

Burton Pedwardine and Burton Gorse Village Meeting

Tuesday 25 May 2021

In the Church

Present: Michael Coy, Nick and Andrea, Wayne and Luisa McIntosh, Peter Davy, Martin and Elizabeth Thompson, Richard and Ali Sutherland, Mandy and Andy Topp, David and Francis Jerram, John and Gill Aguilar.

Apologies: Philip Key, Fraser Key, Barry and Amanda Gray

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising

Approved as a true record.

When do the battery and pads need replacing in the defibrillator? LM to find out.

Litter picking equipment will be collected from NKDC as soon as possible, given current restraints.

A fly tipper was prosecuted recently, after several cardboard boxes were found that had their address on. Fined £400.

2. Roads and verges

All agreed that the roads and verges are in a dreadful state at the moment. Repairs are either not being carried out or are carried out to such a low standard that they need to be re-repaired within a very short period of time. MC advised that the more people that register road concerns on the fixmystreet.com website the better.

Discussion moved onto whether it would be feasible to have gate entrances, or similar at each of the entrances to the village. Previously there had been concern about the cost of insurance for fixed items on the verges. There may be local funding streams that we could apply for to cover the cost of the gates and also the insurance. An alternative would be to plant around the village signs, with the properties nearest to the signs taking responsibility for watering, caring for etc. There was interest in planting around the signs.

ACTION: AS offered to form a small working group to take forward.

3. Annual Governance and Accountability Return

LM went through the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and invited any questions or comments. All agreed that the return was straightforward and could be submitted as it was.

ACTION: LM to submit AGAR.

4. Roads and Verges

It was noted that LCC has marked pot holes through the village. Fix my street.com is being used successfully. The maintenance crews cannot keep up with the damage being caused. However, the quality of previous repair work was atrocious.

The Chairman advised that there was a new County Councillor and if permissible, it would be useful to conduct a walk around the village with him.

There is a plan at some point to redo the whole road as in some places, the road is reduced to a single carriageway. This presents a real concern given the frequency of speeding vehicles using the road.

ACTION: LM to look into access to the Speed Indicator Device (SID).

5. Village Events

Harvest Supper – end of October.

Quiz night – potentially later in the year.

6. Any Other Business

Nick provided a response to some of the concerns that were raised about the planning permission for the holiday let. Suggestion that a condition could be included that limits the development to one holiday let.

There have previously been attempts to commercialise some elements of the village, by people that did not live in the village, which had caused a real division and bad feeling. The fear is this will set a precedent for other schemes. The issue is not with this particular application, but of it setting an unfavourable precedent.

People were very complimentary about the site; it is looking great.

Solar Farm: permission has been granted and it will be completed at some point.

PD offered to carry out refresher training for using the defibrillator.

7. Meeting closed at 19.45