

Burton Pedwardine and Burton Gorse Village Meeting
Thursday 17 February 2022
In the Church

Present: Michael Coy, Wayne and Luisa McIntosh, Elizabeth Thompson, Richard and Ali Sutherland, Mandy and Andy Topp, Francis Jerram, Craig Wood, Sara and Tim Marchant, and Gill Aguilar.

Apologies: Barry and Amanda, Mary Tilley, John Aguilar, Martin Thompson, and David Jerram.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising

Approved as a true record.

Battery and pads were replaced in September and are guaranteed for two years.

Litter picking equipment available at the meeting.

Compliments to everyone involved in the planting scheme. The Whitecross Lane planter did get munched, but plants were replaced. There is one planter left, and a discussion took place about where it should be placed. Potentially under the notice board. Martin is happy to make another planter, if we would like one, perhaps under the sign on Heckington Road once it is back in place. The culvert where the sign was is no longer there. The sign is slightly damaged, so will need some work to put right. The verge is very narrow where it was previously.

ACTION: remaining planter to be sited and filled.

ACTION: arrange defib refresher training.

2. Village account and precept

Precept: The precept for 2021/22 was £500.

A discussion took place on the precept, and the merit of having a smaller amount for this year. It was agreed to come back to this item at the end of the meeting as there may be other items that influence this decision.

The siting of a Christmas tree opposite the gate to the church was a welcome addition for Christmas 2021. Thanks to Michael for donating the tree, and to Gill and Wayne for putting the tree up and providing the lights. All agreed that it would be lovely to put a tree up again for Christmas 2022.

Village account: The village account was with the Nationwide Building Society. However, the Nationwide is no longer supporting treasurer accounts, and a new account needs to be opened.

Several options were put forward, both at the meeting and afterwards, with a shortlist being compiled that consisted of: The Royal Bank of Scotland, Metro Bank, and Virgin Money.

ACTION: LM/MC to review options for the new account and open with a minimum of two signatories.

At the end of the meeting, the precept amount was considered again, and RS proposed that the precept is set at £400 for 2022/23, which was seconded by MT.

ACTION: submit the precept form to NKDC as agreed.

3. Roads and verges

Most of the previous fixmystreet.com reports have been fixed. However, new pot holes appear frequently and it is important that we all continue to report whenever is appropriate. The culvert on Whitecross Lane, just past Bell House Farm is terrible.

Reportedly, the whole of Asgarby Road is scheduled to be resurfaced, at some point.

Andrew Key, the new County Councillor is very approachable. Suggest a village walk around, if permitted.

Speeding remains a real concern in the village with an estimated eight out of 10 cars speeding. Could the police be asked to record speed? Could speed repeaters be requested? What happened to the speed gun for the parish cluster? Two “caution, children playing” signs have been purchased, they just need putting up.

Litter is a real issue. Are there any national campaigns we can copy? There is a national strategy, SM will look into. Everyone to consider and share any thoughts.

Could we have a litter bin in one of the passing places? Speak to Nina Camm at NKDC to see if this is an option.

ACTION: Invite Andrew Key to the next meeting.

ACTION: LM to try and locate the SID and see if it can be fixed.

ACTION: LM to contact the neighbourhood police team to see if they would support a speed awareness exercise in the village (and locate the speed gun allocated to the parish cluster). And put up children playing signs.

ACTION: LM to contact Nina Camm about a litter bin.

4. Village Events

GA suggested holding a street party on the lane up to the Manor House to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June. Permission has been granted by Chris Bird, who owns the lane.

All agreed that this would be a great opportunity to get together. The church has trestles, that could be set up. People would bring their own food. Cider from the Manor, BBQ an option. Flags on flag poles to put along the line. LM will create a flyer, and Gill and John will go to every household and invite people. Fraser has three 20ft marquees could be used if the forecast is poor.

A PRS licence is not needed for a private street party. Event details: Sunday 5 June, 12.30 for 1. Include Gill's telephone number on the flyer, and email.

Anyone who wants to help, please get in touch with Gill.

Other comments included a suggestion for a commemorative bench for the occasion, or a Christmas tree.

ACTION: LM to create a flyer and GA to coordinate the street party.

5. Any Other Business

Plan of churchyard - Burton PCC have been tasked with making a plan of the churchyard. This comprises drawing a plan, plotting the graves and where possible, cataloguing them. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Liz asap, preferably by email:

lizzithompson@yahoo.co.uk phone number: 01529 413446 mob: 07510568057

FK asked for clarification on whether Burton is a hamlet or a village. It was advised that Burton is a village as it has a church. In terms of the Local Plan, Burton is classified as a Tier 7 settlement.

Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023 – map and details of the consultation to be circulated following the meeting.

MC asked if there was any need or interest in using social media to share information in the village. It was agreed that we continue as we are for now.

6. Meeting closed at 20.36.