**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Wednesday 19 May 2021at 8.15pm, WI Hut, Loversall**

**In Attendance:** Councillors: Nicola Harris, Spencer Morris, Nigel Tomlinson, Keith Wilson,

DMBC Councillors Nigel Cannings, Martin Greenhalgh

**Members of the public:** None attended

**Clerk to the Council:** Lindsay Wilson

**Apologies:** None received

1. **Chairman’s Report**

During the pandemic the Council conducted its meetings virtually using Zoom, as allowed by new legislation. As with face to face meetings, all virtual meetings were published with the required notice on the Council’s website. There were no requests from the public to attend. Meetings were attended by our two DMBC Ward Councillors.

The Council commented on three planning applications during the year. The most significant of these was the application by the proprietors of Loversall Farm for change of use of agricultural land to provide continuation of temporary takeaway cafe to a permanent change of use. The Parish Council, along with individual Loversall residents, opposed the application together with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Loversall Farm Nursery and residents on the nearby Dominion Estate. The Parish Council’s initial grounds for the objection were environmental but these were followed by concerns about the potential for parking and traffic issues within the village. Subsequently the café was relocated to within an existing agricultural barn so it complies with a permitted use that does not require planning permission (class R of the General Permitted Development Order). This does not however alter the fundamental concerns that the Parish Council and others have about the development.

The council continued its efforts to prevent HGVs trying to access the Iport via the village. It succeeded in persuading DMBC to erect large, appropriately placed signs on the A60 and at the entrances to the village to deter HGVs from turning into the village. Residents have since commented that the signage has been very successful.

As part of its ongoing efforts to improve road safety in the village the Council succeeded in having a Give Way sign placed at the junction of Loversall Farm and Bubup Hill. A sign at this location has been requested of DMBC over a number of years. The placing of the sign is an attempt to reduce the speed of vehicles leaving the farm road, down Bubup Hill past the entrance to Rakes Lane, where a number of near misses have been reported in the past.

The Council once again met all its statutory requirements and was able to obtain a certificate of exemption from external audit for its annual accounts.

The chair of a Parish Council is a statutory post defined in law and is elected by the Parish Councillors on an annual basis. After eight consecutive years as Chairman, I have decided not to stand again in 2021/22 and a new Chairman will be elected.

Professor Keith Wilson

5 May 2021

1. **Financial Reports 2020 -2021**

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The Annual Internal audit report for 2020/21 was signed off to the satisfaction of the Internal Auditor.

The amount carried forward from the previous year was £616.

The Loversall parish precept for 2020/21 was £1413, an increase of £73 on the previous year (largely due to a very small increase in Clerk’s hours and national mandatory pay award).

Expenditure during the year amounted to £1638 of which £1022 was staff costs.

The amount carried forward to 2021/22 is £391 and this reconciled with the bank balance as of March 31st 2021.

During the year the Council found it necessary to switch its current account from NatWest to an online account with Unity Trust Bank, which was considered to offer enhanced levels of security.

1. **Clerk’s Report –** The proposed list of dates for 2021 - 2022 (subject to availability of the premises) was given to the meeting

**All meetings will be held at the WI Hut and commence at 7.30pm**

**Wednesday 14 July 2021**

**Wednesday 27 October 2021**

**Wednesday 12 January 2022**

**Wednesday 16 March 2022**

**Wednesday 18 May 2022 to include the Annual Meeting\***

There being no further items, the meeting closed at 20.40hrs.

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