

Burton Agnes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

at Burton Agnes School

Monday 31 October 2016

Those present were:

Parish Councillors

Mrs Sue Burt (Chair)

Mr Garry Burt (Treasurer)

Mrs Jean Boynton

Mrs Margaret Scrowston

Mrs Lynne Bell

Miss Jennifer Hobson (Clerk)

Guests

Councillor Jane Evison

Councillor Jonathan Owen

PC 0680 Martin Phillips

Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Clive Neale.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Guest business

The Chair welcomed PC Martin Phillips and invited him to speak. He informed the meeting that he had attended in order to give an overview of the general local policing situation and find out what he could do for the Parish over the next 12 months. He reported on the general lack of resources now available to him and his team which was why they, now more than ever, were keen to work with other groups such as councils in order to police smarter and provide the best service under the circumstances. Driffield Police Station was not guaranteed to remain open but there was a guarantee that officers would remain in the area for the foreseeable.

The PC also reported:

- As it was poaching season this crime was on his priority list at present
- The police were visiting schools more frequently in an attempt to educate children from a young age

- Social Media was increasingly being used to aid crime prevention – various examples of how this was being used were given
- CCTV was now a vital resource to both the police and the public in tackling crime. The PC gave details of how CCTV systems could be linked over the internet to allow other close by towns/organisations to react accordingly. Other local parishes were considering installing their own CCTV systems in an attempt to combat crime. The PC proposed that Burton Agnes might consider installing CCTV. He gave details of a reputable supplier. The Treasurer undertook to acquire costs for discussion at the next meeting.

The Chair reported that there had been some anti-social behaviour reported within the village involving young people. Mrs Bell also gave an account of anti-social behaviour involving youngsters. The PC advised that if the youngsters involved could be identified then he could take action. Again the merits of CCTV with regards to being a deterrent were put forward.

The Chair raised the issue of parking on pavements which had been brought up at the previous meeting. The Chair had managed to capture an image of the offender's vehicle and has reported this accordingly but it was still happening. Whilst the PC was sympathetic to the issue, he rightly pointed out that parking was actually a council issue rather than a police issue.

The Chair thanked the PC for attending. The PC gave his e-mail address in case of further queries.

The PC left the meeting at 7.25pm

4. Minutes of meeting held on 26 September 2016

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

5. Matters Arising

Speeding and Parking

The Chair reported that she had met that day with the Head of Burton Agnes School to discuss the ongoing issues with speeding vehicles through the village. Both the Parish Council and the School had previously attempted to have action taken within the village but to no avail.

Both the Head of the School and the Chair agreed that a joint approach to ERYC to try to get some signage installed may get some results. The preferred options would be for flashing speed warning signs or speed limit repeater signs. However, it was suggested that the costs of installing such signage would probably fall on the Parish Council. Questions were raised as to the effectiveness of such measures on traffic but it was unanimously agreed that something rather than nothing should be done.

The matter of parking had already been discussed with PC Martin Phillips.

Vandalism and Anti-social behaviour

As this had been discussed with the PC earlier the meeting moved on to the next matter.

Youth Provision

It was reported that the Youth Club was still functioning. There were 8 regular attenders. All was going well so far and there was hope that attendance would continue to grow.

Lions Club donation

The Chair reported that there had still been no invoice received for the litter bins. This was leading to delays in attaching suitable plaques as strictly speaking until they are paid for the Parish Council did not own them. The Chair had relayed this issue to the Lions Club. The response was given that

the money donated was the Parish Councils to do whatever they wished and so no further action was required as far as they were concerned.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Parish Council's current account stood at £5254.17 in credit and the Reserve account balance was £3248.69. There was a payment pending for the Drifffield School Twilight bus donation of £200, for which a cheque had been sent but not cashed as yet.

The Treasurer had queried the PKF Littlejohn invoice for £120 for the audit and was advised that this was due to the Parish Council income being in excess of £10,000 for the year 2015/16. The Treasurer had duly paid the invoice.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that, as agreed at the previous meeting, he had written to Burton Agnes Estates with a number of questions relating to their demand for £685 for Churchyard maintenance. Once again no response had been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not consider making a donation until they had received the requested information.

7. LCWFF Grant

The Clerk confirmed that the signed acceptance letter and invoice for £1250 had been sent. No money had been received as yet. Councillor Jane Evison informed that this had been received and was to be raised at the next panel meeting.

8. Neighbourhood Networks (formerly Neighbourhood Watch)

The Chair reported that the Parish Council's view discussed at the previous meeting had been relayed to the Parish's PCSO. Although further correspondence had been received offering further advice/information it was agreed that the Parish Council were still not interested in taking the matter any further.

9. Allotment enquiry

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the resident who made the enquiry explaining that sufficient interest would need to be expressed in the Parish in order for the Parish Council to take the matter any further. As no further response had been received the matter was closed and no further action to be taken at this time.

10. Street Lighting

Following the discussions about the possibility of street lighting being installed up to the Youth Club, the Chair had made an enquiry about the likelihood and the costs of this. The Parish Council would have to pay for installation, electricity and maintenance. The costs were estimated to be between £800 and £1000 per light. This may reduce if existing poles could be used. The Chair reported that either separately or together with the Sports Club these costs could be achieved and suggested that a formal quote be asked for. All agreed.

The Chair also added that maybe the LCWFF grant of £1250 might be best used for this rather than the lawnmower previously discussed.

Questions were raised as to the need for the lighting given that, of the 8 Youth Club members, 6 were from Kilham and the 2 from Burton Agnes were driven to the Youth Club by their mother. It was agreed that numbers attending the Youth Club were to be monitored before any decisions were taken.

11. Any Other Business

Vacancy for LEA Governor Burton Agnes School

The Chair reported that there was a vacancy for an LEA Governor at Burton Agnes School if anyone was interested or knew of anyone likely to be interested.

The Chair thanked Councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen for attending the meeting and they left at 7.50pm.

Telephone box

The Chair reported that ERYC had been in touch once again about the village telephone box being removed. The Clerk confirmed that ERYC had been reminded of the Parish Council's views on this and acknowledgment of such had been received. No further action required.

Planning Applications

The Chair confirmed that the planning application for the All-Weather Floodlit Horse Arena at Blakey Hill Farm had been approved but with the conditions on parking and a curfew which had been comments raised by the Parish Council.

Revision of Landscape Character Assessment

The Chair informed the meeting that a letter had been received asking for the Parish Council's views on the effectiveness of the existing Assessment. The Chair summarised what this Assessment was about, how important it was and how it had been extremely useful to the Parish in the past. The Chair then read out a suggested response to the questions being posed. All agreed that the responses should be submitted.

Street Light

Mrs Scrowston reported that there was a street light out near the bus stop in the village and agreed to contact ERYC about the matter.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 12 December 2016 at 7.00.

The meeting finished at 8.00pm