

Burton Agnes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

at Burton Agnes School

Monday 11 December 2017

Those present were:

Parish Councillors

Mrs Sue Burt (Chair)
Mr Garry Burt (Treasurer)
Mrs Jean Boynton
Mrs Margaret Scrowston
Mr Clive Neale
Miss Jennifer Hobson (Clerk)

Guests

Councillor Paul Lisseter
Mr Turner

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 25 September 2017

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

4. Defibrillator

The Chair confirmed that the school and ERYC were both in agreement that the school railings could be used to site a community defibrillator. ERYC had confirmed that the nearby lamp post could be used as a suitable electricity supply. There were two issues left to be resolved, one being that the supplier of the defibrillator had suggested that the school railings would not be strong enough to hold a defibrillator. This had only been derived from a photograph supplied to the company. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out the weight of the defibrillator and cabinet and assuming this was as reasonably expected then the school railings would be used as planned.

It was reported with disappointment that the school were not prepared to carry out the weekly visual check on the defibrillator. It was agreed that Mrs Scrowston and Mrs Boynton would share the responsibility of the weekly visual check and that Mr Burt would be responsible for the monthly detailed check with the Clerk stepping in to cover holidays as necessary.

5. Blue Bell complaint

The Chair confirmed that the last notification from ERYC regarding this matter was to say that this was being dealt with by the Planning Department but no further communications had been received.

6. Speed Indicator Devices

The Chair requested that this subject be moved to the next meeting for further discussion as there was more thought required before moving forward with the idea. It was noted that all the local parishes who had been contacted were all keen to investigate the project further. Councillor Lisseter suggested that the Parish Council may seek assistance from the Police Crime Reduction Fund.

7. School Bus Stop

It was reported that the Parish Council had been asked to comment on the addition of a bus stop bay outside the school for the school bus to park in. Parents were taking all available spaces preventing the bus from parking anywhere near to the school.

It was agreed that an objection should be submitted to this proposal. The School already benefitted from a restricted stretch of road in front of its gates which the Parish Council considered could and should be used by the School Bus. If this area was being abused by parents, the solution was to enforce the current restrictions rather than introduce new ones which parents would also be free to ignore.

8. Overview & Scrutiny Topics

It was reported that ERYC were requesting suggested topics for the Overview & Scrutiny committees for the next year. No topics were put forward at present.

Councillor Lisseter apologised for having to leave early and left the meeting at 7.35pm.

9. Caythorpe Funding/Committee

The Chair summarized the outcome of a recent meeting which had taken place at Boynton where Burton Agnes were unable to be represented. The Chair at Rudston had kindly reported the main outcomes for Burton Agnes Parish Council to consider.

It had been confirmed that the Centrica Project would not go ahead. The site had been up for sale during 2016 but there had been no interest or offers. The site would be decommissioned.

There had been a proposal that the remaining Environmental Funding of £75,000 be given to the three local Parish Councils as a lump sum of £25,000 each. This was to be spent over the next two years. This was to be agreed by a small funding committee with each parish represented.

Whilst it was agreed that it would be a shame to turn this money down, the imposed conditions of “Environmental Projects” only made the use of the money a bit restrictive for a small parish with very little land available for suitable projects.

Various ideas were put forward and discussed: the installation of tennis courts at the Sports Club, the purchase of Speed Indicator Devices and the installation of solar panels at the Sports Club.

The Chair agreed to speak with Simon Taylor about how “environmental” the projects would have to be and would also speak with the head of the school to see if they had any suitable projects which could make use of the money.

10. Recognition and Thank You Letter

The Chair reported that she wished to send a letter of recognition and thanks to a local man who regularly took the time to pick up considerable amounts of litter around the village. He had been doing so for several years without anyone asking him to and without seeking recognition - it was just something he chose to do. It was agreed that this should be recognised with the sending of a thank you letter which the Chair agreed to write.

11. Street Name Banks

It was reported that the Parish Council had been asked to submit a bank of suitable/ meaningful street names for use by developers of new streets within the village. No suggestions were made at this time.

12. Planning Applications considered since the last meeting

The Chair confirmed that there had been two planning applications considered since the last meeting. Both of which had received “no objection” comments from the Parish Council.

17/03380/CM - Erection of storage building at Gransmoor Quarry

17/03584/PLF - Erection of orangery at Holmlea, Main Street, Burton Agnes

13. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer reported that the Parish Council’s Current account stood at £4893 in credit and the Reserve account balance was £6249 in credit. There were cheques outstanding of £1196.

The Treasurer presented everyone with a breakdown of the precept budget summary for next year. This highlighted the need to increase the precept by £200 due to ERYC having notified the Parish Council that they would no longer be paying the cost of the hire of the school to host the Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council would therefore have to cover this cost in the future.

It was agreed that the precept be set at £3800.

The Chair reported that a bill had been received from ERYC in respect of maintenance of the play park. Arrangements for maintenance for 2018 needed to be agreed. It was requested that the Clerk find out exactly what service was being delivered so that local tenders could be sought to ensure value for money.

14. Any Other Business

The Chair reported that the Parish Council had just received a feedback survey form for the Village Taskforce Walkabout which had taken place earlier in the year. It was requested that the Clerk add the results of the walkabout to the website. The Chair agreed to complete the survey noting that despite the lack of funds available to ERYC to actually deal with everything identified throughout the walkabout, it was felt that it was a useful exercise and ought to continue in the future.

15. Dates for the next year’s meetings

The following dates were agreed for the next year’s meetings, all to be held at Burton Agnes School at 7.00pm

26 February 2018

30 April 2018 - AGM & Meeting

25 June 2018

24 September 2018

10 December 2018

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a merry Christmas.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm.