
BURTON PEDWARDINE PARISH MEETING

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 14th October 2008 in the Church of St Andrew, St Nicholas with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Burton Pedwardine.

Present

P Davy, J Davy, T Sheppard, P Key, J Bettell, D Bettell, J Buckle, B Gray, A Gray, J Forman, P Hughes, A Aylward, R Tilley, M Tilley, B Bryce, I Gannon, G Webb, R Carr, C Wood (Chairman)

Apologies

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1. Introductions and Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed all those present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chairman presented the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday 8th June 2008, and asked the meeting for comments and/or corrections. There being none, the minutes were approved as a true record by a unanimous vote of the meeting on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by J Davy.

3. Matters Arising

The Chairman provided an update on matters discussed at the previous meeting that would not be addressed as agenda items.

3.1. Annual Audit

The Chairman reported that the Annual Audit had been completed and the Auditors found no issues with the Accounts of the Parish Meeting. Copies of the Audit and associated documentation were available for inspection on request of the Chairman.

3.2. Telephone Box

The Chairman had written to North Kesteven District Council to confirm the agreement of the Parish Meeting to the removal of the telephone box. The District Council had forwarded the letter to BT together with their own objection to the removal on the basis of loss of amenity and poor mobile phone coverage. The matter was now with BT for a final decision and would be reported in due course.

4. Precept for Financial Year 2009-10

The Chairman reported that the Parish Meeting currently had funds to hand of £523.51. As the Insurance for the Bus Shelter was no longer required, expenditure for 2009-10 was expected to be limited to the following items:

4.1. Neighbourhood Watch Signs

The Parish Meeting had already approved expenditure of £75 on new Neighbourhood Watch Signs. This was on hold pending the outcome of the review into speed limits in the village to avoid the newly purchased signs disappearing in the event that the speed limit signs are moved.

4.2 Parish Notice Board

Mr Davy reported that other commitments meant he was unable to make any progress with the new Notice Board. The Chairman advised that there may be funding available for a Notice Board through the Parish Partnership. Mr Gray offered to look into the costs of an alternative A1 Notice Board and report back to the Chairman.

4.3 Meeting Space

The Chairman felt that as the Parish Meeting made use of the Church for its meetings, it was only right that a contribution was made to the Church for each meeting held, especially during the colder months when the heating was used. The Chairman suggested a contribution of £25 for each meeting that was held.

On the basis of this limited expenditure, the Chairman suggested a precept of £200 for the Financial Year 2009-10. The Meeting unanimously approved the suggestion on the proposal of A Gray and seconded by P Key.

5. Surface Condition of Helpringham Road

Mr Key reported that the surface condition of Helpringham Road was deteriorating and was creating a lot of tyre noise as traffic went past. The noise appeared to be directly related to the speed of traffic. As well as looking into improvements to the road surface, Mr Key felt that actions to reduce the speed of the road would help, perhaps through the use of speed bumps or red tarmac.

The Chairman reported that the reactive speed device and radar gun had now been purchased by the Parish Partnership and was being deployed through the area by the Neighbourhood Policing Team, as had been recently reported on "Look North". The Chairman would ensure that the Parish was on the list of target areas. In the mean time, if anyone knew of any "repeat offenders" who drove at speed through the village, their details (car, colour, registration number, time of day etc) should be forwarded to the Chairman who would ensure the Police were aware.

Ms Alyward also reported that the drainage issues further along Helpringham Road outside Hawthorn Cottage had not been addressed. A Highways Officer had been to look at the road but had done so after a period of dry weather.

Action: Chairman to contact Lincolnshire Highways with respect to the surface condition and drainage on Helpringham Road and liaise with the Neighbourhood Policing Team to ensure the reactive speed device and radar gun were deployed in the village.

6. Planning Matters

The Chairman reported that there had been no significant planning matters raised since the last meeting. The District Council were in the process of implementing a new electronic planning portal that would improve the consultation process. Resident's attention was drawn to the new rules relating to Permitted Development, details of which were circulated at the meeting.

7. Parish Partnership

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 22nd October where the Chairman would raise the issues of the Notice Board and Reactive Speed Device.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Key reported that there had been three thefts of Road Diesel from Glebe Farm in the previous two weeks. All had apparently happened in the early hours of the morning. The Chairman asked that all such events are reported to the Police, however minor, to ensure that they have an accurate record of events and can identify if a pattern emerges.

Mr Sheppard asked what was being done to improve policing in the local area, particularly as it was a rare sight to see a uniformed office. The Chairman responded that the Police focussed their resources where there was a particular problem and the village was fortunate at having a very low crime rate, so the need for policing was equally low. However, the Chairman agreed to raise the matter at the next opportunity with PC Andy Ross, the Neighbourhood Policing Officer and report back.

There had been two accidents on Heckington Road in the space of just over a week, both of which had occurred on almost blind bends and both had resulted in cars ending up in the dyke.

9. Correspondence

The Chairman reported on various items of generally irrelevant correspondence that had been received and dealt with according to the Chairman's delegated authority.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Flies from Onion Waste

Mrs Bettell asked whether anyone else had been affected by the plague of flies from the onion waste that was being dumped at land on Asgarby Road. The majority of those present said that they were. The Chairman asked Mr Key why there had been a reoccurrence following the problems that had occurred in the summer of 2006.

Mr Key responded that the majority of the waste had been dumped on land at Ruskington and that the waste on Asgarby Road would be ploughed in week commencing 20th October, weather permitting. The Chairman asked whether there would be a reoccurrence in the future and Mr Key responded that it was not likely next year but would not guarantee it would not happen in the future.

The Chairman expressed the general view of the meeting that there was no objection to the waste being dumped on the land, provided it was ploughed in in a timely manner, perhaps weekly, to prevent flies being attracted to the waste and subsequently breeding there. The Chairman reported that the matter had been referred to Environmental Health. Mr Key confirmed that he had received a letter from them about the onion waste.

The Chairman asked Mr Key to be mindful that his actions had an impact on others in the village and that while Mr Key was within his rights to dump waste on his own land; other people had the right not to be impacted by those actions.

10.2 Hedging on Brackenbury Bridge

The Chairman noted that the hedges along White Cross Lane, on either side of Brackenbury Bridge, were very overgrown. Lincolnshire Highways had said the responsibility for hedge maintenance was with the landowner. The Chairman asked the meeting if anyone knew who owned the land immediately to each side of the bridge. Both Mr Sheppard and Mr Tilley said that they believed it to be Network Rail.

Action: Chairman to contact Network Rail to confirm ownership and, if appropriate, request the hedges are cut back.

Post Meeting Note: This has been reported under Ref: 2499940. A local Community Liaison Officer from Network Rail will attend site and report back.

10.3 Kissing Gate to the Church

Lincolnshire Highways had confirmed that the Kissing Gate leading up to the Church would be repaired before the middle of February.

10.4 Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will take place on Friday 24th October at 7.30pm in the Church followed by an Auction of Seasonal Produce and Goods. Donations for the Auction should be brought on the night. Tickets were £5 from Mary Tilley.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8:37pm.