

Burton Agnes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

at Burton Agnes School

Monday 12 December 2016

Those present were:

Parish Councillors

Mrs Sue Burt (Chair)

Mr Garry Burt (Treasurer)

Mrs Jean Boynton

Mrs Margaret Scrowston

Mrs Lynne Bell

Mr Clive Neale

Miss Jennifer Hobson (Clerk)

Guests

Councillor Paul Lisseter

Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Jane Evison and Councillor Jonathan Owen.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 31 October 2016

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs Burt.

4. Matters Arising

Speeding and Parking

The Chair reported that she had written to ERYC regarding the concerns about speeding within the village and was awaiting a response.

The Chair reported that after communications with both the Police and ERYC, neither of whom appeared to accept responsibility for the parking matter raised at the previous meeting, the Police had eventually agreed to deal with the matter. It was however reported that the car in question was still parking on the pavement. The Chair agreed to report back to the Police.

Vandalism and Anti-social behaviour

It was reported that the last known incident to have occurred was in November at the Sports Club but since then there had not been any more complaints. It was agreed that no action was necessary but that the situation would continue to be monitored.

CCTV

Costs for installing CCTV within the village were still to be obtained before any further discussion could go ahead on this matter. To be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Parish Council's current account stood at £5821.90 in credit and the Reserve account balance was £3248.88. This included the receipt of £1250 from the Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund. There was an outstanding invoice of £253 for Zurich Insurance, for which a cheque had been written and signed and would be sent promptly.

The Treasurer reported that it had been discovered that there had been a lapse in the annual Playground Inspection. The Treasurer was to action this ASAP and expected the cost to be in the region of £100.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that following his previous two attempts at receiving answers to the questions over the demand for £685 for Churchyard maintenance by Burton Agnes Estates he had been astounded and disappointed to have been told that Burton Agnes Estates had not received any such communication. As the War Memorial cheques had been included in the same envelopes in both 2015 and 2016 and had subsequently been cashed it was felt that the claim made about receipt of the letters was disingenuous. The Treasurer had sent a letter expressing his views and again included the questions. The letter sent was presented to the council for information. A response was being awaited. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not consider making a donation until they had received the requested information.

The Treasurer reported that there was currently £299.71 VAT to be claimed back which he intended to do early in the new year.

The Treasurer expected to end the year with circa £5000 and anticipated that the Precept should remain the same as last year at £3600. The Treasurer was to prepare a budget and formal recommendation which he would distribute to the council via e-mail for approval before submitting in January.

6. Minor Injuries Unit

Councillor Lisseter summarised the content of the consultations that were taking place regarding the changes to the local Minor Injuries Units which were to be replaced with Urgent Care Centres. It was highly anticipated that the Alfred Bean Hospital in Driffield would close. This would leave the nearest options for urgent care being at Bridlington, Beverley, Hull and Scarborough. Questions and concerns had been raised across the East Riding regarding the way these consultations had been communicated, the effect of such a big change all at once, the effectiveness of the proposed changes, how the proposed centres would be staffed and how the changes would affect people without transport. Councillor Lisseter recommended that the Parish Council consider submitting a response which it was agreed they would.

7. ERYC Scrutiny Topics

Following the recent experience with the Police and ERYC over the parking matter the Chair proposed the topic of the Police/ERYC interface be put forward. This was agreed.

Following on from the discussions about the Minor Injuries Units it was also agreed that the topics of NHS Provision for the East Riding and Ambulance Response Rates also be put forward.

8. Playground Inspection

This had been covered by the Treasurer in his report so no further discussion was required.

9. Burton Agnes Renewables – Planning Application

It was reported that as there were no objections from the council a comment of “no objections” had been submitted.

10. Wind Turbine – Planning Application

The Chair reported that this was an application that had previously been commented on by the Parish Council and had subsequently been refused. The re-consultation of this application was of concern to the Chair so she had contacted the planning department for clarification on the matter.

The planning department confirmed that they had expected the application would be withdrawn but the applicant now wished for it to be determined. The period of time for determining this application had been extended throughout with the agreement of the applicant.

The recent re-consultation had been because of the extensive period of time which had passed since it was originally consulted on (new residents may have moved in, new developments have occurred etc), but the plans had not changed since submission.

All original comments received would still be taken into account, as would any new comments submitted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that another comment should be submitted along the same lines as that submitted in 2015.

11. Speeding Restrictions - Woldgate

The Chair suggested that this proposal was a repeat of a previous proposal. It was agreed that as previously stated there were no objections but questions were to be asked as to why this was being proposed and how will it be enforced.

The Chair thanked Councillor Lisseter for attending and he left the meeting at 8.00pm.

12. Well Being Unit

Following a proposal from Carnaby Parish Council the Chair reported that Burton Agnes Parish Council had been asked if they would be interested in joining forces to fund and acquire a Mobile Well Being Unit. As there were no current facilities for community work teams to use within Carnaby and the surrounding villages it meant that use of these teams could not be offered to those villages. It was agreed in principle that this may be something worthwhile providing the costs were achievable. The Chair agreed to obtain the costs and report back.

13. Any Other Business

Youth Club Update

It was reported that the Youth Club was still functioning and all was going well so far. There were now 10 regular attenders and 2 more were a possibility. There was hope that attendance would continue to grow. A shed for the storage of equipment shall be purchased early next year as budgeted for. Due to the quality and commitment of the volunteers the spend on Youth Leaders had not been as great as anticipated which had led to a substantial reserve of funding. Enquires had been made to establish if the use of this money could be re-allocated, which had been confirmed. It was the hope that this may help pay for the street lighting up to the Youth Club. The Chair agreed to get a formal cost for the lighting and report back.

14. Date of next meeting

In line with the Transparency Code the following years meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

6 February 2017

3 April 2017

15 May 2017 – AGM followed by Parish Council meeting

10 July 2017

25 September 2017

11 December 2017

All to be held at Burton Agnes School at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.20pm