## Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6pm in Tattershall Village Hall.

<u>Present:</u> Mr S Coulber, Mr T Ashton (C Cllr), Mr M Foster (D Cllr), Mrs C Avison, Mr S Avison (D Cllr), Mrs J Pow, Mr A Fletcher, Mr D Eldridge, Mr N Langley, Mrs H Kay, Mr N Brown and note taker Mrs K Elliott.

Groups represented – Lions, Village Hall Committee and Rotary. The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

The formal meeting followed:

- 1. **Presentation of Manning Trophy:** The parish council Chairman Mr Nick Brown presented the Manning Trophy. This year the award for services to the community goes to Mr Stan Avison.
- 2. Apologies: Have been received from Mrs C Dawson and Mr N Edwards.
- **Minutes:** of the last annual assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, as per the circulated documents were proposed, seconded, RESOLVED and accepted as a true record, signed by the Chairman.
- **4. Matters arising:** there were no matters arising from the minutes.
- **5. Best Kept Garden competition:** this will be judged by the council and each councillor is given an area to look at, nominations are then put forward to a chosen judge to make the final choice.
- 6. Parish Council Chairman's Report: a copy of this report is set out below.

Reflecting on the last year, I was initially tempted to conclude that nothing has changed. And then I am reminded that there has been one somewhat apparently innocuous but actually significant step forward; finally the essential remedial works at the Church wall have been completed. This will, I am sure, be the music to the ears of each and every parish councilor, having been a feature of the council agendas for many years. Additionally, agreement appears to have been reached with East Lindsey District Council regarding the funding for improvements in the Market Place. Whilst not wishing to tempt fate, I can perhaps do no more than express hope that at next year's annual parish meeting the Chairman will be pleased to report that all works have been completed. It is with sadness that the parish council finds itself with a number of vacancies as a result of the expiry of the last fixed four-year term of office of the councilors. Whilst it is pleasing that the majority of councillors were able to restand, unfortunately there are a handful of councilors who, for varied reasons, have decided not to continue in office. Being fully aware that it is inappropriate to names the individuals, it would, I am sure, be completely remiss of me not to make specific reference to Cllr Mrs. Gill Shaw, who was my predecessor in the role of Chair and who was my inspiration to put myself forward for this role. Whilst Gill will no longer be sitting around the parish council table at the regular meetings, she will, I am sure, continue to be a driving force within the village.

As we have a number of vacancies to fill I must once again express the wish that we will soon find ourselves with a full complement of councillors.

As ever, may I, on behalf of all the parish councilors, express thanks to the County and District Councillors and representatives of other outside bodies who have attended our

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regular meetings, ensuring that the members of Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council remain aware of the developments at higher levels of local government and public Service.

And as my final year of office as Chairman of the parish draws to a close, may I personally thank Karen, our clerk, for all her hard work and seemingly tireless efforts in trying, usually with success, to keep me focused on the tasks in hand since I was honoured to be appointed Chairman six years ago in 2013, as well as to all of the councilors whose diligent service and expertise has made occupying the chair such a gratifying experience.

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- 7. Community Groups: Mr Avison on behalf of the Village Hall Committee advised that the village hall is still thriving and is let most days and sometimes up to three times per day. The village hall has a good range of facilities and has had recent updates to the heating system.

  Mrs Pow from Pow Cottage provided updates on the forthcoming open days and charity fundraising work and also confirmed that the major works were all completed on this historical mud hut.
- 8. Any other items for discussion: The location of the speed monitor device was requested and it was confirmed that there are now 6 approved locations for the siting of the SiD device, which has recently been on Lodge Road and is currently on charge before going out again. This speed reduction measure is also supplemented in eight further locations by the CSW team with the mobile radar gun. Repairs are needed to the pavements on the north side of high street. C Cllr T Ashton confirmed that the ward walk is being rescheduled with the portfolio holder for Highways. The next parish council meeting will take place after this meeting

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

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