**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 23 May 2018, WI Hut, Loversall**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Nicola Harris, Spencer Morris, Keith Wilson, Colin Wright

DMBC Councillors Nigel Cannings, Martin Greenhalgh

**Members of the public:** None attended but apologies were received from Mr & Mrs N Wright

**Clerk to the Council:** Lindsay Wilson

**Apologies:** Councillor Nigel Tomlinson

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2017**, previously circulated to councillors and made public on the Parish Council Website ([www.loversallpc.org.uk](http://www.loversallpc.org.uk)) were accepted as a true record of that meeting (Matters arising to be included within the Chairman’s Report).

**Proposed:** Cllr N Harris **Seconded:** Cllr S Morris

1. **Chairman’s Report**

* Cllr Wilson reported that at the AGM earlier in the evening he had been re-elected to chair the council for a further year. Cllr Harris had been elected as Vice Chair.
* One of the recurring issues during the year had been road safety, access and nuisance issues associated with the Iport development, particularly on Rakes lane and Hall Balk Lane. Following parish council requests for improved signage, DMBC had responded with ‘no through road signs’ on Rakes lane and an Iport directional sign on the A60. Problems on Hall Balk Lane remained as the surface had been very badly damaged by oversized vehicles. The Parish Council has consistently reported the problem.
* Fly-tipping: This perennial problem on Hall Balk Lane seems to have abated to some extent following the addition of warning posters. Again the parish council reports individual incidents when they occur. Thanks to one of our young residents, Archie Harris, who has been helping to keep the village free of litter.
* Superfast broadband: After protracted lobbying by the parish council over several years and an aborted attempt to set up a service through an independent provider, we welcomed the arrival of much faster broadband speeds in the village during the year.
* Planning: The parish council, having consulted residents and commented comprehensively on the original version of the DMBC Local Plan, awaits information from DMBC on progress with the latest version. Two significant planning applications arose during the year. The council had been consulted on the retention of the barn facility in the village as a wedding venue on a permanent basis and an extension of hours. Following a detailed response to this application submitted by the Parish Council, DMBC decided to grant the application. An application to build houses at entrance to the village opposite ‘The Lodge’ had been opposed by the parish council and rejected by DMBC.

1. **Financial Report**

* The Annual Financial return 2016/17 was unconditionally approved by the external auditors.
* The Annual Financial Return for 2017/18 has yet to be completed and will be available for inspection during July 2018
* The Loversall parish precept for 2018/19 has been increased by £62.
* The budget for 2018/19 was set at £1232 with a reserve of £899 set against a number of potential small improvements in the village, yet to be decided upon.

1. **Clerk’s Report:** An email had been received from Stephanie Lee, proprietor of Unique Occasions (hosting events at the Barn in Loversall) apologising for excessive noise at a recent event and detailing their efforts to avoid a repeat occurrence. She also informed the Council of the installation of a road hump to slow down traffic joining Bubup Hill on the difficult bend. Finally Mrs Lee revealed that their family pig rearing business was to finish thus resolving issues of smell, rats and flies and large lorries through the village.

The Clerk read out an email from Mr D Lupson expressing his concerns about the pot holes and weeds throughout Loversall. The DMBC councillors reported that weed spraying was scheduled for the following week in Loversall and the pot holes had been marked prior to being filled.

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 20.30hrs and was followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed ………………………………………………………. (Chair) Date …………………………………..