

# DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS FOR REDMIRE HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7PM

1. **Welcome and Introductions**– This **Annual Parish Meeting** is an open meeting for all **local government electors** of the parish. It is not a Parish Council meeting, but an opportunity for residents to participate. Anyone may attend, but only registered electors of Redmire Parish may speak and vote.

2. **Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting** – approved as a correct record.

3. **Chairman’s Report** – Review of parish matters and developments.

**New Councillor Appointment**– Rachel Strong resigned last year, and we extend our thanks for her dedicated service. The vacancy was advertised and subsequently filled by **Allan Workman**, whom we warmly welcome to the council.

**Redmire Village Pub** – The pub continues to thrive as a valuable community hub. Further updates from Rob will follow.

**Rural Healthcare Advocacy** – Denise has continued to lobby the ICB, working on behalf of Redmire and the wider community to improve rural healthcare services.

**Planning Matters** – The proposed development between **Hargill** remains under consideration.

- Concerns raised last year regarding **Flood risks, access, traffic safety, housing types, and environmental impact** persist.

- Amendments include **one house now designated as a bungalow** and a new flood risk report.

- However, concerns remain from the **Ramblers Association** over footpaths, and the **tree report highlights major issues**.

- **The Council stands by its original objections** and will formally reaffirm them in light of newly proposed development areas, particularly one deemed more suitable for housing expansion.

**Housing** – Successfully incorporated as a **Charitable Community Benefit Society**, governed by the Financial Conduct Authority, and now officially recognised as an exempt charity by HMRC.

**Street Lighting** – Most non-functional lights have been repaired or replaced by North Yorkshire Council including the one on the monument.

**Millennium Seat** –One half has been reinstated beneath the maple tree on the top green.

- Its final placement depends on resident feedback.

- Alternative sites include the **tree near the phone box, the horse chestnut above Pinfold**, or one of the **central trees on Hargill Green**, pending necessary crown lifting.

- If retained at its current location, options will be considered for fixing the remaining half against a Parish Council-owned wall, such as the bus shelter notice board wall, which would require notice board relocation.

***Residents are invited to provide feedback on placement options.***

**Emergency Plan Review** – Originally developed by the Resilience Committee, the plan is under review by the Clerk & Cllr Houghton. While highly comprehensive, minor updates are required, mostly relating to contact information.

## FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

### Redmire Community Association

- A introduction and history detailing the formation of the association to originally form the community purchase application for the pub.

- **As this is no longer required alternative uses suggested:** community hub, social venue, warm space, IT help, meetings, book club, games nights, quoits.

- Funding received: £13,400(Lottery grant, 12-month period).

- **Cllr Houghton thanked all contributors** who helped submit the successful bid.

- **Cllr Houghton raised concerns over healthcare service accessibility**, asking whether funds could support vulnerable residents through **transport or carer services**, pending grant criteria confirmation.

- Defibrillator training and CB ward updates.

#### - **Village Hall Update**

- **Strong financial management** – expenditure balanced with income.

- Lower rental rates enabling **successful community events** such as coffee mornings.

- Gratitude extended to **volunteers** and **Craig for decorating**.

- Installation of LED lighting and repaired exterior lights.

- **Accessibility concerns** raised over gravel on the driveway – a concrete solution is planned.

#### - **Craft Group Update**

- 30 regular attendees – strong community participation.

- Evening sessions, initially held weekly, discontinued due to sufficient daytime attendance.
- Successful pop-up shop generating funds.
- Exploration of community funding support to sustain activities.
- S137 grant consideration for consumables and storage solutions.
- Request for assistance to enhance accessibility and supply storage.

#### PUBLIC ITEMS RAISED

- Additional playground equipment requested for children under six years old as well as the possibility of outdoor gym equipment.