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Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of Huntington Parish Council held on Thursday 12th July 2018 at Huntington Community Centre at 7.00pm

PRESENT:	Councillor D. Geogheghan-Breen (DB) – Chairman, Councillor J. Willis (JW), Councillor D. Jobling (DJ), Councillor S. Jobling (SJ), Councillor M. Duncanson (MD), Councillor G. Shann (GS), Councillor I. Panter (IP), Councillor C. Hillman (CH), Councillor M. Sutton-Croft (MC), Mrs Gill Chivers (GC) – RFO, Lorraine Frankland (LF) – Parish Clerk and three members of the public
APOLOGIES:	Councillor D. Smith (DS), Councillor A. Hawxby (AH), Councillor K. Deadman (KD), Councillor J. Shann (JS), Councillor D. Neal (DN) and Councillor K. Orrell (KO)
CIRCULATION:	To attendees, apologies and other all members of the Parish Council
MINUTES PREPARED BY:	Lorraine Frankland
DATE (Draft):	14/07/18
DATE TO BE APPROVED:	18/07/18

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. <u>To Accept Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u> Councillor D. Smith (DS); absent due to work commitments Councillor D. Neal (DN) and Councillor K. Orrell (KO); absent due to prior engagement Councillor A. Hawxby (AH), Councillor K. Deadman (KD) and Councillor J. Shann (JS); absent due to Annual Leave <i>It was resolved to</i> approve the apologies and reasons for absence.</p>	<p>JW, MC 7:03pm entered the meeting</p>
<p>2. <u>To Note Declaration of Interests</u> i) <u>To Receive Declarations of Personal, Prejudicial or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (not previously declared) on any Items of Business</u> No such requests made.</p>	
<p>3. <u>To Consider the Burial Authority Executive and Standing Orders</u> a) DB gave an update of events with the Burial Authority do date and read any communications in regards to the Burial Authority, which Parish Councillors who do not sit on the Burial Authority had may not have previously been privy to (these have been sent electronically to those not able to attend). b) The five representatives from Huntington Parish Council (HPC) (DB, DJ, AH, MD and GS) attended the Burial Authority AGM and regular meeting on 04/07/18. Where the previous Vice Chair Sue Glenton (New Earswick P. C.) was elected Chair and DB HPC was elected Vice Chair, the remainder of the AGM business was concluded and the AGM closed. The regular meeting of the Burial Authority began with the adoption of the new Standing Orders, however as HPC had not agreed to two items in the new Standing Orders namely: 1. the number of representatives from each member parish council <i>HPC believe that the current ratios better reflect the numbers of parishioners each parish council represent</i> 2. that at least one representative from each parish council needed to be present for the meeting to be quorate</p>	

HPC believe that this could leave the Burial Authority vulnerable to impotence, by way of; any parish council who believed that their position on any given decision was likely to be out voted could merely veto the decision by walking away from the meeting.

Sue Glenton at that point declared the meeting closed, as without adopting the new standing orders any decisions taken would not be bon-a-fide. DB brought the meetings attention to the advice provided by the YLCA which stated that: until the new Standing Orders were adopted then the current constitution (09/08/96) would act as the governing document, the Chair disputed this and therefore DB asked for the decision to go to a vote, the motion for the meeting to continue was carried, however at this point the two representative, together with their parish council **chair/internal auditor** who was also in attendance at the meeting left the room. The representative of HPC were left with no other option but to leave the meeting, as those remaining were not prepare to discuss the remaining items on the agenda.

- c) DB read the letter from Earswick sent to Sue Glenton and previously copied to DB which stated that should the current draft of the Standing Orders not be adopted, then they (Earswick Parish Council) would withdraw from the Burial Authority.

It was **agreed** by HPC that; should Earswick choose this course, then as they would legally have to execute their statutory responsibility elsewhere, it was **Recommended** that; it would not be appropriate to offer the 'residents' discount on purchasing a plot in the New Lane Cemetery, once Earswick withdraw from the Burial Authority.

It was also **agreed** that should; Earswick leave the Burial Authority it was **Recommended** that; HPC and New Earswick should look again at the number of representatives from each council.

- d) HPC raised two concerns that it would like addressing by the newly elected Burial Authority Chair namely:
1. that; New Earswick and Earswick had met prior to the AGM meeting at 7pm on 04/07/18, to agree a strategy based on whether or not HPC endorsed the revised Standing Orders.
 2. that; after Earswick left the room and the planned meeting was abandoned, and therefore HPC representatives left the building, Earswick representatives re-entered the room and together with those from New Earswick they continued to hold a meeting to discuss Burial Authority Business.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm