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NABURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

On **Monday 9th May, 2022** at 7:00 pm in the Reading Room

AGENDA

Attendees: L Gunson (Chair), A Bean (Vice Chair), S Gray, K Atkinson, A Holmes, S Raimes, J Jefferson, A Clark, S Mercer (Clerk)

Apologies: P Ashworth, J Britton

Absent: V Philips

20221: Statutory Annual Meeting Business:

Outgoing Chairman's Report

Despite the constraints of the pandemic in the earlier part of the year, 2021/2022 was a productive and satisfying year with many improvements being made to the village. The most significant was the pavement widening over Howden Dyke which was given the final go ahead last month and is due to be completed later this month. We have campaigned for this for well over 20 years and so it was immensely satisfying that at last, our efforts have been rewarded. I am sure that the residents will be delighted with the outcome. Linked to this, we are still actively pursuing the extension of the 30mph zone to the north of the old railway bridge on the B1222 and I am optimistic that this will be approved during the summer.

The LED Christmas tree was a great success and will be for many years to come, despite the considerable effort required in collecting the tree from Holland and in providing an electrical supply to the flagpole. The "unknown. Tommy" flagpole statue was also well received on Remembrance Sunday.

Wildflower seeds were sown along the foreshore and Spring daffodil bulbs and Summer geraniums were planted to brighten up the village green.

Flashing was added to the top of village notice board to provide better protection, a handrail was installed outside the Reading Room at the request of a number of residents and a book lending library was installed in the bus shelter. A new "Above Ordnance Datum" gauge board was installed at the top of the slipway which will be hugely beneficial at times of flooding and further work was carried out by the Flood Group to better understand the drainage within the village so that efforts can be made to prevent flood water travelling along the surface water or sewerage system to low lying areas.

The slide at the Play Area was repaired and Naburn was successful in applying for a grant to install a safety surface below the existing play equipment. This project now needs to be initiated.

Our postmistress of 20 years retired this year and we are awaiting a new mobile Post Office service. We are also in discussion with an interested party who has enquired about a retail opportunity at the old Post Office. We have been active in complaining to Yorkshire Water about river water quality and sewerage discharges and this has now been passed to CoY Council for their support and progression with Yorkshire Water.

In the last few weeks, we have started to work together with Naburn School regarding their threatened closure. I suspect that this will become a major and critical matter for many months to come for the whole village.

Finally, we have planned what will hopefully be a very enjoyable street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee.

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I would like to end by thanking Suzie, our Clerk, and all the Parish Councillors, who give their time voluntarily, for all their efforts throughout the last year and I look forward to yet another productive year in 2022/2023. Thank you.

a) **Election of Chairman** of the parish council

1. Councillor Gunson was proposed, seconded and elected unanimously.
2. Chairman accepted the office – papers to be signed at a later date

b) **Election of Vice-Chairman** of the parish council

1. Councillor Bean was proposed, seconded and elected unanimously.
2. Vice-chairman accepted office – papers to be signed at a later date

20212: Welcome: Chair welcomed parish councillors to the meeting.

20213: Apologies/Attendance: The chair reminded Councillors that any Councillor who was absent from meetings for six months could be asked to leave under statutory orders.

20214: Interests: No declarations of personal and/or disclosable pecuniary interests

20215: Council Policies: No new policies in need of revision.

20216: Financial Summary

The council holds approximately £30,000.

The year end accounts will be presented once the audit has been completed after 13th June, 2022.

Closure of Annual Meeting of the Council 7.20 pm

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Chairman

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Date