Little Houghton Parish Council

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# Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7 pm on Monday, November 23rd, 2020. This meeting was held virtually.

## Present:

Mrs Diana Young Mr Gary Oldfield Mrs Lisa Oldfield Mr Kevin Osborne Mrs V Wistow

#### In Attendance:

Ms Caroline Donovan Clerk to the Council

Mrs Diana Young Chaired the meeting.

#### 1. Questions from Parishioners

No questions from Parishioners had been received.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Vince Keating.

## 3.. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 21st, 2020.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 21st, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

#### 4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.

#### 5. Correspondence

The Clerk updated the Parish Councillors that the Parks Services had informed her that the safety surfacing under the climbing unit needed repairing. It was agreed that the Clerk would progress these repairs.

# 6. Finance

## 6.1 Parish Precept

It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire from the neighbouring Parish Councils if they were going to increase their precept for 2021 -2022.

## 6.2 Bank Reconciliation

The Parish Councillors noted that the bank reconciliation on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 was as follows:

Current Account brought forward

£10,238.98.

# Paid Out

Total	747.57
HMRC	67.40
Mr Laughton	140.00
HMRC	45.00
Clerk Qu 2	270.17
BCVS Audit	225.00

£9,491.41

# Outstanding

Cash in Hand

Totty's signs 82.80

# Total Cash in Hand £9,408.61

# 6.3 Accounts due for Payment

Clerk Quarter Three	£270.17
HMRC	£67.40
BMBC Play Area Inspections	£348.00
BMBC Multi Use Games Area inspections	£348.00
Mr Laughton	£190.00

The Parish Councillors agreed the payment of the accounts listed.

## 7. Parish Council Asset - Wildflower Meadow

A discussion followed with regard to the Parish Council asset of the wildflower meadow. It was agreed that a short term, medium term, and long-term plan were needed.

A Parish Councillor said a possible short-term plan would be to rent it out, and the medium-term plan and long-term plan would be to consider selling it with outline planning permission. The Parish Councillors could then consider what they would do with the income generated. It was felt that a course of action which would help regarding anti-social behaviour and fly tipping in the area was needed.

A Parish Councillor said that she thought that if they kept the land the long-term value would increase, and that it was valuable asset for the Parish Council, and that the best course of action would be to rent the land out and allow interested parties to bid for it.

A Parish Councillor said that they could consider using the land for allotments and that this would generate some income for the Parish. It was agreed that the problem would be in managing the allotments.

After careful consideration and discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Osborne would contact Tanya Hunter at the BMBC Assets Department to find out what the current rent is for grazing land and if there were any other considerations that the Parish Council would have to make if the land were rented out as gazing land. It was decided that this matter should then be discussed further at the January meeting of the Parish Council,

# 8. Any Other Business

Councillor Osbourne updated the meeting that a volunteer had put new bollards and railings around the park and that it was good quality work.

The Chair updated the meeting that Jane at the Village Shop had undergone an operation and it was agreed that the Clerk should organise some Get Well Soon flowers for her from the Parish Council.

# 9 Date and time of next meeting

Monday, January 11th, 2020 at 7pm

To:

Mr V Keating Mrs D Young Mr G Oldfield Mrs L Oldfield Mrs V Wistow Mr K Osborne

c.c.

Councillor Trevor Smith, Pauline Markham, Caroline Saunders Peter Clark, Barnsley MBC, Governor Services