

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

26th April 2022 at 7.30pm, at Burston Strike School, Church Green, Burston

Present:

Nigel Frankland	Chairman
Alison Wakeham	Vice-Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer
Angela Belgrove	
Keith Cowley	
John Mallows	
Mike Warwick	
Ann Baker	Clerk to the Council
Members of the public:	Co. Cllr. B. Duffin, 6 residents of the parish attended

Action

- 1. Welcome & introduction by the Chairman** - the Chair explained the reason for holding the Annual Parish Meeting - by law the Parish Council must facilitate a meeting for parishioners to discuss any topic amongst themselves; Cllr. Frankland introduced all members of the Parish Council to those present and thanked them for their contributions throughout the year
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th April 2021, via Zoom as a result of the Covid Pandemic** - it was resolved to approve the minutes, proposed Cllr. N. Frankland, seconded Cllr. A. Wakeham, all agreed
- 3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** - Cllr. Frankland presented his Annual Report, a copy is included in the file, topics included were: the usual activities within budget - the Precept was increased by £1 on Band D houses; Highways matters - SAMs recording, managing the Public Rights of Way; maintenance of the playing field, maintenance of the two churchyards; the installation of the defibrillator in Shimpling; the flooding in various parts of both villages in December 2021 - work in conjunction with Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance and various other parties is still on-going
A full copy of the report can be found in the file and on the website.
- 4. An Opportunity to Comment, question or raise issues from members of the community - Co. Cllr. B. Duffin - breakdown of what has happened during year, including information on:** – streetlights, Highways, Looked after children with personal plans, social care assistants, the budget for 22/23, including spending across key areas; e-scooters in Norwich; 15 new electric buses in Norwich; pothole prevention work/renovation work; new recycling centre & re-use centre at Harford Park and Ride; a new single-point of contact for flooding - 0344 800 8013.
Dist. Cllr. Easter - sent his apologies, Co. Cllr. Duffin gave an outline of SNC matters: last year again had been difficult - offices are still empty most of time, a decision as to where SNC/Broadland will operate from will be decided in the near future; a scheme to use the Council Chambers for Ukrainian refugees is providing assistance through the Help Hub, a point of arrival and contact for the refugees; the amount in the Community Action Fund

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has increased; local cycling/walking plans are being developed across the County; an initiative to install Electric Charging points will be launched in the near future;

Residents comments:

Apologies were received and accepted regarding the re-purposing of Playing Field;

Comments were made regarding the use of The Strike School – it is hoped it will be available for future events; links with the Trustees have improved currently there are only two trustees - the Regional Organiser at Unite Union and Peter Everard-Smith in Shimpling. There is considerable work to be done within/out the building, which is situated in the Conservation Area, any work will require a listed building application - the building may be a suitable for use by the anticipated Ukrainian refugees - it is not as large space as the Church, nor is it suitable for those with disabilities, although the Trustees have requested a BARN connection, making it a more usable space. The work would need to be completed before it would be useable;

Ideas for assisting the Ukrainian families that are expected - a crèche, knit & natter, coffee mornings etc. The situation at present is that there are two definite families, awaiting visas, another family has technical difficulties with passports, whilst another host is looking for a family group. It is hoped that in time the group will link with the Diss Group;

The Chapel thanked the Parish Council for the grant for 'Jamie's Gang,' - it had been used for a trip at Easter to 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' at Norwich Theatre Royal; a plea for assistance to rectify the water outside Chapel was raised as parents and carers are getting wet, the plaster is becoming damaged by the water – the Chair indicated the responsibility lay with Anglian Water - pothole has been patched, but the area it around has begun to sink; A resident indicated that from the Mill Road junction up to Chapel area there used to be a number of streams - a great deal of work has been carried out over the years by AW between Red House and The Chapel which has possibly upset the underground springs - it is still incumbent on AW to investigate and deal with the situation - there is a pond that the water could be re-directed too;

5. **Chairman's closing remarks** – Cllr. Frankland thanked everyone for attending, for their contributions - issues which would be discussed at future Parish Council meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm