

HAXEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH LAND TENANCY POLICY – JUNE 2020

Parish Land Tenancy Policy

- a) With regard to Parish Land adjoining, surrounding or neighbouring residential property passing to a close relative of the current land tenant, such relative will normally be given first option of taking a tenancy of the land. On a change of ownership to a non-relative of a current land tenant, the new owner will likewise normally be given the option to take a tenancy of the Parish Land. In all cases the Parish Council, through administrative and management procedures, reserves the right to obtain binding assurances that Parish Land will continue to be used in a manner specified by the Parish Council and in accordance with stipulations including payment of rent set out in the agreement between the Tenant and the Parish Council. The Parish Council is not obliged to grant a tenancy to any new owner or prospective owner of such a residential property.
- b) With regard to Parish Land not referred to in a) above, on any termination of tenancy the Council's Land Working Party will be responsible for administrative actions to grant a new tenancy, including where appropriate the interviewing of prospective tenants, and make a recommendation to the full Parish Council for subsequent approval. Such land will be let on a Farm Business Tenancy (FBT) with terms and conditions including as to rent negotiated between the prospective tenant and the Parish Council for a fixed period after which period, unless renewed, possession of the land will revert to the Parish Council. The Parish Council reserves the overall right to let and control its land in the most efficient and flexible manner as it sees fit and proper.
- c) The policy implementation, administration and management of Parish Land will normally be carried out by the Land Working Party in conjunction with the Parish Council Clerk; however, the full Parish Council will be kept informed and remains the final decision-making body on all land tenancy matters.

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