
BURTON PEDWARDINE PARISH MEETING

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MINUTES OF MEETING

The Burton Pedwardine Annual Parish Meeting for 2005 and 2006 (there having been no meeting in 2005) was held on Wednesday 19th July 2006, in the Parish Church. The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed those present.

Present

L. Targosz, A. Targosz, P. Davy, J. Davy, M. Tilley, R. Tilley, C. Ashcroft, F. Key, P. Key, W. Kirkland, P. Kirkland, P. Green, H. Weatherall, J. Weatherall, T. Shepperd, K. Shepperd, J. Mann, L. Lancaster, C. Wood, G. Webb, R. Webb, P. Key, J. French,

Observers

Cllr S. Ogden, J. Robb, M. Foster Parish, M. Parish, M. Coy, J. Coy.

Apologies

Mr and Mrs R. Buckle, Cllr D. Roberts, Cllr B. Young, C. Bird, S. Bird, P. Ashcroft,

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2004 were read and approved on the proposal of M. Tilley and seconded by R. Tilley.

1. Matters Arising

1. Notice Board. Peter Davy has taken this project over from his father. The notice board will eventually be placed opposite Penwardyn Cottage.
2. Bus Shelter. The chairman was instructed to explore the prospects of the District or County Council taking over responsibility (at no expense to the Parish) for this.
3. Speed Limit. Mrs Targosz asked why the speed limit on Asgarby Road started so close to its junction with Helpringham Road, leaving the limit outside her house at 60mph. The Chairman explained that the County Council followed certain rules in imposing village speed limits: he had sought to persuade the Council to start the limits on the west side of the railway bridges in Asgarby Road and White Cross Lane, and on the straight section of Helpringham Road before the left hand bend before Hercocks House. The Council explained that that would not be within their rules.

2. Correspondance

1. BT Telephone Box. BT has been persuaded not to remove the phone box for the time being, but it will look again at its use with the next round of closures.
2. Planning.
 1. Current approvals in the village: One house next to Hercocks House and opposite the Glebe, and one next to Holme Cottage.

2. Approvals granted in the last two years: Extensions to 1 The Cottages, Woodside Cottage and Bramble Beck in White Cross Lane, and Grange Farm Cottages.
3. New Houses: Roy and Mary Tilley in Helpringham Road; Next to the junction of White Cross Lane and Asgarby Road; and Cede House in Hercocks Farm yard.
4. Refused: An application to build a pair of semi detached cottages next to the Council Houses. The village supported all of these applications.

3. Financial Report 2004/5

1. Jeremy Weatherall was appointed as the independent auditor for the Annual Accounts. Proposed by Mr Kirkland, and seconded by Mrs Key.
2. Copies of the Financial Report attached at the end of the minutes were given to those present. As of 31.03.05 there was a balance of £219.40 in the account. This represents £162.78 raised at the Millennium Hog roast and the balance is represented by accrued under spending of the Annual precept. This money has been accrued to pay for the Village Notice board.
3. The precept requested for the year 2005/2006 was £350, representing no increase over the previous year.
4. The statement of assurance in the Annual return was approved. Proposed by Mr Wood and seconded by Mrs Shepperd.

4. Financial Report 2005/6

1. Copies of the Financial Report attached at the end of the minutes were given to those present. As of 31.03.06 there was a balance of £308.68 in the account. This represents £162.78 raised at the Millennium Hog roast and the balance is represented by accrued under spending of the Annual precept. This money has been accrued to pay for the Village Notice board. Proposed by Mr Tilley and seconded by Mr Kirkland.
2. The precept requested for the year 2006/2007 was £350.
3. The statement of assurance in the Annual return was approved. Proposed by Mrs Kirkland and seconded by Mrs Tilley.

5. Financial Precept for the Year 2007/8

The Chairman proposed that the precept be £350 as the insurance is likely to be closer to £300, and we may need a little extra to pay for the notice board. Seconded by Mr Green. Approved.

6. Appointment of Chairman / Clerk

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to take this position. No one volunteered. Mr French was proposed by Mrs Key, and seconded by Mr Key. The Chairman said that he might not wish to have his name put forward at the next AGM.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

Matt Waddington, the last Neighbourhood Watch Representative has now left the village, and he needs to be replaced. Craig Wood agreed to take this position.

8. Onion Dumping and Planning Application

Mr P Key gave a presentation of the planning application to site 8 mobile caravans at Glebe Farm to house seasonal workers, dealt with the complaints over dumping onions, and other matters arising from Glebe Farm.

1. Onion dumping. The fruit flies are attracted to the butternut squash, not the onions. The site is due to be cleaned up shortly, and any remaining waste will be ploughed in. The items were dumped there as the prevailing SW wind would blow the smells away from the village.
2. Caravans. The processes at Glebe Farm require a number of workers who can not be recruited from the local area, so migrant workers have been employed. They can not afford local rented accommodation, of which there is very little. Basing them at the farm will reduce traffic, as there will be no requirement for them to drive to work. Some of the employees had been found to be causing problems with drunkenness and littering in Heckington Road; they had been dismissed, and other troublemakers in the future would be dealt with in the same way. Mr Key asked that if anyone had any concerns about his workers behaviour in the future, he should be contacted.
3. HGV traffic. Approximately 3 HGVs would be going to the farm each day, usually about 5pm.

A number of points/questions were put to Mr Key, which can be summarised as follows:

Is he acting as a gang master?

No.

Does he rent property to migrant workers who do not work for the business?

Mr F Key owns a cottage at Howell which is rented to migrant workers.

Is Glebe farm a farm, or a food factory?

The nature of farming has changed. The onions are grown locally and are not imported from elsewhere. It is a 52 week a year operation, and although greater numbers of workers are required at different times of the year, some would probably be required throughout the year.

Is it intended to increase the number of caravans in due course?

No, but there will be space for more. A sewage system will be laid out, and there will 4 persons per caravan, paying a modest rent.

Mr Davy went through the NK District Plan, pointing out the relevant provisions which would suggest that this application should be rejected by the District Council. C5 effect upon local amenities, DC4 residential developments in settlements without a cartilage, DC2 agricultural workers dwellings, and C6 community safety.

The proposal that the meeting support the application for the siting of the caravans was put to the meeting. 2 persons voted in favour, 16 persons voted against. There were 5 abstentions. [This planning application was withdrawn shortly before the District Council was due to consider it at the Area Planning Committee].

9. Any Other Business

1. Signatory to Bank Account. Stefan Dutchyn had moved from the village, so it was necessary to remove him as a signatory to the account, and to find a replacement. Mr Wood agreed to become a signatory, and the change was approved, proposed by Mrs Targosz, and seconded by Mr Davy.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The AGM for 2007 will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 16th May in the Parish Church. [NB a change from the date announced.] The Chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed.