

# Hirst Courtney & West Bank Parish Council

## Minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm. to be held in the restaurant area of The Sloop Inn, Temple Hirst.

**Present:** Cllrs Wagstaff, Forbes, McGuigan, Stephenson & Webster.

**Attending:** Helen Phillips – Clerk to Council.

### 1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

The Council received apologies from Cllrs Harper and Barratt, and considered approval for their reasons for absence.

**Resolved: That Cllrs Harper and Barratt's apologies were received and the reasons for their absence approved.**

### 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

The council considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022. (page 2)

**Resolved: That the minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 be approved.**

### 3. Chair's Annual Report

The council received the Chair's Annual Report.

- In May 2022 the streetlights in Hirst Courtney and West Bank received new LED lamps, to improve lighting and efficiencies, and to lessen costs to the Parish.
- Two prominent planning applications have been dealt with in the year 2022-23 with the application for the development of the Royal Oak public house and the Helios Solar Farm.

The Royal Oak development has been granted permission for up to seven dwellings, with Selby District Council Planning Department working with us and listening to our concerns which has afforded the most amiable plan and development for the site.

The Helios Solar Farm application is still in the midst but a decision is likely to be some time in the future after being considered by the Secretary of State.

- There has been a big change to the council members over the last year with three councillors representing the West Bank community having resigned in 2022. The councillor vacancies have now been filled, with cllr's Harper, Stephenson and Webster joining the Council.

**Resolved: That the Chair be thanked for his service and his report be noted.**

### 4. Questions from the Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

### 5. Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

**Item 2.**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held at The Sloop Inn, Temple Hirst at 7pm. on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Present:** Cllr's I. Forbes (Vice-Chair), J. Barratt, G. Burbidge, L. Howsam, and M. Hird.

**In Attendance:** Mrs S. Rockliff, **Proper Officer/ Clerk**

**Members of the Public:** none

**Cllr Forbes, Chair of the meeting, opened the meeting at 7.00pm**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr's McGuigan and Wagstaff.

**Resolved: That the apologies and reasons for Cllr's McGuigan and Wagstaff's absence be received and approved.**

**2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021**

Councillors considered the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be approved.**

**3. Chair's Annual Report**

The Chair of the meeting gave the annual report on behalf of Cllr Wagstaff, Chair of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is now back to face-to-face meetings which facilitates decision making.

Two new councillors have been co-opted onto the council following the resignation of Cllr's Webster and Stephenson. The councillors represent West Bank, so the council now has improved and rounded structure.

West Bank has two new village signs which look appealing and reflect the history of the area.

The Parish Council is in a good position to go forward into the new financial year positively.

**Resolved: That the Chair's Annual Report be noted.**

**4. Questions from the Public**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**5. Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting: May 2023**

The Chair closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.08pm.