

Burton Pedwardine and Burton Gorse Village Meeting

Wednesday 18 May 2022

In the Church

Present: Michael Coy, Luisa McIntosh, Graham Webb, Martin Thompson, Richard and Ali Sutherland, Mandy and Andy Topp, Pete and Jenny Davy, Sara and Tim Marchant, and John and Gill Aguilar.

Apologies: David and Francis Jerram, Craig Wood, Barry and Amanda, Andrew Green, and Elizabeth Thompson.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising

Approved as a true record.

Defib training refresher, including how to carry out CPR.

ACTION: LM to liaise with Pete Davy about dates to circulate.

Pete brought along a defib trainer, to give a brief refresh on how to use one.

It was suggested at a previous meeting that a litter bin was requested. We would need to purchase the bin ourselves, but it would be emptied by the District Council. However, it was recommended by the refuse manager that we reconsider having a bin as they were fairly unsuccessful in rural areas. All agreed not to have one.

2. Andrew Key

Unfortunately Cllr Key was unable to make the meeting. (To be rearranged if possible).

It was noted that LCC has marked pot holes through the village. Fix my street.com is being used successfully. However, the roads and verges are 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 continue to register road concerns on the fixmystreet.com website the better. There were improvements planned in the village in the autumn.

3. AGAR

LM went through the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and invited any questions or comments. Andy Topp agreed to carry out the external audit which is required. All agreed that the return was straightforward and could be submitted as it was, once the audit had been undertaken.

ACTION: LM to submit the AGAR forms once they have been audited.

4. Planning Applications

One application at the moment, at Glebe Farm. A change of use from agricultural to a small two bed dwelling. Other than reinstating two windows to the north, the structure of the barn will remain unchanged.

Fraser provided further detail on the application and invited people to visit the site if they would like to. There were no concerns raised. A comment will be submitted on behalf of the village with this in mind.

ACTION: provide a comment to planning online.

5. Sleaford Renewable Energy Plant, Community Grant

Michael and Wayne went on a tour of the Sleaford Renewable Energy Plant recently. There is a grant of £25,000 a year for communities to bid into. Precepting parishes are not able to apply, however, not for profit, charities and constituted groups can. Michael encouraged everyone to think about whether we should create a group that could bid for the funding, and if so, what we would bid for.

Fraser suggested a small play area for the children of the village. Fraser offered land for this to be sited on, and he would cover insurance.

6. Village Events

Lodge Farm Walk: on Sunday 29 May.

Jubilee Picnic: plans are in place for the event. Invitations have been delivered to every house in the village. Enough tables for 48 people, and plenty of chairs. More tables are available from Michael if required. There will be various activities to keep children interested, including games and football.

Angie has offered to lend her port-a-loo. Would the village be willing to pay Angie for the cleaning of the port-a-loo which is £30. Graham also offered his port-a-loo.

Sara and Tim have provided a barrel of Eight Sales beer for the event.

Set up on Saturday 4 June. If weather is inclement, then relocate to the church.

Tim has prepared a playlist for the event. Does anyone have a PA system? Graham may have a speaker to use.

7. Any Other Business

Richard wanted to ask Cllr Key about the volume of traffic in the village. Richard raised whether people would be interested in being part of a community speed watch group. Training is provided through the Police and Lincolnshire County Council. Richard will contact to express interest in being involved and find out what the next steps are.

Same lorry going through the village several times a day. Could we write letter to the transport company in Helpringham asking them to remind their drivers to be considerate.

Plan of churchyard – thanks to the volunteers.

Tim looks after Common Wealth War Graves (CWWG) in the area. There is one in Burton, Thomas Goy. The grave needs considerable work, and the CWWG have been informed and will be coming to inspect the grave to determine the action that needs to be taken.

Thanks to volunteers for the work in putting the planters in place.

Gill suggested funding to buy a proper SID.

8. Meeting closed at 19.36.