

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Freeby Parish Council
Held on 1st April 2019
at 7.30pm in Freeby Village Hall**

Those Present: Mrs Beverley Howes (Chairman)
Kerry Conboy (Vice Chairman)
Ian Manchester
Simon Faulks
Peter Barnett
Frances Waberski (Clerk)
Malise Graham

1 Apologies: Joe Orson

2 The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising:

The potholes in Wyfordby have been filled in.

The hedges along the side of Lag Lane leading to Thorpe Arnold have still not been cut. The Clerk once again wrote to the Clerk of Thorpe Arnold Parish Council following January's meeting. No response has been received so she is to write again.

3 Parish Council Elections – The Parish Council elections are to be held on 2nd May. The Clerk attended a meeting at MBC about the running of the elections. If they are uncontested then no election will be held. If there are any vacancies, Parish Councillors can be co-opted on at a later date.

Beverley Howes and Ian Manchester confirmed they would not be submitting Nomination forms. The Clerk handed in her letter of resignation which means she will be standing down from the post on the 2nd May. She is to check with the LRALC if the post has to be advertised.

4 Accounts 2018-2019 – the draft accounts were presented and approved.

New signatories for the bank accounts will be organised after the elections.

5 NALC Financial Statement – a standard copy of the NALC Financial Statement was circulated to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting

6 Broadband Update – If enough homes and businesses are prepared to commit to it, it may be possible to get fibre optic broadband to the area through the Community Fibre scheme. Grants are given to each home and business that contributes and signs up to it and this may bring the cost down to a level that make it feasible to install.

7 Freeby Village Hedges – The Village Hall hedge has still not been reinstated since the Freeby Estate removed it. The Parish Council is to contact the Freeby Estate about this.

When the hedge outside the row of three cottages next to the Village Hall was removed, soil was spilt onto it. The path is in a derelict state. The Freeby Estate and MBC/ LCC are to be contacted.

11 Any Other Business – None

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30 pm. It will be the AGM

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.