

Burton Pedwardine and Burton Gorse Village Meeting

Tuesday 28 Nov 2023

In the Church

Present: Michael Coy, Luisa McIntosh, John Aguillar, Sara and Tim Marchant, Elizabeth Thompson, Ali and Richard Sutherland, Mandy and Andy Topp, Fraser Key.

Apologies: Frances and David Jeram, Martin Thompson, Gill Aguilla, Amanda and Barry Grey, Wayne McIntosh, Andrew Darley

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 9th May 2023 and Matters Arising

ACTION: LM/AS/MT to liaise regarding new plants and improving one of the planters.

Approved by TM

Seconded by SM

AT : Were the accounts submitted?

LM : Yes, submitted and no further queries raised.

Update from outstanding questions raised at the Anglian Water meeting that they took away to get more information.

1. What is the total leakage/day in Lincolnshire currently?

Anglian Water does not report leakage exactly to county boundaries, however, there was 53 Ml/d leakage for September for the network that covers areas from Peterborough in the south to Grimsby in the north and from Stamford/Grantham/Scunthorpe in the west to the coast.

Our leakage rate is half the industry average in terms of leakage per length of main. The latest published industry statistics can be found here: www.discoverwater.co.uk/leaking-pipes

2. Did Anglian Water look outside of their region for alternative sites? Did you look at Northants, Essex, Beds?

The original search area considered the whole of the Anglian Water region, including Northants, Essex and Beds. These areas were screened out in the initial stage which considered criteria including geological suitability, development constraints (i.e. protected areas for environment and heritage, and significant transport links and towns/cities) and the distance to the main water source, which was identified as the Witham due to availability of water as identified following the CAMS process (www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-abstraction-licensing-strategies-cams-process). This process identified two study areas to take forward – one for Lincolnshire and one for Fens. The overall search area and the study area identified can be seen in our site selection report: www.lincsreservoir.co.uk/assets/images/downloads/Site-Selection-Report%E2%80%93Lincolnshire-Reservoir%E2%80%93phase-one-consultation-2022.pdf

She also confirmed that she has shared with the wider Anglian Water team the report of the pipe that has had 19 leaks in the village.

2. Planning application - 23/0873/VARCON Land To The North Of White Cross Lane Burton Gorse Sleaford

Alteration for the solar farm. Planning submitted for full planting scheme. Comments to NKDC by 13th December.

3. Village Planters

£200 allocated for re-stocking.

LM : Heckington in Bloom were going to come and give some advice. Time got away from us, so will revisit in the spring. All have bulbs in them. Suggest need raising in height with more compost to retain water.

AS : Martin has kindly delivered 3 more planters in order to raise the height.

SM: Roses on Whitecross lane are thriving.

LM: Main perennials are surviving in the one by her house.

AS: Being so rural is a challenge. Think about finding deer-proof plants or something that we replace every year.

AT : Should we put them on concrete slabs to stop the grass coming through?

LM: Might be an issue with insurance.

SM : Will prune the roses on Whitecross and keep them looking tidy.

LM continued conversation about banking. Needs to be formalised regarding who is responsible. SM to take on banking responsibilities from LM. LM happy to be consulted if required. Lloyds appear to be a more user-friendly bank.

ACTION : SM to put a message on the WhatsApp group to ask for volunteers to adopt a box.
Response : Richard and Ali to take on Screddington, Mary looking after Asgarby, Margaret and Iain Heckington Road once the sign is replaced.

4. Proposal to constitute a Community Social Committee for the purposes of coordinating community social events and managing the community property

Thanks to John and Gill for bonfire night.

Discussion about social committee. Hub set up for grant remains but is separate to the social committee proposed.

LM proposes a small committee , seconded by Andy Topp. LM and Gill Aguillar happy to be a part of it. MT and AS also happy to be involved. MT suggests small committee and then a group of people sitting behind that to help get things done on the day.

LM : Suggests a loan from the village account to the village social committee to be repaid. All agreed.

ACTION : SM to put out a message to ask if anybody else wants to volunteer.
Response: Committee formed and has met.
SM to speak to the brewery to see if they will provide alcohol on sale or return.
Response: Has not been required to date. SM still owner of this action.

5. Christmas and Church decoration

9th December (Saturday afternoon) to come and help decorate at 1400. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be supplied. Please come along if you are able.

LM: Is MC able to supply a tree for outside again? He will liaise with Wayne.

6. Any other Business

War grave update – Tim Marchant

Mr Goy's grave in poor state of repair. TM has reported to Commonwealth War Grave Commission. They will not repair private memorials, however if the name becomes unreadable they will potentially put up a separate "standard" war grave.

ET : They used to live in her house.

TM : Will feed that back.

We don't currently have a green plaque on the gate saying that we have a war grave. We can have them, but it would need to be a request from the PCC. If the PCC would like a green metal plate, please contact TM.

MC : Suggest best place for it to be would be the kissing gate by the road. MC and ET agreed that they would like a plaque.

ACTION - TM will try to contact the Goy family.

Response : Liz has contacted the CWGC to enquire about getting a sign for the gate,

Traffic calming – Wayne's signs – Andy Topp

AT : Says he takes no credit! Was with Wayne when he had his idea. White lettering on green. It says "Most people don't speed" and "Most people don't litter." Believe that the littering sign hasn't made much difference but think the speeding ones have made a difference. Asks if Wayne can make them for all the signs, and Wayne reimbursed for them.

MC : Perhaps make them amusing to gain buy-in.

AS – Some really bad instances of speeding.

RS : Very difficult pulling out of their drive due to people coming round that corner so quickly. Getting worse. Someone is going to get killed. Spoke to the police at Heckington show but not much has happened.

FK : Highways are not on our side. He was told to remove plastic barriers which really did slow people down. Several regular protagonists.

MC : If you know there are regular offenders, can you get the reg and report it to the police?

LM : Yes, but an element of being in the right place at the right time.

AT : There are 30mph signs at all entrances but think that people go past them and then forget. Could we get repeaters?

ACTION : LM to take away the idea of repeaters to explore

AT : Now has broken electronic signs and is tinkering with them to see what he can do.

TM: Getting back to original point, would like to support Andy's idea of adding in some of Wayne's signs at a couple of points.

LM: We have one done. How many more do we want?

AT : Suggests 6 with the same lettering. Can go on the straits and junctions.

LM: Think cost is £50 per sign. Will find out for certain.

Addendum: Michael has spoken to Martin Green, our local policeman re the speeding issue. Ideally, they need evidence and 2 witnesses as in the Kyme community speed watch. However, if we have a photo and details of the offending vehicle witnessed by 2 people, he will be pleased to hear from us and could possibly issue some sort of warning.

Angie's gate combination

Angie has had some issues with the gate being left unlocked. She will be changing the code and not sharing it, as she believes that it became too widely known.

LM: May be difficult for pushchair access. We had an issue last Christmas.

FK : Leave it with him to explore as there may be a solution that will suit everyone.

History group - Liz Thompson

Came about when they were doing the graveyard plan. Realised that there was lots of different interests in different aspects. Getting together on 20th January to share information. Get together and then go away to research before getting back together again.

Ideas include a timeline in the church, maybe a small book.

Greater Lincolnshire Project – Michael Coy

MC : There will be a consultation and will be asked for feedback. If anyone has any opinions, please let it be known. It seems that in order to unlock funds, we must have a mayor.

Precept – Luisa McIntosh

Need to make a decision now and submit it in January.

TM : Include budgeting for signs - £106 + VAT for 2.

Suggest funding for 3 so £65 each.

Also funding for planters.

Haven't paid any rent for the church since 2019.

Suggest £200 total for signs, £200 for Planters, £200 for rent plus a small amount for unknowns.

All agreed £750 in total.

Footpath – Fraser Key

A few years ago, put a footpath through the wood opposite to the vineyard. Will be open to everyone once tidied up over the next couple of years. It will be a private permissive footpath.

Anglian Water – Michael Coy

Community group set up. MC attended. We found out about it by accident. LM attended from NKDC. Heavily attended by Anglian, and not many locals seemed to have been invited. Spent a lot of time on introductions. One of the most important things is that there will be a property support scheme for people who want to sell their properties. Everybody asked for a 3D model of what is being proposed. Have been asking for it for 18 months.

Simon Railton was particularly interesting. He talked at length about how beautiful the area was. It was pointed out to him that it would all end up under water.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm