

**ANNUAL MEETING OF LONG PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 4th MAY 2023
MINUTES**

1. Election of Chair for the year.

RESOLVED: that, there being no other nominations, Cllr James Bellis was elected to serve as Chair for the year 2023-2024 on the proposal of Cllr Robert Wood, seconded by Cllr Katie Attewell.

2. Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr James Bellis signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair in the presence of and countersigned by the Proper Officer.

3. Present.

Cllrs James Bellis, Katy Attewell, Steve Harris, Ann Kay, Elizabeth Palmer, and Robert Wood.

In attendance: Parish Council Clerk Marijke Hill; and four members of the public.

There were no apologies for non-attendance.

The Council **resolved** to permit any Councillor that is unable to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office at this meeting, or who has not undertaken this task before this meeting, to sign their Declaration before or at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

4. Election of Vice-Chair for the year.

RESOLVED: that, there being no other nominations, Cllr Robert Wood was elected to serve as Vice-Chair for the year 2023-2024 on the proposal of Cllr Elizabeth Palmer, seconded by Cllr Ann Kay.

5. Vice-Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Robert Wood signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chair in the presence of and countersigned by the Proper Officer.

6. The Council has **received the updated Declaration of Interests from all Members and **agreed** to send the Register of Interests to the North Yorkshire Council and upload this document on the Parish Council's public website.**

7. The Council **resolved that the clerk and RFO is empowered to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101. The Council **resolved** that these delegated powers would be exercised by the clerk and RFO only after consultation with the Chair and would be reported to all Councillors in a timely manner and minuted for ratification at the next meeting of the Council. Proposed by Cllr Robert Wood; seconded by Cllr James Bellis.**

8. Appointment of Representatives to external Committees/Bodies for the year 2023 – 2024.

RESOLVED to appoint the following Members to represent the Council on the under-mentioned external Committees/Bodies:

- 8.1** Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Cllr James Bellis
- 8.2** The Water Trust – Cllr Steve Harris
- 8.3** The Village Hall – Cllr Elizabeth Palmer
- 8.4** The Playing Field Association – Cllr Robert Wood
- 8.5** Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund – Cllr Katy Attewell
- 8.6** Long Preston and District Relief in Need – Cllr Katy Attewell

There being no further business to conduct, the Chairman closed this meeting at 7.37 pm.

Marijke Hill
Parish Council clerk