

Burton Pedwardine and Burton Gorse Village Meeting

Tuesday 11 Jun 2024

In the Church

Present: Michael and Jan Coy, Luisa and Wayne McIntosh, John Aguillar, Sara and Tim Marchant, Elizabeth and Martin Thompson, Ali and Richard Sutherland, Mandy and Andy Topp, Pete Davey, Frances and David Jeram, Fraser Key

Apologies: Jenny Jeram, Gill Aguilla, Amanda and Barry Grey, Wayne McIntosh

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 28th Nov 2023

Proposed by TM

Seconded by LM

2. Matters Arising: None

3. Village Planters

LM – Planning to raise the planters. Will be asking for volunteers to help re-do them. Have people to adopt them once done, just need to do the work first.

AS – Have been a bit of a mess. Need more money for compost and plants.

MC – We were going to consult experts at Heckington?

LM – They did not come back to us. Have been taking direction for type of plants that would be best to use. Looking at hardy perennials.

SM – thanks to TM for strimming the boxes earlier in the year.

MC - £200 estimated for plants and compost and fed into the precept.

4. Annual Accounts

Accounts submitted to the group.

Approved by MT

Seconded by PD

LM – Still has access to the accounts for the moment.

5. Harvest Supper 2024

MC – Last couple of suppers have been held at Michael's house. Hoping to raise money for the church fabric.

Toilet facilities at Michael's house, but open to ideas.

SM - Can see pros and cons to both suggestions. Toilets handy at Michael's but church the heart of the village and central.

LM – propose one event.

SM – seconded.

LM – Don't expect a fancy meal.
SM – Happy to pitch in with the food.
AT – hot meal very possible.
SM – Very happy to run a bar if liked (licenced.)
TM – Do we have the facilities?
PD – Hot box used to be used.
LM – think we would still have access to it.
MT – Still have access to the barbecue.
MC- Keith Beaver still supplying a hog roast?
All – think so. Hopefully we can borrow it.
LM – All need to take responsibility to sell some tickets.
LM _ Could we ask Roy to do an auction?
JC – If we give him enough notice he might be able.
TM – If Roy can't do it, he will step in if required.
LT – Suggested date of late September, early October.
All Agreed.

6. The state of Whitecross and Asgarby Roads

Andrew could not be here this evening but wanted it minuted how poor the state of the roads are, and could we have a discussion about galvanising some repairs.
TM – Has been speaking to a Highways lady who said repairs were planned, but she has now gone radio silent!
RS – Had been told that work was due to be done in three consecutive stages. Nothing seems to have happened since.
WM – The works that are being done around us are other parishes. Wonder if they are avoiding us?
MC – Maybe follow up with Andrew Key?
RS – Heavy goods vehicles are causing the majority of the issues. Does Branston have any connection to the village. Thinks they are being services nearby.
AS – Write to Branston complaining about them. Use the village as a cut through. After complaining, did get better for a while.
RS – Is it worth asking for a weight limit on the route.
FK – Even with a weight limit they have a right to use the route.
MC – If we can get any kind of evidence, Martin Green (police) can speak to them.
RS – Spoke to police at Heckington show. Not practical to try to gather registration numbers. Rang the police the other day to complain about the speeding and have an incident number.
AT – Unless you have a dedicated team of volunteers with a speed gun, you are unlikely to deter people.
RS – Costed it a couple of years ago. Think it was around £600.
WM – If I hear noisy cars coming along the road, I stop them and have a conversation with them about appropriate behaviour. They drove away slower. Worth trying, but understand it is not an approach that everyone would be comfortable with.
FJ – Need to be careful though. Don't want anyone to get hurt.
LM – That intervention might have prevented a serious accident.

PD – Heckington road as bad. Used as a race track. People of all ages race down that road. Whole area should be 30mph. To get the restrictions there seem to be parameters we have to meet such as street lights. Ribbon development, so a scattered community but equally important for all.

MC – Where is the existing sign?

FJ – Outside our house.

PD – Need to get village sign reinstated and then can ask to get the 30mph sign moved back.

LM – Will speak to correct contact about getting the sign reinstated. Was previously damaged so needs repairing as well as replacing. Will also try to find out who to speak to about the speed sign.

MC – Write to Andrew Key about the state of the roads and traffic.

7. Anglian Water Reservoir

MC – Think it is sure to go ahead. The only thing that might kill it is the cost. It will be hugely expensive. Portsmouth reservoir interest is roughly £125 per household. This one is £500 per household. This cost would be spread across their whole network.

TM – They are £6 billion in debt. Seems strange.

LM – Won't be Anglian Water funding it. It will be a private equity company.

MC – Just starting second consultation. 2026-27 submit DCO. 2028 Secretary of State gives his judgement. Looking at around 10 years of construction.

Went to Community liaison Group meeting last week with SM and LM. We raised Community Gain, and what Anglian Water might do for the community fairly quickly.

Seem to be a lack of clarity about cost. It has already gone up from £2.6 to £3 billion.

LM – Consultation is now open. Whatever you think, good, bad or indifferent, needs to be submitted in writing. Really important.

AT – Would be good as a village to raise points and keep pressing until we get answers. Already had a few meetings about it. Need to put something to them in writing.

List of points could be collated and used by individuals to put together their own submissions.

SM – Think around 8th August is the closing date. It is not a lot of time.

MC – Only part of Lincolnshire that will be supplied by it is Bourne.

Action – Coordinator needed to collate points and circulate.

SM – Will put out a message on the WhatsApp group and email group to start bullet-pointing areas of concern. Will also put a notice on the board.

8. Any other Business

TM – Hopefully everybody will have seen the addition of the sign for Commonwealth War Grave on the gate. Huge thanks to ET for getting it done.

ET – Thanks to TM for kick-starting everything.

SM – Whilst I have enjoyed the role of Clerk, feel while working full time I can't devote enough to it, and worried I will miss a deadline or an important message. Wondered if there was anybody who would like to take the role on.

AT – Volunteered.

Approved and agreed.

LM - Propose putting a group together to work on tackling speeding.

MC – think some humorous signs will help.

TM – What happened with the signs we had planned?

LM – Currently in our store. Put up at the same time as do the planters?

Meeting closed 1948.