

BURTON AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT BURTON AGNES SPORTS CLUB ON MONDAY 19 MAY 2025 AT 18:30pm

Present: Cllrs: L Sellers (Chair), G Cossins, C Palmer. S Todd (Clerk)

1. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of last year's meeting held on Monday 13 May 2024, 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

As the current Chair of Burton Agnes Parish Council, I would like to begin by thanking the previous Chair for his hard work and dedication. I stepped into the role primarily to help keep the Parish Council for Burton Agnes, Thornholme, and Gransmoor going, and I'm very pleased that three Parish Councillors have stepped forward to take on what can be a frustrating and challenging - but important - role. Thank you all for your commitment.

It is my responsibility to update our community on the key matters considered or achieved by the Parish Council over the past year. While much of our work involves routine but essential tasks - many of which occur annually - every item is discussed and debated before decisions are made. This includes commenting on planning applications, reviewing East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) initiatives, and collaborating with our elected Ward Councillors.

One example of this is the Parish Council's continued support for the after-school bus service from Driffield School, a service also backed by other local Parish Councils.

Highlights of the Year:

- **Gransmoor Defibrillator**

Thanks to the efforts of Councillor Chris Hill, a defibrillator has now been installed in Gransmoor. We hope it serves the community well.

- **Affordable Housing Proposal**

The village is aware of a potential ERYC application for new housing aimed at benefiting local residents. This follows a 2023 housing survey carried out by the Rural Housing Enabler Team. While this development may bring positive change, we are mindful of concerns regarding site integration, infrastructure, and ongoing support for future residents. The Parish Council is committed to working closely with ERYC to ensure any project is sustainable and aligned with community needs.

- **Playing Field and Playground Area**

The Parish Council is actively looking to improve the green space and playground area, which has unfortunately been subject to vandalism, littering, and fly tipping - making it an unsafe and underused area. Although incidents have been reported to ERYC's Environmental Team and the Police, improvements have been limited.

We plan to apply for grant funding to improve the site with better play equipment and infrastructure and will seek the support of residents to make this a collaborative, community-led project. We also urge ERYC to take more decisive action in response to residents' concerns.

Anyone with ideas, or who would like to volunteer is encouraged to contact the Parish Council.

- **Call for New Councillors**

The Parish Council is always keen to hear from residents interested in joining the Council. With only four or five meetings a year, it's a manageable commitment and a valuable opportunity to help shape local decisions. Sincere thanks go to all current Parish Councillors for their time and dedication to this voluntary role alongside their other commitments.

I hope this summary has given a useful overview of the Parish Council's work over the past year and our ongoing efforts to represent the community and protect its interests.

4. Questions from the public

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

Meeting closed at 18.48pm

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