

## West Haddlesey Parish Meeting

Minutes of West Haddlesey Parish Meeting held at  
The George and Dragon

on  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

at  
7.30 pm

### 1. Present

Glen Williams (Chair), Giles Bennett (Clerk), Barry Neale, Yvonne Fenton, Tom Rowbotham, Susann Rowbotham, Jayne Purdy, Ian Hedley, Martha Wood, Beverley Morgan, Paul Woodhead, Gillean Woodhead, Nicola Hall, Robin Owens, Karen Owens, Liz Green, Martin Green, Mike Tate (late).

### 2. Apologies

Helen Bennett (Treasurer), Oliver Briggs

### 3. Streetlighting

It was noted that although the present position was (by past standards) relatively good, with only two streetlights currently out, the increasingly poor levels of service from NYCC were becoming problematic. Easy problems were fixed, whilst difficult problems were essentially ignored, despite repeated reminders.

Agreed to check with CHPC who they use, and see if there are any other alternatives in the local area.

### 4. The Playpark

It was noted that this had pretty much reached the end of its life and that Oliver and Vicky Briggs had made a start on putting a committee together to fundraise for immediate replacement parts, and to look at fundraising for a long term replacement. The meeting had agreed to commit £1000 towards the replacement parts, and £500 had been promised by CHPC. Agreed to find out where they were on getting the remaining monies together.

### 5. The Pub

Thanks were offered to Gareth for opening up for us. It was noted that it was nice to be back in the pub for the meeting for the first time in 5½ years, and that a lot of hard work had gone in to bringing it up to scratch.

5. Return of Santa

It was agreed that Santa would be asked to return to the village on a Monday evening (18<sup>th</sup> December looked like the most practical option) to do the switch-on, meet the children and hand out small presents.

6. Committee positions

It was noted that after around 14 years, Giles was stepping down as Clerk, and after around 10 years Helen was stepping down as Treasurer.

Liz Green expressed interest in the role of Clerk and was duly elected.

Oliver Briggs had expressed interest in a committee position, and was duly elected (with a title TBC).

Glen confirmed he was happy to stay on for a little while longer as Chairman.

7. Any other business

Overgrowth around one of the lampposts was mentioned and it was agreed that the homeowner concerned would be contacted.

A letter regarding a proposed “storm spill overflow” had been received, was circulated for discussion – noted that any work on the land in question would be subject to planning so could be dealt with at that point.

Giles provided an update on the school bell.

Robin raised the issue of mini powercuts, it was agreed that they were village-wide, suggested that a line be dropped to Northern Powergrid to find out if there was any specific cause.

The upcoming digital switch-off, and broadband speeds throughout the village, were discussed. Giles noted that he would get around 70Mbps, with his house being right next to the box, and speeds were best tested via a hard-wired connection directly into the router.

The hedge, and the dangerous nature of the crossroads in general, were discussed, agreed to reach out to CHPC to see if the hedge would / could be cropped back.

The School Christmas Fayre is on next Saturday from 1pm to 5pm in the village hall.

Noted that the village now has a resident taxi company. Glen handed out cards, Giles agreed to pop details onto the village website.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm, with the date and time of the next meeting to be arranged.

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Chairman

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Date