

Burton Pedwardine & Burton Gorse Village Meeting - Tuesday 08 Apr 2025

Councillor Christine Collard Briefing and Questions.

Village Meeting Minutes

Present: Gill Aguilar, Joe & Clare Beasley, Michael Coy, Pete Davy, Steve Donnelly & Maria Fair, David & Frances Jerram, Lisa Lancaster, Tim & Sara Marchant, Wayne & Luisa McIntosh, Martin & Liz Thompson, Andy & Mandy Topp, Pete Willerton. (19/192).

Apologies: Andrew Green, Barry & Amanda Gray, Fraser Key, Iain Palmer.

Item 1. Previous Minutes (11 Jun 2024 Meeting)

Corrections: Add Ali Sutherland to those present.

Proposed: TM Seconded: PD Against: None

Item 2. Actions Arising

Item 5a. Repair of village sign and extension of 30 mph zone. LM reported that LCC were progressing the village sign but the application to extend the 30 mph zone had been rejected. Complete

Item 5b. Speeding. Ongoing (see Item 5 this meeting).

Item 5c Grit. Box filled. Didn't qualify for a second LCC grit box. Complete.

Item 6. Emergency Plan. Ongoing (see Item 6 this meeting).

Item 7b Grass Cutting Grant. Discontinued.

Item 8. Planters. £200 remains allocated but unspent. Ongoing.

Item 9a. Pop-up Pub Night on 13 Dec and Book Club started. Thank to SM.

Item 9b. Glasses. More purchased for £111. Complete.

Item 10a. Trees. No bids. Complete.

Item 10c. Defibrillator Maintenance. PD stated that SHOCK (a Charity) could take over the ownership, insurance and maintenance of the defibrillator (village property) for free. Since it had zero monetary value, it was unanimously agreed that it should be donated to SHOCK which would provide the same facility but saving ~£130 pa. **Action: AT**

Item 10d. Church Gate access. Ongoing. **Action: FK**

Item 3. Finance

3a. Financial Statement. The account had been audited by TM. The final balance was £1690. The Precept of £750 had been received on 1 Apr 2025. Statement accepted.

Proposed: SM Seconded: PD Against: None

3b. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). Signed by MC. **Action: AT**

3c. Local Authority Grants. LM stated that the next round of the NK amenity grant deadline was Aug 2025. No requests were raised.

3d. Banking. The Lloyds Bank (there were no other options) Treasurer's account would be discontinued and replaced by a Community account at a cost of £4.50/m.

Item 4. Planning Applications

24/1470/FUL. Starlight Energy Solar Farm on Whitecross Lane. Information available on the NKDC Planning Website. All residents were encouraged to read it. Comments (objections) should be submitted before 24 Apr 2025. The more objections, the better – the volume of correspondence counted in Planning Committee decision making. AT would submit the Parish response summarising residents' objections. **Action: ALL**

AT had correspondence from Starlight concerning community benefit which was being offered whether or not the Parish supported the application. He would investigate. **Action: AT**

If the development went ahead NKDC would get a sizable business rate (£50K-£60K pa). NKDC Policy on Solar Energy Community Benefit indicated that the parish would be eligible for a small part of that.

Item 5. Roads.

5a. Repairs. MC reported that he had further correspondence with LCC on the state of parish roads and had been informed that the matter had been 'filed'.

5b. Speeding. This was an ongoing problem, particularly through the village. There had been much previous discussion on signage. A working group had met and recommended 30 mph repeater signs at a cost of £350 as a first step. A Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator Device (~£3K) for which a 50% grant might be available would be considered later. There was unanimously agreement to purchase repeater signs. **Action: AT**

Item 6. Community Emergency Plan (CEP). LCC recommend that parishes have a CEP to provide local first response in event of flood, fire, contamination, utility failures etc. LCC provide a template and would approve the plan. It would require several volunteers with local knowledge whose main task would be to provide immediate help, assess the situation and pass the information to the Emergency Services. All volunteers would be covered by LCC indemnity insurance. Agreed there would be benefit. SM, TM, PD, PW, MTh, RS, WM, AT volunteered. **Action: AT**

Item 7. Social Committee. SM reported:

7a. VE80 Day (5 May Bank Holiday). Up to £500 grant available until 11 Apr. A disappointing response so far. Those interested should contact SM asap. **Action: ALL**

7b. Summer BBQ (Jul). This would be held at Cede House again. **Action MT**

7c. Vinyard Event. FK would be holding a charity event with NFU in the vineyard on 20 Sep with local food/drink suppliers and live music. All would be welcome.

Item 8. AOB. None.

Item 9. DONM. The next meeting would be on 21 Oct 2025 (tbc).

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Parish Clerk

9 Apr 2025