

Haighton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 2022. The meeting was held by phone and e-mail owing to the fact that Covid infections are still an issue and the lack of items for the agenda made a normal meeting difficult to justify.

Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 4th October 2022: confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

- The two issues that Cllr Clarke raised before the October meeting, ie, the pot-hole near to the entrance to Haighton Hall and the rut at the edge of the carriageway at Seamark Farm: LCC's website states 'Works have been programmed'. On 14th November, Cllr Clarke reported that the pot-hole near to Haighton Hall had filled with gravel, so it was not so hazardous, but it had not been repaired. The rut at Seamark was in the same state as when it was first reported.
- Footpath 13, blocked by fallen tree near to Haighton House- LCC reported ' Work has now been completed'.

Correspondence:

- Best Kept Village Competition: Haighton was awarded a Highly Commended certificate (but no garden centre voucher this time). Please find the judges' comments enclosed. (Regarding the suggestion that Haighton Manor should be entered as an outstanding feature, the Clerk contacted the manager to enquire about this a couple of years ago. He did not seem too enthusiastic and said that he would have to discuss the matter with his superiors, but the matter ended there).

Meetings:

- None

Planning:

Applications:

- 06/2022/0802: Outbuilding to rear comprising gymnasium, summer room, and store at Cow Hill Barn.
- 06/2022/1343: Diversion of Public Right of Way footpath No.10 on land to the west of Preston Road, Grimsargh. Since the proposed diversion was almost entirely within Grimsargh, more or less bisecting the 'old person's village', there was little point in consulting all of the Members, so the Clerk responded by stating that HPC had no objections.

Approvals

- 06/2022/0766: Repeat Application for the erection of a storage building and agricultural worker's cottage at Clarksons Fold Farm, Cow Hill.
- 06/2022/0943: Prior notification submission for the installation of roof mounted PV solar panels at Inchcape Jaguar Rover, Bluebell Way.
- 06/2022/0802: Outbuilding to rear comprising gymnasium, summer room, and store at Cow Hill Barn.

Refusals

- None.

Appeals:

- None

Accounts:

- The Clerk had prepared the Annual Budget for the coming financial year (23/24 or YE 31/3/24). (Copy attached as addendum to these minutes). The biggest change was the potential cost of a contested election (Parish Council elections will be in May 23). The last time we made provision for this in 2019 it was £450. The Clerk contacted PCC's election dept. to enquire about the charge for a contested election in 2023 and received an e-mail saying that the charge for an uncontested election would be £100 (no change) but a contested one would be £953 (or more, depending on the number of postal votes). Therefore, the precept request had to be increased from £750 to £1050.
- Cheque No.354 for £36.00 paid in favour of CPRE for this year's subscription.
- Cheque No. 355 for £222.58 paid in favour of J N Jones for the Clerks' expenses.

AOB:

- No other matters were reported for attention by the Clerk

Date of next meeting: to be agreed.