

Burton Agnes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

at Burton Agnes School

Monday 6 February 2017

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 Jane Evison

Members of the Public

Reverend James Anderson

Mrs Jeanette Cawkwell

Mrs Christine Garland

Mrs Janet Robinson

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Lisseter and Councillor Jonathan Owen.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were declarations of interest expressed by Mr Neale and Mrs Boynton – agenda item 4. Street Lighting up to Youth/Sports Club

3. Minutes of meeting held on 12 December 2016

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

4. Matters Arising

Churchyard Donations

The Treasurer confirmed that despite repeated promises from the Burton Agnes Estate Office, he still had not received any explanation or reply regarding the long outstanding issue of the churchyard maintenance.

The Chair invited Reverend James Anderson to speak. Reverend Anderson offered apologies on behalf of the Church Council for the way the Parish Council had been treated over the matter.

Mrs Cawkwell (former Chair of the Parish Council) confirmed that the original request for a donation from the Parish Council to the church had taken place in around 2007 when it was agreed that a donation be made each year, from the Parish Council to the Church, for the sum of around £350 (from memory). This was to help towards the costs of churchyard maintenance. This was never a demand and so could only surmise that this had become distorted over the years.

Mrs Garland presented the Treasurer with a breakdown of the costs of the maintenance in question.

Whilst this helped to clarify the situation, it led to the confusion of all parties present as to how the original donation request of approx. £350, from the Church to the Parish Council, had become a demand for payment of £685 from Burton Agnes Estates (as per the letterhead of the demand) to the Parish Council.

Reverend Anderson and the other three members of the public present all expressed their anxiety over the situation and hoped that the Parish Council would consider making a donation despite how the situation had been handled up until now. Reverend Anderson also suggested that the Parish Council write a strongly worded letter about their feelings over the whole situation and address it to himself personally, where upon he would present it to Mr Cunliffe-Lister to draw the matter to his attention.

The Treasurer and Chair both re-stated that they were not opposed to making a donation but it was the size of the donation and the way it had been presented that they had an issue with – this equating to roughly one fifth of the entire Precept. The other council members agreed.

Councillor Evison confirmed that without a written donation request from the church to the Parish Council, the Parish Council could not consider the request any further.

It was resolved that:

- The church would make a formal request for a donation.
- The Parish Council would write a letter to Reverend Anderson as suggested about their position on the issue for him to present to the Church Treasurer.

The Chair thanked Reverend Anderson and members of the public for attending and confirmed that they were welcome to either leave or remain for the rest of the meeting. Mrs Cawkwell expressed an interest in another matter on the agenda – the gritting of the Lissett to Burton Agnes road. The Chair agreed to bring forward that subject.

6. Lissett to Burton Agnes road – gritting

The Chair summarised that this subject had been raised via an e-mail received from a member of the public expressing concern at the fact that the Lissett to Burton Agnes road had not been gritted. The Chair was informed that various local residents had contacted ERYC about the matter but would also like the Parish Council to get involved. The Chair had responded to the resident stating that this road was classed by ERYC as a secondary route which meant that it would only be gritted if the ice was forecast to last beyond midday.

Mrs Cawkwell reported that she herself had been involved in an accident on that stretch of road when it was icy. Over the same period she knew of 10 other accidents caused by the icy conditions. The majority of these incidents had required the emergency services to attend so there would be a log of them. Mrs Cawkwell's main concerns were for the known 3 school buses which regularly use the route and for the elderly, as well as the fact that whenever there was an incident on the main Bridlington road traffic was always diverted onto this stretch of road. Mrs Cawkwell also expressed

disappointment and concern that the grit bin in Gransmoor remained empty despite her contacting the council to request that it be filled.

Councillor Evison confirmed that she had received a call from a concerned resident about the number of accidents on that stretch of road. As above, the advice given was that this was not a primary route and that there are too many roads in the East Riding to be able to treat them all so a prioritised system had been established. However, there was to be a review in the next month of what the trigger point for treating secondary routes should be and more information requested on how long weather conditions were likely to persist. It was stated, therefore, that the timing was right for any concerns to be raised with ERYC so that they could be considered within the review.

Mrs Bell raised the question as to whether the grip holes along this stretch of road could be cleaned out to prevent standing water. It was noted that this had not been done for several years and could be a contributing factor to the ice.

The general state of the road with regards to pot holes was also commented on.

It was agreed that Mrs Cawkwell would e-mail the Chair with further details regarding her communications with ERYC regarding the gritting of the road and would also confirm whether the grit bin was still empty. The Chair would then send an e-mail addressing the issues raised to ERYC. Councillor Evison advised the Chair to send the letter to Mike Featherby at ERYC.

The Chair thanked Reverend Anderson and the 3 members of the public for coming along to air their concerns. All 4 then left the meeting at 7.35pm.

4. Matters Arising

Street Lighting up to Youth/Sports Club

Mr Neale summarised the situation regarding the relationship between the Youth/Sports Club and the Parish Council stressing that there was no obligation on the Parish Council to support the Youth/Sports Club.

The Chair reported that after meeting with Peter Jacobson from ERYC to look at the possibility of extending the street lights as far as the Youth/Sports Club it transpired that the work and associated costs involved for extending the existing run of lights would be prohibitive to both the Youth Club and the Parish Council.

An alternative option was put forward which would also require some thought as to how this could be funded as the cost was likely to be in the region of £3-4K.

Councillor Evison then raised the subject of planning permission and suggested that as the lighting may well affect other residents, a planning application may be required.

It was agreed that the Chair would speak to the planning department in the first instance before any further consideration went ahead.

Parking

The Chair reminded the council that, after communications with both the Police and ERYC, the Police had eventually agreed to deal with the matter. Although the parking issue raised was still happening, it was not as often and the Chair suggested the matter be dropped for the time being unless it became a big issue again. All agreed.

CCTV

The Chair confirmed that no further action on this subject had been taken as the costs involved could probably be put to better, more urgent, use in purchasing a traffic activated illuminated school signal on the A614. The Chair had spoken to ERYC on the subject who had agreed to install some static warning signs but any further signs would need to be paid for by the Parish Council. The cost was likely to be around £3-4K so funding would need to be discussed/arranged. The council all agreed that an illuminated signal would be worthwhile given the speeding issues raised at prior meetings.

The Treasurer suggested that there were both this year's and next year's LCWFF grants of £1250 each year which could be used. The Chair had received an e-mail from Dong Energy about a community fund which had opened up so would investigate this further along with any other avenues for funding and report back.

Minor Injuries Unit

The Chair confirmed that, as agreed at the last meeting, she had submitted the response which she had circulated to the council via e-mail. No further action was required.

Well Being Unit

The Chair had received no further correspondence on this subject and so no further action would be taken at present.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Evison asked if there was anything else on the agenda which she could assist with before she left. The Chair thanked Councillor Evison for attending and for her advice. Councillor Evison then left the meeting at 8pm.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that having estimated the likely future expenditure to the end of the financial year to be less than £1000, he had transferred £3000 from the Current Account to the Reserve Account. As a result, the Parish Council's current account stood at £2365.63 in credit and the Reserve account balance was £6248.91 in credit.

The 2017/2018 precept had been agreed at £3600 and ERYC would be paying this on 30 April 2017.

Due to a number of new wind farm funds coming on line and the workload associated with them, the Lissett panel had agreed to delay the usual timetable for applications to the fund. Applications would be invited in April instead of the usual January, so the whole process would be delayed by at least 3 months. This meant that there will be a delay in the Parish Council receiving the usual £1250 grant issued to those parishes closest to the wind farm. Despite the delay however, thought was to be given as to what projects the Parish Council might wish to support with this money. So far two projects had been discussed:

- Traffic activated illuminated school signals on the A614
- A mower to support the Youth/Sports Club

The Treasurer reported that ERYC had asked if the Parish Council wished to continue using their central contract for mowing of the play park or whether we wished to make our own arrangements. Their quoted cost was around 3% higher than last year. The Treasurer stated that he did not feel the small increase warranted the hassle of letting and monitoring an independent contract and had therefore taken the decision to continue to use ERYC. All members agreed with this.

The Treasurer confirmed that he was still awaiting costs and details of the pending play park safety inspection and would report back in due course.

7. Planning - 17/00028/PLF – Erection of single storey extension to rear of Holiday Cottage, Manor Farm House, Gransmoor Road, Gransmoor

The council all agreed that they had no objections to the plans and so a comment of “No Objection” should be submitted by the Clerk.

8. Consultation on ERYC Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule

The Chair summarised the details of this consultation and that it was probably not going to affect Burton Agnes. It was agreed that no response would be made.

9. Consultation on ERYC Statement of Community Involvement

The Chair summarised the details of this consultation and expressed an interest in several of the elements within the document. It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond to this consultation. The Chair agreed to put together a response which would be circulated to the other members for comment/approval before submission.

10. Paddock Enquiry

Following the receipt of an e-mail, from a local resident, asking if the Parish Council knew of anyone with a paddock or small field to rent, it was agreed, that as no one knew of such, the Clerk should respond suggesting that the resident contact Burton Agnes Hall about the matter.

11. Any Other Business

Invitation to Community Group Meeting

The Chair reported that an invitation had been received from Lissett and Ulrome Parish Council, inviting the members of Burton Agnes Parish Council to attend a meeting being held to discuss the possibility of setting up a Community Group similar to that which had been formed in South East Holderness. As there was no interest in attending it was agreed that the Clerk respond as such.

Pot Holes

Mrs Scrowston reported that there was a large pot hole near Kilham. The other council members then reported on several known pot holes in the area. The Chair reminded the councillors that they could report these on FixMyStreet.com. The Chair agreed to report the general pot hole situation to ERYC.

12. Date of next meeting

3 April 2017 to be held at Burton Agnes School at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.20pm