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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish for Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council  
on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in Yapham Village Hall at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bradley (chair), Cllr Gray, Cllr Newman, Clerk and one member of the public.

1. **Agreed:** Councillor Patricia Bradley was appointed Parish Council Chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Proposed Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Newman.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Hammond and Cllr Jefferson-Hallett.
2. **Agreed:** Councillor Philip Arnold was appointed Parish Council Vice-Chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Proposed by Cllr Newman and seconded by Cllr Gray.
4. To elect Members to represent the PC on the following:
  - Personnel Committee – deferred to the next fully July meeting
  - Neighbourhood Watch - deferred to the next fully July meeting

5. Chairman's Report from Cllr Bradley: 'I would like to thank you all for giving of your time and energy to the community in which you live. No one quite knows or notices things so well as those who live here. Small changes add up. The main change this year has been able to have physical meetings. Zoom has its place but also its limitations. It is often things said off the record that are important.

Concerns were raised over the type of vehicles using country lanes to access industrial units. We are aware that farmers are being told to diversify but the number and size of some trucks are a real concern. The issue was highlighted and referred to the Highways in hope that maybe there could be a limitation on the number of vehicles. A truck and a combine on a country road is not a pretty plus sight. This is an obvious local issue but so are the events which show caring for the community. Events like Litter Picking last October. Painting the telephone box by Adam will enable him to achieve his Duke of Edinburgh badge plus improving the look of the village.

The allotment association has changed dates of tenancy and have found the website Know Your Neighbour to be useful when reaching new members. The allotments are real asset to many who use them both financially and for giving space and sharing with others.

I think everyone is aware that it is the Queen's Platinum year and are anxious that she achieves it. Like many who have had Covid the main effect is exhaustion. It is not possible to hold a garden party and just slip off to take a nap for an hour which she must feel like at times. Her feet must be killing her.

Celebrating the event comes in many forms. Some are having parties but we opted for a more permanent marker. A bench has been commissioned for Meltonby as a lasting memorial. All 3 parts of the parish now have a seat which marks events plus individuals. A plaque for the WW11 aircraft crew has been done. Here things are done with a personal touch.

Finally, we are losing a long-term serving councillor who reached the age of 80 earlier this year. Ken Moverley was among the first I met when I became a councillor. It was fortunate because we had a tricky situation to deal with but Ken was a man of action and helped to sort materials and the problem. Mainly he just gave of his time and skills to improve the place. I would like to thank him for his service and of course his tomatoes and lemon curd!

6. **Received:** Yapham cum Meltonby Parish Council Summary of Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022.

7. **Agreed - signed by Chair and Clerk:** External Auditor's Certificate of Exemption 2020/21.

8. **Agreed - completed and signed by Chair and Clerk:** Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021

9. **Agreed - signed by Chair and Clerk:** Accounting Statements 2020/2021

10. **To approve financial arrangements for the coming year:**

a) Financial Standing Orders - **Agreed**

b) To appoint an internal auditor – **Agreed:** Emma Fletcher to continue if it is her wish.

11. Provisional date for the next Annual Meeting. Provisionally Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Meeting closed at 7:30PM