**Little Houghton Parish Council (LHPC) Meeting**

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| **Date:**  | Thursday 11th May 2023 |
| **Venue:**  | Sandhill Golf Club |
| **Time:**  | 5.00pm |
| **Attendees:** | Amanda McGrath, Colin Ward, Jeff Greasley  |
| **Apologies:** |  |
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| **Who** | **Discussed** | **Actions** |
| Jeff | The parish Council is run from Leeds | Jeff is looking into this |
| We should have training re being a councillor |
| Vince is still the Chair so needs to formerly resign so someone else can take over. |
| Peter Clarke had explained that LHPC is nothing to do with Barnsley Council, other than re the election of members |  |
| We should advertise for the clerk job |  |
| Committee meetings in Darfield Ward, we should be attending them.  |  |
| We may get funding to hold events by attending i.e. Ward Alliance and there are other funding streams i.e. Wind Farm, SY Funding….. |  |
| We need to look at a new venue, possibly Darfield Community Centre |  |
| Ideally we need 5 councillors on LHPC, 3 people would just let it tick over and 0 Barnsley Council would take it over |  |
| The website is paid for this year, but has not been updated since 2021 |  |
| The Company Shop has a van in Thurnscoe so people can buy e.g. 12 things for £4. There are good quality foods and on a weekly basis though the project did finish a couple of weeks ago. It should be back 19 May. It would be good to get that for the village.  |  |
| Amanda | Volunteered to cover the clerk post for now |  |
| Amanda suggested creating a Facebook Page for LHPC. Need information on each other:Jeff lived in the village for 32yrs and would like to offer better services to residents, address issues of dog mess, litter and fly tippingColin has lived in the village since2015 and is interested in the village and the issues suc as litter and fly tipping | Amanda to create the Facebook page |
| Queries | How much do we pay annually for our council tax? LHP get precept via the council tax |  |
| We need to find out who owns the land next to Amanda’s. There may be clauses on it.  |  |
| How much will it cost to pay someone to be clerk? | Need to work out the hours needed to do the job.  |
| What do we want to do as LHPC? Ideas include:Bringing the community togetherKeep warm spaces in Winter - Age Concern – MorticiaNeighbourhood watchPolice smart waterLitter control – Hilary does litter picking on Middlecliff RoadCommunity events |  |

**Next meeting:** TBC