it a change for the better.*

*Pat Bradley*

8. To receive the Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council Summary of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021.

9. Internal Auditors report – Noted and received with thanks to Emma Fletcher.

10. External Auditor's Certificate of Exemption 2020/21 – received and signed by Chair and Clerk.

11. Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 - received and signed by Chair and Clerk.

12. Accounting Statements 2020/2021 - received and signed by Chair and Clerk.

13. Financial arrangements for the coming year:

a) Financial Standing Orders – approved with insertion of online banking facility for the clerk.

b) Internal auditor for 2021/22 - Emma Fletcher was reappointed.

14. Date for the next Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 10th May 2022

Meeting closed at 7.20pm.