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**MINUTES of HILLAM PARISH COUNCIL held Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
At Hillam and Monk Fryston Cricket Club at 7.30pm**

**01. Present and apologies**

Councillors Sadler (Chair), Lupton, Little, Mitchell, Tuddenham, and Robertson were in attendance. Also in attendance: County Councillor Pearson, District Councillor Mackman, Daniel Formal (resident and new landlord of The Cross Keys pub), Karen Merry(resident and Chair of Ringtree Lights Committee), Mick Merry (resident and Ringtree Lights Committee), Amanda Hornshaw (resident and Ringtree Lights Committee). Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Collinson and Juvina Janik (Clerk).

**02. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Robertson and Mitchell declared an interest as a Trustee in matters regarding the Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre.

Agenda items 3, 4 and 12 were brought forward as the attendees have come with information on these issues.

**04. Future of the Ringtree Lights Committee**

The current chair Karen Merry is stepping down from the Committee in the next few months. There is a need to identify a new Chair, as well as a small pool of volunteers to support the Chair, to continue the Committee and event going forward. If a new Chair is not identified soon, the annual event to turn on the lights will be disbanded.

In addition, there is a need to generate funding for the Lights - £1300 required annually. The current fundraising efforts are approximately £600 short.

The Chair thanked the Chair of the Ringtree Lights Committee for her support over the years. **Resolved:**

- The Council would support the Committee to find a new Chair and Committee members by organising an evening event at the Cross Keys in the next month or so – the evening gathering will also focus on identifying new volunteers for the Hillam News
- The Council could potentially offer administrative support to the future Committee
- The Landlord at The Cross Keys offered to support fundraising efforts
- There is potential for the future Committee to access funding through Cllr Pearson's Locality Budget. The Clerk to provide the Committee with contact details for Cllr Pearson.

**03. Welcome to the New Landlord of The Cross Keys**

The Chair welcomed the new landlord to the pub and the village, and thanked him for continuing to support the Pub is the Hub initiative. The landlord group up in a local village and is very committed to supporting the community by organising events, helping with fundraising campaigns etc. Note Cross Keys was registered with Selby DC as Community Right to Bid in 2015.

**12. VE Day plans**

VE day celebrations are on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – a national Bank Holiday. **Resolved:**

- Celebratory event would be hosted at Cross Keys. Chair to notify Bert's Barrow of decision.
- Karen (Ringtree Lights Committee) would forward details of Knottingley Brass Band, to identify a potential trumpeter to play the Last Post

- Need to check that no parallel celebrations were being planned by MFHCA on the 8th, which would clash with event
- The Clerk would purchase a flag for the flagpole – to be erected by resident Bob Hopley. Purchase of £9.95 + vat approved.

\*At this time, Daniel, Karen, Mick and Amanda left the meeting.

#### **05. To approve and sign the minutes for Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Amended:** 11d. Renovation of Hillam Hall windows – Council approved with no observations  
 Otherwise Council approved the minutes and the Chair signed the minutes as a true record.

#### **06. Clerk's report**

- i) Website renewal. **Resolved:** £194.13 for two-year Wix hosting plan agreed.
- ii) Lilac Oval. **Resolved:** £120 quote for moss removal agreed.
- iii) Land valuation, Betteras Hill not yet completed. **Resolved:** Land agent to undertake valuation in w/c 10<sup>th</sup> February
- iv) Tree planting, need to identify areas of planting and identify funding. **Resolved:** Cllr Little to speak to landowner about planting trees on verges bordering fields, and apply for Locality Budget for trees.
- v) Fly tipping. **Resolved:** Reference to new penalty fines for fly tipping to be mentioned in next Hillam News update.
- vi) Speeding. **Resolved:** Clerk to submit request for 95 Alive on Chapel Street (where Hillam sign is).
- vii) Footpath #9. **Resolved:** Footpath sign in place and residents' comments noted by NYCC.

#### **07. Change of MFHCA Charitable Status**

**Resolved:** TR1 form signed by Chair, which transfers assets from unincorporated charity to a Charity Incorporated Organisation.

#### **08. Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments**

Councillors discussed options and completed the questionnaire for submission by the clerk.

#### **09. New Local Plan for Selby Consultation**

Responses due 6<sup>th</sup> March. Response: item to be tabled at next meeting, with joint response provided.  
 Initial feedback was that Strategy was light-touch, and could have a greater focus on infrastructure (roads, digital).

#### **10. Assistance with grass cutting**

MFHCA requested assistance with grass cutting fees. **Resolved:** Agreed to pay £557 requested for annual fees.  
 Request for additional support with ongoing running to be discussed at March meeting. Clerk to notify MFHCA as such.

#### **11. AGM Arrangements**

Chair not available for AGM as currently scheduled. **Resolved:** Agreed to re-schedule meeting to Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May.  
 Item to be discussed at next meeting, in terms of how to encourage residents to attend.

#### **12. VE Day Event**

Previously discussed.

### **13. Monthly Finance Report**

Invoices approved Jovina Janik £234.38 and Community Heartbeat Trust £126 for annual support. Internal audit still to be undertaken. **Resolved:** to be brought back to next meeting. Cheque from Northern Power Grid (£44.70) passed to Clerk to look into.

### **14. Planning**

None discussed.

### **15. Village maintenance**

- i) Complaints of human fouling on Fairfield Lane (off Hillam Lane) **Resolved:** Clerk to report to environmental health.
- ii) Request for grass cutting on verge at Applegarth Cottage (adjacent to The Cross Keys). **Resolved:** Clerk to speak to Steve Parkin about it.
- iii) Painting of telephone box – quote received from decorator. **Resolved:** Clerk to send requirements (paint colour) to decorator. Painting to start in March.
- iv) Flower beds need freshening up. **Resolved:** Cllr Lupton to speak to resident about helping maintain.
- v) Monk Fryston Parish Council have suggested liaison could be improved between two councils. **Resolved:** Agreed need to meet twice a year and to focus on items of mutual interest. Clerk to write to Philip Scott (MF Clerk) to confirm.
- vi) ‘What the Dickens?’ library opens in the Community Centre next month. Parish Council very supportive of initiative and will encourage donation of books.
- vii) Pavement quality very poor. Resolved: Cllr Little started a petition to County Hall to get pavements repaired. Agreed that signatures for petition would be collected for next meeting, and that Clerk would draft accompanying letter, with photos attached.

### **16. Councillor Updates from Meetings, Events or Matters Arising**

None noted

### **17. Confirm date and location of next Parish Council Meeting**

**Resolved:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

### **18. Meeting closed – 9.40pm**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_