

## Minutes of the meeting of Burythorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 in the Church Hall

Present: J Hall (Chair), G Massey, I Collingwood, I Hutchinson, J Simpson, A Kilvington, J Raine and C Schofield. Also present: S Syms (clerk).

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from D Hill.

### 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and it was agreed that they were a true record.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

**Pub** – many good reviews about the new landlords, food, pub itself, etc. It was noted that the outside lights were brighter than necessary, but it was agreed to give the new people time to bed in before broaching it, if it's still thought to be an issue.

**Dog poo** – there was only one response to the request for possible locations for bins, so this was not conclusive. It was suggested that the PC writes to owners of holiday properties which allow dogs, to ask them to provide bags and a bin for visitors. This could also go in the newsletter.

**Action: Clerk**

**Puddle on road at Leavening end of village** – Clerk has reported it to highways and will follow this up.

**Action: Clerk**

**Letter to Middleton Hunt** – no response from the MFH and a very curt one from Lord Middleton, asking for a name (letter sent from whole PC) and saying that the hunt had nothing to do with him – he was only a trustee. We didn't feel that this made much sense but decided not to take it any further with him. It was agreed to write to the MFH again (IC?) before hunting restarts, asking that advance warning of hunting in the area must be given.

**Church Lane Flooding** – Simon H has written to NYC, David Boak has issues ongoing with Highways and David Quick is also going to write, on behalf of the church. PC to write, backing Simon H.

**Action: Clerk**

**Penhowe Lane Traffic** – HGVs and other unsuitable traffic continue to use this lane. The sign indicating that it is unsuitable has been taken down and needs replacing, as well as a new one at the other end. Clerk to report to Highways.

**Action: Clerk**

### 4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

J Hall and V Massey both said that they would like to stand down from their roles, although both were happy to remain on the PC. Many thanks were extended, particularly to JH for all the valuable work she has done as chair over the last six (?) years, keeping the meetings reasonably short, talking to landowners, mending signs, etc. After some discussion, J Raine (proposed by J Hall and seconded by I Hutchinson) was voted in as chair, and C Schofield (proposed by I Hutchinson and seconded by J Hall) was voted in as vice-chair.

### 5. GRASS CUTTING MONEY

It would appear that a contractor has been paid by NYC to cut verges in the village that either don't exist (eg outside the Church Hall) or are already cut by residents (eg outside Mount Farm House). It has been suggested that this money will now come to the PC to pay for grass cutting, but no sign yet. Clerk to follow up. Jonathon has done some cutting at Langton crossroads. It was suggested to ask Alistair or Steve to take on the cutting of the grass by the Lang Hill stone sign.

**Action: Clerk**

### 6. FOOTPATH SIGNS

More signs are needed in various places. IC to investigate whether we can get them from NYC or if we have to order ourselves.

**Action: IC**

### 7. RUBBISH ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND

Some complaints have been made about large items of household rubbish in 2 gardens (building plot below Lang Hill House and 6 Church/Park View), as it's very unsightly. C Schofield to speak with G Barclay to find out what her plans are with her items. Also a deconstructed car without wheels in Church View car park.

### 8. 'LAYBY' ON VIOLET HILL

JH wished to explain that large rocks had been placed on a part of the verge on Violet Hill which has become an unofficial layby, to deter people from parking so far over on the verge. The soil is becoming very compacted and causing water to run off the road into the field when it rains.

**9. REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

The clerk reminded everyone to update these. J Raine and C Schofield still to do. Clerk to inform NYC to add names to PC list.

**Action: Clerk**

**10. CLERK'S SALARY**

The payroll company informed the clerk that the current pay is below the minimum wage, and needs to increase to at least £68.64 a month. It was agreed to do this.

**Action: Clerk**

**11. DEAD TREE AT PLAYING FIELD**

Clerk to make sure that Sports Club Committee are aware.

**Action: Clerk**

**12. CHEQUES TO BE AUTHORISED**

None

**13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Ongoing issues with the licence for Lang Hill House and the cottage to be separated.

**14. AOB**

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**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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