

**BURTON LEONARD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 15 April 2019 (7.00pm – St Leonard's Hall, Burton Leonard)**  
**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. K Townson (Chair)

Cllr C Trout, Cllr A O'Kane, Cllr F Barwick, Cllr. P Bappoo, Cllr. Z Metcalfe (HBC), P Thornhill (Parish Clerk)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Harrison (NYCC)

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2018**

Proposed: Cllr. P Bappoo; Seconded: Cllr A O'Kane

Unanimously approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA**

None

**4. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**PLANNING**

Much of the Parish Council's workload over the last year has been driven by the objections from the village against three major proposed residential developments, affectionately known as Loxley Homes Phase 1, Loxley Homes Phase 2 and Jomast. The PC made, and is continuing to make, extensive representations on behalf of the village regarding these.

Loxley Homes Phase 1 – which was the proposed residential development that went to Planning Appeal, is comprised of 19 open-market dwellings and 12 affordable dwellings on land to the East of Scarah Lane. There were many planning conditions imposed by The Secretary of State's Planning Inspector and much time and effort has been spent and continues to be spent ensuring that these are upheld.

Regarding Loxley Homes Phase 2, which was the proposed residential development for 37 houses, the good news this has been withdrawn. If one was being cynical, one may think this could be a rouse to re-gather thoughts

As for Jomast, this planning application is currently very quiet; maybe they're just waiting to see what will happen with Loxley's phase 1 and 2. This is for planning permission with access considered for the construction of approximately 31 residential dwellings, on Copgrove Road.

Burton Leonard Parish Council has objected to these three developments.

There is one major proposed residential development that the Parish Council does not object to, which is for the erection of 23 nos. dwellings at 1 Copgrove Road, the Hymas Yard. It's a year since we were advised by HBC that planning permission would be granted shortly.

During the last year the Parish Council submitted representations on 26 other local planning applications.

There was one further Appeal to deal with one alleged Breach with a property not being built in accordance with the approved plans and 15 Normal/Routine Planning Applications. There were 9 tree related matters covering felling, crowning and pruning.

Personally the major highlight of the year was how the village came together in their opposition to the major planning applications.

Who can forget the feeling of village solidarity felt at the Planning Meeting for Loxley phase 1 in the Cairn Hotel, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018? There were over 140 objections raised on the HBC website and BLOG, the opposition group that was formed to fight subsequent planning developments represents 162 residents. I'm advised that in most cases if one can get a third of residents to object then one has been successful. We should be proud of the village's response.

**OTHER MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS**

In August the public access defibrillator went live - funds of £2,200 had been raised and included a grant from YAS and a £400 donation from Mr and Mrs Moose village residents. Thanks to the PCC for permission to place the defib on the outside wall of St Leonard's Hall. Also thanks to Derek Clarke and his team of Community First Responders for their weekly voluntary, but mandatory, inspections of the defibrillator.

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The recently held Litter Pick was very successful. Thanks to Councillor Paul Bappoo for organizing the litter pick and to all who helped tidy the village up.

And again thanks to Paul for his work with the daffodils around the village. I'm sure you'll all agree they have been a fantastic display this year.

**MOVING ON TO ISSUES THAT WILL CONTINUE INTO THE 2019-2020 YEAR**

Parking in vicinity of upper and lower village greens

95 Alive Speed Watch and discussion with Cllr Harrison concerning visibility displays. We're just waiting for a meeting to be scheduled with Morelock signs, who NYCC have appointed as the supplier of choice.

School access road following Cllr Harrison's visit

Drainage on the Lower Village Green

Potentially dangerous wall on Dolly Walk

Councillor areas of responsibility

LED replacement street lighting

Neighbourhood Plan

**MOVING ON TO PEOPLE**

Very early on in the year we lost Heather Parry due to the heavy work load in her day job. Many thanks to Heather for all she has done for the village.

My thanks to Chris Trout who agreed to be co-opted onto the PC in August filling the vacancy left by Heather. Chris has proved to be a very welcome addition.

My thanks also go to Liz Boddy for her service to parish council and the community. Liz stepped in as our Temporary Parish Clerk in September 2017 when we were experiencing problems due to sick leave of our Permanent Clerk. When Liz joined the PC she made an immediate and significant impact on the workings of the Parish Council. Liz warned us in June last year that she would like to find a replacement prior to the end of the year. A lengthy recruitment drive ensued and I'm pleased to report that we were able to allow Liz to step down in October very ably replaced by our now Permanent Parish Clerk, Mr Phil Thornhill who thankfully joined us in October bringing fresh energy and help.

I'd like to thank our Councillors, Zoe Metcalfe (Claro) for her help with planning issues and Michael Harrison (Killinghall and Hampsthwaite) for his help with roads. They have both always been available and willing to sort out any problems and issues that have come up.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors for all their support, hard work, team work and dedication over the last year. They volunteer their services freely in support of our village community, have risen to the challenge of a difficult year addressing matters as and when they have arisen

**5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

One member of the public attended, raising a question about the Mayfest Maypole and dancing rehearsal in advance of the day. Approval was given subject to receiving a risk assessment from the organisers.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

None

**7. QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS WHO ARE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL FOR BURTON LEONARD**

None

**The meeting ended at 7.17pm**