

ANNUAL MEETING OF AUSTWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY, THE 16th MAY 2022 at 6.00 pm.
MINUTES

- 1. Election of Chairman for the Year.**
On the proposal of Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Dewhirst, there being no other nominations, Cllr Goold was re-elected to serve as Chairman for the year 2022-2023.
- 2. Declaration of Chairman's Acceptance of Office.**
Cllr Goold signed a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman in the presence of and countersigned by the Proper Officer.
- 3. Present:** Cllrs Peter Goold, David Dewhirst, Mark Robinson and Kate Smith, and with the Clerk in attendance.
Apologies for non-attendance received from Cllr Barbara Tibbatts.
- 4.** The Council **resolved** to permit any councillor that is unable to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office at this meeting, or who has not undertaken this task before this meeting, to sign their Declaration before or at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.
- 5. Election of Vice-Chairman for the Year.**
On the proposal of Cllr Dewhirst, seconded by Cllr Robinson, there being no other nominations, Cllr Tibbatts was re-elected in absence to serve as Vice-Chairman for the year 2022-2023.
- 6. Declaration of Vice-Chairman's Acceptance of Office.**
The Council **agreed** that Cllr Tibbatts is permitted to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Vice-Chairman at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 7. Appointments of Representatives to other external Committees/Bodies for the year 2022 – 2023.**
Councillors were appointed as representatives to the following external Committees / Bodies:

 - a. Parish Hall Council Representative – Cllr Tibbatts
 - b. Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund Representative – Cllr Goold
 - c. The Hargraves and Green Educational Foundation – Cllr Goold
 - d. The Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Cllr Dewhirst

- 8. Declarations of interest and Candidate Expenses Return**
The Council was **informed** that all Members have confirmed there being no changes to the existing Register of Interests and all Members present completed their Candidate Expenses Return to be sent to the Returning Officer at Craven District Council.

- 9.** The Council **resolved** that the clerk and RFO is empowered to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101. The Council **resolved** that these delegated powers would be exercised by the clerk and RFO only after consultation with the Chairman and would be reported to all Councillors in a timely manner and minuted for ratification at the next meeting of the Council.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman closed the Meeting at 6.12 pm.

Marijke Hill
Clerk to the Council