



**Minutes of Meeting held at 6.45 pm on Monday 13th July 2020
held at Home Farm (due to Covid-19 restrictions)**

Present: Cllrs. J. Littlefair, T. Britcliffe, D. Simmons, J. Quarmby (from 6.55pm).

In Attendance: M. Ireland, Clerk

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs Brown, Geddes and Park, Ward Cllr Cassidy
- 2. Public Forum:** No members of public present.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 4. Minutes of Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held 22nd June 2020:** The Minutes of the Annual Meeting being agreed as a true record, with Cllr Britcliffe proposing and Cllr Simmons seconding, it was **RESOLVED** to accept them. The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting being agreed as a true record, with Cllr Simmons proposing and Cllr Littlefair seconding, it was **RESOLVED** to accept them.
- 5. Matters Arising:** **(i) Website:** The Clerk reported the website to be now fully accessible and up-to-date; she thanked Mr. Simmons for his help with the Hart Logo which now looked much better. **(ii) Costings for gate locking systems** – the Clerk regretted she had not yet had time to investigate options. It was **agreed** to defer this matter to the September meeting.
- 6. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported as follows: **(a)** The attempted removal of an Elm tree on the land at the rear of Milbank Close, by HBC staff at 6.00am on Saturday 11th July, with no prior notification to either residents or the Parish Council; at the request of residents this was stopped before more than a couple of branches had been removed. Cllr Britcliffe reported that, having been alerted to the issue, he had contacted Matthew King at HBC Planning Office, who agreed to investigate why the tree was being removed, and that he had also received an e-mail from the developer. It was **Resolved** to await the full explanation from HBC before deciding on any further action. **(b)** The Village Field wall rebuilding had now started – a gap has been made in the wall and a ramp made on the North Hart side to allow vehicular access. Cllr Britcliffe proposed HPC write to the Chairman of the Academy Trust requesting the terms of the proposed licence be forwarded to the Parish Council now. All being in agreement, it was **Resolved** the Clerk write to the Chairman of the Academy Trust requesting the terms of the proposed licence to access. **(c)** Brian Doughty had very kindly planted up a flower bed at the foot of the entrance signs at each end of the village – this was much appreciated by Councillors and the Clerk was requested to thank him. **(d)** There appeared to be no progress on the repair to the Fens wall; Cllr Britcliffe noted that the wall at the stables, owned by Peter Jenkins, had been repaired to a very high standard and suggested it be considered for a Civic Award; all being in agreement Cllr Britcliffe was asked to progress this. **(e)** He had given a Radio Tees interview on the subject of Rural Crime at 8.30am that morning, speaking as a farmer.
Actions: Cllr Britcliffe to propose Peter Jenkin's wall for a Civic Award; Clerk to write to Chair of the Academy Trust requesting the terms of the propose licence and to Brian Doughty to thank him.

- 7. Ward Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Cassidy had submitted a written report explaining that HBC had advised that no Ward Surgeries be held for the time being, and that it would be inadvisable to protest the building of the inner fence at the school at this time, as it had been agreed by HBC in 2018, but that the PC could perhaps request its removal at a later date. No apology or report had been received from Cllr Brewer. The Clerk was asked to speak to, rather than email him, to ask why he was neither attending meetings nor submitting a report. **Action:** Clerk to speak to Cllr. Brewer.
- 8. Financial Report:** The Financial reports were presented by the Clerk. It was **resolved** to accept the reports.

Receipts:	£	Payments:	£
VAT repayment	949.13	HMRC (PAYE)	139.72
Interest (Business Account)	0.03	D.M. Ireland (Salary April-June)	558.88
Total	949.16	Total	698.60

The Clerk reported that the Exemption Certificate and other relevant documents had been forwarded to Mazars and that the Public Right to Inspect the Accounts had been posted on both notice boards and the website.

- 9. Correspondence:** (a) Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Rural Crime Forum – **noted;** (b) A request for a Risk Assessment to be undertaken before using the Village Hall when it re-opened, together with a brief questionnaire; she had drafted a response to the questionnaire and checked with Councillors that they agreed with her responses. All being in agreement the completed questionnaire was passed to Cllr Simmons for delivery to the Village Hall Committee.
- 10. Planning Applications: H/2020/0200** – Land adjacent to 28, Nine Acres. No Objections were made but concern expressed that the developer had enclosed some public land used previously by residents for parking; there is very limited parking space within this narrow road.
- 11. Maintenance Committee:** No report received from Cllr Park. Cllr Brown had submitted the following 'To do' list: Gutter at Burns Close, trees at east end of churchyard and water rising under triangle
- 12. Matters of Concern to Councillors:** Cllr Littlefair raised a concern, brought to his attention by several residents, that the lady at the first house on the corner of Holyrood, just off Buckingham Avenue, is parking her car on the green and has enclosed part of the land. The Clerk reported that the land was apparently not owned by the Borough Council. Cllr Simmons noted that a couple have been seen regularly litter-picking around the village, Cllr Littlefair that another lady litter-picks from Clavering up to the roundabout on the A689, and others had also been seen litter-picking. All agreed that this action was highly commendable and wished to express the sincere thanks of the Parish Council to all litter-pickers. Cllr Simmons was requested to put a Thank you message on the Hart Hub. Cllr Simmons stated that she would be arranging a village litter pick and would collect the litter-picking equipment up from Cllr Park beforehand. She requested the names of anyone who had volunteered in the past to help with village maintenance. **Actions:** Cllr Simmons to place Thank you on Hart Hub, to collect litter-picking equipment from Cllr Park; Clerk to forward details of those who had volunteered to help with village maintenance.
- 13. Date of next meeting:** 6.45 pm Monday 14th September 2020 at Hart Village Hall.

Meeting closed 7.40 pm.