## HAMPSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL



# Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of Hampsthwaite Parish will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom link.

Commenced: 7.00pm Concluded: 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Brown (Chairman) Cllr Howard Cllr Fairfoot

Clerk: R. Crabtree

No public were present.

#### 1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Backhouse and Cllr Jennings and reasons approved.

### 2. To approve minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Noted that no minutes could be found from the previous meeting due to a change in Clerks in last couple of years

#### 3. To receive a report on Hampsthwaite Parish Council activities for the year 2020-2021

Cllr Brown gave the following report:

What a strange year this has been, a year like no other we have experienced. There have been many restrictions on our personal lives and much sadness for many. There is light now at the end of the tunnel as lockdown restrictions are lifting and we can resume some sort of normality.

For Parish Council's the restrictions meant that all face-to-face meetings were suspended and our normal schedule of monthly meetings was cancelled. Meetings have been held on Zoom as and when necessary, to discuss any pressing business.

Against this backdrop Hampsthwaite Parish Council has continued to carry out work to support the village and local residents.

We have:

· Purchased copies of an NHS publication 'Wellbeing and Mental Health during Covid-19: A guide to looking after yourself and others' and distributed one, with the help of volunteers, to every household in the village

• Produced regular newsletters containing Covid specific information to help residents during the pandemic, these were delivered by a network of volunteers to every household

• Continued to work with the Community Payback Team, when restrictions allowed to complete maintenance tasks in the village, including the completion of work on the Medieval Way

- · Agreed to repair the Church gate post work to be completed shortly
- · Organised the purchase and installation of a Christmas tree on the village green
- · Considered and responded to planning applications
- $\cdot$  Considered speed issues in the village

 $\cdot$  Maintained the Feast Field and Cabins and welcomed back the junior football teams following the lifting of restrictions

 $\cdot$  Discussed the possibility of adopting the red telephone kiosk

· Approved the installation of a blue plaque on the eastern façade of the bus shelter on Hollins Lane

- · Liaised with Highways to ensure a supply of grit for the bins
- $\cdot$  Attended the annual Remembrance Service and laid a wreath
- $\cdot$  With the support of our Clerk, continued to update our policies and procedures
- $\cdot$  Achieved full compliance on our Annual internal audit

The Parish Council are looking forward to moving ahead in this coming year with

- $\cdot$  The purchase of the telephone kiosk and ideas for its use
- · Installing speed calming measures
- $\cdot$  Working with the Memorial Hall on a refurbishment of the kitchen and toilet facilities
- · Organising a keep Britain Tidy litter pick