

West Haddlesey Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held at the George and Dragon Public House, West Haddlesey on Tuesday 16 September 2003

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting dated 3 December 2002

The Minutes of the last Meeting dated 3 December 2002 were read and agreed as being a true record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1. Village Signs

It was agreed that any costs involved with any future work on the flower planting of the three village signs would be paid for by the Parish.

3.2. Condition of The Avenue

Selby District Council had agreed to increase the width of the path along the Avenue but stated that the work would be put on a low priority basis.

Selby District Council had also agreed to provide replacement trees for the ones that had died. Mike Weatherall agreed to liaise with SDC and collect the trees in November.

3.3. Condition of Some Dykes

The Chairman reported that Internal Land Drainage Board had agreed to carry out the work involved.

The Chairman also reported that Mr Askin had now settled his dispute with the relevant Authorities.

3.4. Ian Hedley

Ian was again thanked for his continuing work clearing litter from the village and its surrounding areas. The Chairman reported that he was extremely pleased with his new litter-picker.

3.5. Playing Field Entrance

Some concerns were raised regarding the area of land between the road and the Playing Field entrance. It was agreed that it may require tarmacing if it deteriorated further.

3.6. Bonfire Night

Following investigations by the sub-group, it had been decided that the high insurance costs had put a stop to the proposal to host a village bonfire.

4. Playing Field

Liz Campy² agreed to remain as the Playing Field Co-ordinator until further notice.

Top soiling and seeding was to be carried out later in the year by Steve Parkin.

Mike Weatherall agreed to continue as grounds man for a fee of £200 for the year.

5. Financial Statement for Year ended 31 March 2003

The Clerk gave a full explanation of the financial accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003.

The total receipts for the year were £4,015 and the total payments were £830.

The balance of the Parish Meeting funds was £3185 on 31 March 2003. This balance was the starting balance for the year ended 31 March 2004.

It was agreed that the precept for 2003/4 should be £1500.

The Statement of Assurance for the Audit Commission, read out by the Clerk, was agreed.

6. Nominations for Chairman and Clerk

There were no nominations from anyone attending the meeting.

It was suggested that John Mills of 6 The Avenue was seeking nomination for the position of Clerk. (Subsequent to the meeting, this nomination was withdrawn).

Christine Andrews agreed to continue as Chairman for a further twelve month period and Roger Denton agreed to continue as Clerk for the same period.

7. Any Other Business

7.1. Fly-Tipping

It was reported that fly-tipping continued to be a nuisance around the village. Selby District Council had been informed.

7.2. Tree Planting

Ian Hedley and Keith Wood agreed to carry out any digging associated with the planting of replacement trees on the Avenue.

7.3. Christmas Tree

After some debate, it was agreed that a village Christmas tree would be welcomed and the Chairman agreed to follow up the proposal.

7.4. Village Fun-Day

This proposal was agreed as a good idea and Nigel and Jacqui Baker offered their services in carrying out further work on the project.

7.5. Bulbs in the Village

It was agreed that the planting of spring bulbs along the Avenue would improve the area and Ian Hedley agreed to co-ordinate the task.

Chairman _____

Date _____