THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, 20TH MAY 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs. R Briggs (Vice-Chairman), P Lapzcuk, A Broughton, D Price, R Ward, R Walker, S Devereux (ELDC), G Marsh (ELDC) C Matthews (LCC)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. N Sylvester & C Meaker & accepted

2. INTRODUCTION

Cllr. Briggs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. MINUTES

Proposed, Seconded & Resolved that the minutes 18th April 2019, having been circulated & read were signed as a true record. All in favour.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk had emailed ELDC regarding the trees in St. Margaret's Close – no reply received as to when trees to be removed.

5. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO B Prince had held a walk-in surgery in March 2020 & hoped to re-start the walk-ins later in the year. Alford Neighbourhood Policing Team are – PC Glenn Palmer & PCSO B Prince contact details – <u>Alford.npt@lincs.police.uk</u>. Residents were made aware of the many scams circulating at the present time.

6. PLAYING FIELD

Mrs. Sylvester reported that the fence had been moved back to the original position. After Covid restrictions the playing field had reopened. There is to be a picnic area & 2 tables with seating had been purchased. Thanks to ELDC Cllrs. who had given a grant towards them in 2019. Playing Field Committee welcome new members.

7. VILLAGE HALL

Mrs. Meaker reported that the Village Hall had been closed due to Covid to all groups during 2020/21 but the Post Office had remained open. Concerns were raised that the Post Office had had to close, at short notice, for the Local Elections when in the past they have run alongside each other. Cllr. Marsh to contact ELDC as to why this action was taken.

Grants had been received from ELDC & Triton Knoll, this had enabled the refurbishment of kitchen, renewal of disabled safety rails in toilet, new hot water system, hall, floor, outside fence & rails painted. The Village Hall had received a 5* rating for the kitchen. Hopefully, table top sales in July & August & usual Autumn events will be able to take place.

The Village Hall Committee would like members of the community to join them.

8. ANY OTHER MATTERS (discussion only)

A resident had contacted LCC as tarmac had been deposited near a gateway Sea Lane, resulting in an unofficial lay-by being created. This had resulted in vehicles parking there overnight and leaving litter.

Two Village Charities – Huttoft In Need Charity & Huttoft Charities had both closed & donations had been distributed to local charities.

Several areas of the village looked untidy - properties had furniture left in gardens/roadside and overgrown hedges had encroached onto footpaths.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7 p.m. These are the draft minutes until approved at next annual meeting