

Responsibilities of a Field Trustee:

A layman's guide

We have 2 types of Trustee

1: Elected (8)

2: Nominated by village organisations (15 in constitution 9 in effect)

All trustees have an ultimate responsibility to parishioners of Houghton regarding their decisions at Field meeting. This is straight forward for elected trustees but a little more complex for nominated Trustees.

Nominated Trustees

1: To make known the views of the organisation that nominated them, to the Field Committee

2: To make known the views of the Field Committee to the organisation that nominated them.

3: To declare an interest and refrain from voting on any matter concerning their organisation or personal interest i.e. A trustee living adjacent to the Field voting on planning issues (this applies to elected trustees as well)

THIS IS THE DIFFICULT ONE

4:

To put first the interests of the parishioners of Houghton

NOT

To put first the interests of the organisation that nominated them.

The organisation that nominated the Trustee has no right to instruct the Trustee how to vote.

Obviously, if the best interests coincide, there is not a problem.

This definition was confirmed as correct by Mark Dunkley, Harvey Ingram solicitors and the Charity Commission legal department in January 2007.

