

BURSTWICK PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2016

Present:

Cllr. D Rainforth – Chairman
Cllr. M Armstrong
Cllr. N Fairbank
Cllr. D James
Cllr. S Mallinson
Cllr. M Smith

Members of the Public:

Five members of the public attended the Annual Parish meeting.

1. To note apologies for absence

Cllr. A Brown

2. To confirm the 2015 annual parish meeting minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 April 2015 were signed as a correct record on 28th May 2015.

3. To receive the Chairman's Report

The Chairman submitted his report to the meeting. Thanks and appreciation for volunteering and undertaking specific tasks/issues were given to Cllr. Armstrong and Cllr. James. The work of Cllr Steward, who recently resigned, was also acknowledge. A copy of the report follows.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2016

2015 has been a busy year for the council, we had the elections in May and one councillor did not apply for the council. Shortly after the election we co-opted for a parish councillor and the position was filled by Councillor John Stamford.

Our parish clerk Trish Hopper resigned from the council, and we advertised the post and employed our new clerk Rose Blackbourn who has continued the work that Trish had started. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Trish for her hard work and dedication and I enjoyed working alongside her and I wish her well for the future.

I would like to give my thanks to my Vice Chairman Mrs Margaret Armstrong for her support over the past year. I will also take this opportunity to acknowledge the support and commitment that all the Councillors also give.

I would like to acknowledge the work and support of Councillor Norma Steward who tended her resignation and wish her well for the future. We are now in the process of co-opting to the vacancy.

The council would not be able to run efficiently and promptly without the support and dedicated work from our Clerk Rose, and I would like to thank her for the hard work and support throughout the year. The parish council carried out a community led review in the summer. This was supported by the residents of the village who made comment about priorities in the village which led to the parish council looking at ways of addressing concerns of the parishioners.

I would like to thank Councillor Dean James for the work he continues to do on keeping the website and social media accounts up to date.

We arranged for the local authority to place speed monitoring equipment in the village following concerns raised about motorists speeding through the village. This survey identified that Burstwick does have a problem with speeding motorists and the police have now been carrying out random speed checks, we have also set up a local speed watch that we can carry out with the local PCSO.

The situation with Church Lane has now been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Mr Walt Beadle continues to be an asset to the Council in his role as Parish gardener.

The Playing Field Association continue to receive support from the Parish Council by paying for the insurance and the annual inspection. This allows the play park to remain open for the benefit of the entire Village.

The parish council are the sole trustees of the village hall and have supported the village hall committee in applying for grants which have enable the roof to be replaced and also a new heating system installed. We have now took ownership of the piece of land on the village hall site and following a competition to name the field with the village school, we had an official opening of the land at the beer festival and it was formally named Festive Field. We have also positioned a mail box at the village hall and this can be used by residents to contact the parish council, in the future it will be the mailing address for the parish council.

Projects planned for the next 12 months include:

- To undertake major repairs to the play area using commuted sums funding
- To complete the landscaping works to Festive Field including the fitting of benches
- The launch of a new village newsletter to improve communication between the parish council and the village, it will also include information about what's on in the village
- To install a second defibrillator at the other end of the village near the shop
- To continue to provide services for the village including allotments and cemetery

We will also continue to ensure the council becomes more transparent in line with the regulations set down by the local and national government.

4. To receive the Financial Report for 2015/16

Each member of the Parish Council were given a copy of the year-end figures. The Clerk gave an explanation of the payments and expenditure for the year 2015/16. All agreed approval of the year-end figures.

Proposed by: Cllr. Armstrong

Seconded by: Cllr. James

5. Public Participation

No comments

Any other Business

None

The Annual Parish meeting was declared closed at 7.40pm