

BURTON AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at Burton Agnes Sports Club

Monday 13 May 2024 – 19:00pm

Those present were:

Parish Councillors

Mr Clive Neale (Chair)
Mrs Jean Boynton
Mr Chris Palmer
Mrs Liz Sellers
Mrs Su Todd (Clerk)

Guests

1. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of last year's meeting held on Monday 22 May 2023, were agreed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to discuss.

3. Chair's Review of the Parish Council Year

It is my responsibility to update our Parish community, the villages of Burton Agnes, Thornholme and Gransmoor, of the key items considered and/or achieved by the Council over the previous twelve months.

To this end, it is worth bearing in mind that the majority of tasks considered are routine but necessary tasks, some of which occur on a regular annual basis.

Note, all tasks/items are duly discussed and debated before any decisions are made. This includes commenting on planning applications, reviewing ERYC initiatives, providing some financial support for the after school bus for Driffield School pupils which is also supported by other local PCs.

Some highlights of the year.

1. The long running planning application for a solar farm has recently received approval. As a condition of the approval, the Solar company has agreed to provide a community fund to benefit the parishes of Burton Agnes and Carnaby, similar to that set up by Lissett Wind Farm. Again it may be some time before the farm is completed and the parishes receive this benefit.
2. The second defibrillator in the parish was installed in Burton Agnes, sited on the main road fixed to the wall of the blacksmiths forge.

3. The third defibrillator has been a major headache for the Parish Council. It was planned to be located in the phone box that was removed by BT without consultation or notice. Strenuous efforts were made to recover the phone box, which took some time. BT confirmed, in writing, that they would reconnect the power supply which is necessary for the equipment. Based on this the council spent a significant amount refurbishing the phone box only for BT to refuse to reinstate the power as the agreement was 'an error' which they would not honour despite correspondence with our local MP. Unfortunately, there is not an immediately obvious alternative solution and the situation is ongoing.
4. The Jubilee Planters were a much appreciated addition to the village. The one in Thornholme was exceptionally striking after planting. They will shortly be re-planted in time for the rest of spring and then the summer months.
5. There have been a number of planning applications received, most of which were straightforward, but inevitably one or two were contentious but I can honestly say each was approached with an open and fair mind.
6. The biggest issue facing the Parish Council has been the lack of residents willing or able to support the community by becoming a Councillor. I would point out that there are only 4 or 5 meetings a year and it is an opportunity to get your voice heard in the decisions affecting your community.
7. The Parish Council is represented on a few ERYC committees either in person or by email. This also includes the Lissett Wind Farm Community Fund Panel.

I trust the above has given a flavour of the work of your Parish Council and our endeavours to represent the community and protect your interests.

Clive

4. Questions from the public

There were no members of the public attending this meeting, therefore no questions were raised.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm