

**Minutes of North Cotes Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
2022 at 7.30pm at North Cotes Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor Hicks, Councillor van der Horst, Councillor Marsh, Councillor Brearley, Councillor Shipman, and several members of the public

**Apologies:** District Councillor McMillan, Councillor Daniel McNally

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**2. DECLARATION OF IPCOMING COUNCILLORS**

Due to only five persons applying for nomination as parish councillors for North Cotes no election would be needed. As the numbers were less than the nine vacant seats. Therefore, all five nominees were elected as councillors for the uncontested seats for the period until May 2023. Prior to the commencement of the meeting the following persons signed and had witnessed their Acceptance of Office forms. They were also reminded to complete and return to the monitoring officer at East Lindsey their Declaration of Pecuniary Interest Forms.

Mr A Hicks, Mrs W van der Horst, Mr F Brearley, Mr G Shipman and Mrs A Marsh

**2.1 RETURNING OFFICERS** - Mr A Hicks, Mrs W van der Horst, Mr F Brearley, Mr G Shipman and Mrs A Marsh

**2.2 NEW OFFICERS** – There were no new officers elected.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR** - Mrs W van der Horst proposed that Mr A Hicks be once again elected as Chair and this was seconded by Mrs A Marsh and unanimously agreed.

Mr A Hicks then signed and the clerk witnessed his Acceptance of Office for this position.

**4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR** – Mr G Shipman proposed that Mrs W van der Horst continue in this role for the next year and this was seconded by Mrs A Marsh and unanimously agreed.

Mrs van der Horst then signed and the clerk witnessed her Acceptance of Office for this position.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

**5.1 Rural Safety Partnership – Speed Watch Scheme Update** – No further updates or news.

**5.2 Village Hall/Church – update – Church** -No further update on the church. Options were still being discussed with regards to either shutting it, using as a festival church or a community church. **Village Hall** – The works for the Village Hall were nearing completion. The last few invoices were arriving. It was agreed that Mrs Marsh would take over the bookings for the hall but it was requested that everyone could help with regards to the upkeep. A new Village Hall committee was going to be created and regular meetings for the committee would commence with feedback to the Parish Council.

**5.3 Overview of Crime** –

**PSCO** – It was noted that another Police officer was relocating but that there was a new PSCO called Jo Drake. **Action:** Parish Clerk to invite the new PCSO to our next meeting.

**Trail Bikes** – It was noted that trail bikes had been causing a nuisance within the village and Horseshoe point. A few options were discussed on the way to tackle this issue. **Action:** Parish Clerk to research the options available and feedback to the relevant parties.

**5.4 Trust House – Update** – The Trust Houses were all running ok and no major incidents reported. A payment plan had been put in place for one resident to ‘catch-up’ with the arrears.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE –

None received

## 7 FINANCE

**7.1 Cheques** – The following Cheques were approved:

Parish Clerk Wages – Cheque No: 347

LALC Subscription fees – Cheque No: 348

Zurich Insurance – Cheque No: 349

North Cotes Village Hall Hire – Cheque No: 350

New Tribes Mission Hall Hire – Cheque No: 351

War Memorial Grass Cutting – Cheque No: 352

Parish Council Donation for Village Hall Works – Cheque No 354

- 7.2 Parish Council Accounts** – The Certificate of Exemption (stating an income/expenditure of less than £25,000) was signed and dated and would be returned to the PFK Little-John LLP as the external auditors.  
All will display the Notice of Dates of the Period for Exercise of Public Rights on the web site and notice board whereby the accounts will viewable.  
All signed and passed financial documents will be displayed on the web site as per the Transparency Code.

## **8 AOB**

- 8.1 Playing Field Grass** – Grass is still not being cut as agreed with the football team manager. **Action:** Parish Clerk to contact Billy Parker and ask for help with getting the field cut.
- 8.2 Tennis Courts** – This is still on the agenda for being sorted, quotes are needed for re tarmacking and lines in the first instance to make the surface re-usable.

**The date for the next meeting - was fixed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm.  
The meeting will be the held at the New Tribes Mission.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm**