BURTON PEDWARDINE PARISH MEETING

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MINUTES OF MEETING

The Burton Pedwardine Parish Annual General Meeting for 2007 was held on Wednesday 16th May 2007 at 7pm, in the Parish Church. The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed those present.

Present

P. Davy, J. Davy, M. Tilley, R. Tilley, V. Buckle, H. Weatherall, J. Weatherall, C. Wood, M. Coy, A. Aylward, R. Sutherland, A. Gray, B. Gray, J. French

Apologies

G. Webb, Mr and Mrs Lancaster

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2006 were read and approved on the proposal of Jenny Davy, seconded by Craig Wood.

1. Matters Arising

1. Notice Board. Peter Davy has started making the notice board.
2. Bus Shelter. The chairman reported that he had had no success in persuading the District Council to take over responsibility for the bus shelter. Enquiries of other Parish Meetings had been inconclusive, and the promise by the District Council to look into the matter had not been kept. He will continue to deal with this. The likelihood is that if North Kesteven District Council takes it over they may charge the insurance cost to the Council Tax payers of the parish, but the advantage is that, with no other costs, there would be no need to have a precept, and hence there would be no reason to keep accounts, or have an audit. (It was suggested that the chairman write to the Chief Executive of North Kesteven District Council say that the Meeting would no longer regard itself responsible for the shelter. He has since spoken to the Council Solicitor, who was most unhelpful, and it is his view that this proposal will no longer solve the problem).

2. Correspondance

The chairman reported on the usual quantity of uninteresting and irrelevant mail.

3. Planning

Applications have been submitted for a plot behind Meadow Farm and between the existing plot and land adjacent to Hercock's House.

3.1 Current Approvals, not yet started

1. One House next to Hercocks House and opposite the Glebe
2. One Next to Holme Cottage
3. Change of use to a dwelling of the Old School House

4. Financial Report 2006/7

1. Jeremy Weatherall was appointed as the independent auditor for the Annual Accounts. Proposed by Jolyon French and seconded by Michael Coy.
2. Copies of the Financial Report attached hereto were given to those present. As of 31/03/07 there was a balance of £388.46 in the account. This represents £162.78 raised at the Millennium Hog Roast and the balance is represented by monies accrued through under spending of the Annual precept. This money has been accrued to pay for the village notice board.
3. The statement of assurance in the Annual Return was approved. Proposed by Peter Davy and seconded by Ali Aylward.

5. Financial Precept for 2008/9

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. Proposed by Barry Gray and seconded by Amanda Gray.

6. Neighbourhood Watch

Craig Wood reported on the scheme. He recommended that the existing old fashioned and damaged signs be replaced with new signs to the current design. He proposed the purchase of 5 such signs at £15 each, seconded by Jeremy Weatherall. All in favour.

7. Appointment of Chairman / Clerk

The chairman said that he would be unable to continue in that role after the beginning of September, and proposed that a new chairman be elected to take office on 1st September 2007. He asked for volunteers: Craig Wood was the only person willing to stand and he was elected on the proposal of Jolyon French, seconded by Helena Weatherall.

8. Any Other Business

1. Additional Signatory to the Bank Account: Jolyon French proposed that that the signatories on the account be changed. His name should be removed and Jenny Davy and Michael Coy should be added. Craig Wood will remain and any two signatures will be required for all banking purposes.
2. State of the Roads: The chairman was instructed to write to the County Council on the following matters: poor drainage outside Hawthorn Cottage and Hercocks House; damage to the verge outside Hawthorn Cottage; inadequacy of the new passing places in Asgarby Road; lack of passing places in Heckington Road and its unsuitability for HGVs.
3. Poor Service from the Post Office: The chairman was instructed to write to the Sleaford Postmaster to complain about the irregular collections from the post box and the frequent mis-delivery of post.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The AGM for 2008 will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 14th May 2008 in the Parish Church. Another meeting must by law be held before that and will be called when business requires it.

The chairman thanked those attending and the meeting closed.