Minutes of the Freethorpe Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.00pm at Freethorpe Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Nick Spencer (Chairman, NS) David Lake (Vice Chairman, DL) Paul Bacon (PB) Michael Blake (MB) Janet Church (JC) Grant Nurden (GN, also District Councillor) Andrew Moll (Parish Clerk, AM)

Also present:

Tree Wardens John Fleetwood (JF) and Andrea Rowlands (AR), Chief Executive of Norfolk Citizen's Advice Bureau Mark Hitchcock (MH), no members of the public

NOTE COVID19 precautions as stipulated on the Agenda were adhered to.

1. Apologies for absence

County Councillor Lana Hempsall (LH)

2. Previous Minutes

The previous annual parish meeting minutes, of 17th May 2021, were approved.

3. Local Authorities, Tree Wardens

- a) Reports had kindly been provided in advance and were consolidated in a single Annual Parish Report, which will be made available on the website and by request to the Clerk. There were no further questions or comments. The reports were provided by:
 - Broadland District Councillor
 - Norfolk Police (Acle Safer Neighbourhood Team)
 - Broadland Tree Warden Network
 - Freethorpe Parish Council

4. Village Organisations and Other Reports

- a) MH gave a presentation on the work of Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) describing their support to residents in the parish, ward and district over the last year. Demand for their services is rising, especially supporting people with utilities. In response to questions from the meeting about what could be done to support the work of CAB, MH itemised three things: there is a need for (1) more volunteers, (2) donations and (3) awareness about the crucial services Norfolk CAB provides for the people they support.
- b) Reports had kindly been provided in advance and were consolidated in a single Annual Parish Report, which will be made available on the website and by request to the Clerk. The reports described the work and plans of:
 - Acle & District Foodbank
 - Friends of Wickhampton Village

- Wickhampton Playground Committee
- Freethorpe Flower Show
- Freethorpe Football Club
- Freethorpe First Responders
- Royal British Legion
- Freethorpe Methodist Church
- Freethorpe Primary and Nursery School
- The Walpole Almshouse Charity
- c) The meeting paid tribute to the work of Stephen Smith as he stands down from the Football Club after 28 years as Secretary or Chairman.
- d) Thanks were also expressed to Tim Meale for keeping the clock right at the Village Pump for another year.
- 5. Consideration of any Resolution on which written notice has been given No resolutions had been notified to the Clerk.
- 6. Any Other Business
 - None

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Signed after approval by the Annual Parish Meeting as being a true and accurate record by the Chair of the meeting or authorised deputy	Chair	Date
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