

BURSTON AND SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

24th April 2018 at 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church, Burston

Present:

Ali Wakeham

Vice-Chairman

Christine Stephens

Tom Grieve

Lindsey Bilston

Jim Rudd

Keith Cowley

Ann Baker

Clerk to the Council

Members of the public:

19 residents of the parish attended

Action

1. **Welcome & introduction by the Chairman** - the Chair explained the reason for such a meeting - by law the Parish Council must facilitate a meeting for parishioners to discuss any topic amongst themselves; Cllr. Wakeham then introduced the members of Parish Council to those present
2. **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** - Cllr. Wakeham presented the report prepared by Cllr. Frankland, a copy is included in the file – an outline of various activities, projects, consultations throughout the year were mentioned and thanks were extended to those 'invisible volunteers' who help all around the village.
3. **Public session** - Residents raised the following:
 - **The Welcome Pack – Cllr. Cowley** reported that a new booklet has been compiled, containing information for new residents who come to live in the villages. Copies were available at the meeting, it is the intention to deliver a copy to each households and then when necessary to new-comers to the villages. Thanks were extended to Ruth and Keith Cowley for the preparation of the document
 - **Community Speed Watch - Cllr. Jim Rudd** reported that the issue of speeding has been recurring at Annual and regular meetings. A partnership bid with Tivetshall PC and NCC has enabled the two parishes to purchase a SAMs machine that displays speeds, recording the speed of the vehicle and the number of vehicles using the road. Three sites have been approved in Burston and Shimpling, and similarly in Tivetshall. Shared usage of the SAMs will be arranged once the machine arrives.

A Community Speed Watch team has also been recently trained. There are nine volunteers who have undertaken a training session, live sessions commenced in February, with a team per week monitoring one of the five approved sites sited in the two villages. Even with temporary signs, permanent signs and hi-viz jackets drivers are not always discouraged. From the 11 sessions to date, there have been 78 returns to the police, with 20 offenders coming from Diss direction on one evening. It should be noted that the majority of drivers are not local residents. If anyone is interested in joining the Speed Watch team, volunteers are always welcome and should contact Cllr. Jim Rudd

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- **Emergency Plan** - Dean Charnley has agreed to take on this role. He reported that he has met with Norfolk First Responders - looking through the documents there will be a need to update the information. He emphasised that the new Data Protection Regulations will be noted and adhered too. Currently there is no information regarding local businesses, where local hazards may be, out of hours business contacts etc.
Further information will be made available in the near future. Thanks were extended to Mr. Charnley for the report and work to date.
- **BMX** - Cllr. Cowley reported that the BMX track on the Playing Field is well used both by locals and by those from further afield despite the drainage problem on the site. The Parish Council have agreed to put in land drains thus enabling use throughout the year. Assistance in funding has come from SNC and Adnams, Anglia Water have offered to provide all the materials for the project as a contribution to the community. The work was planned for the end of March but due to inclement weather has been postponed until early May. Volunteers would be most welcome along with their spade & wheelbarrow
- Alongside the track is the Community Orchards, this was created in 2014 to commemorate the start of the World War, fruit trees were planted and a bench installed, the number of trees equates to those who fell in the villages. The grass has been cut, trees trimmed, three trees have been replaced, along with a new flower bed created and planted with 4,000 poppy seeds to commemorate the end of the World War

Residents were thanked for the concerns that had raised, where appropriate the Parish Council will look into these matters or pass the concerns on to the relevant authority. Those who had reported were thanked for the updates on the projects around the villages.

4. **Presentation from Anglian Water regarding the new sewerage project**

4.1 - Three representatives from Anglian Water attended the meeting. The report gave an update of progress which is now coming towards its end - the majority of pipes have been installed, 80% of manholes are complete, the pumping stations are nearly complete and should be completed by end of June, the roadworks should be complete by end of May. In the long run the community will benefit, the company have learnt many lessons have been learnt throughout the project, steps have been taken to improve situations through the periods of works. In future Anglian Water will ensure that consultation is carried out carefully and with adherence to local information supplied.

The verges are to be reinstated towards the end of the project commencing in the near future and over the remaining weeks. Anglian Water have worked with the Primary School and donated funds towards a netball pitch, thanks had been received from children and staff.

There is still remedial work on Market Lane to be sorted, a metre has been lost on either side of the Lane - this feedback will be passed onto the team. It is planned to commission the project at the end of June or as soon as the pumping stations are completed; Co. Cllr. Spratt appreciated the efforts made by Anglian Water, he enquired which officer at Highways did Anglian Water dealing with as issues as they arose, which would enable the work to progress more readily. Anglian Water agreed to keep Co. Cllr. Spratt informed of developments. The Site Manager has been good, keeping regular contact. Customer focus has been weak & will be addressed in future projects with regular leaflets and letters, it was felt that the Site Manager should be able to send report for a letter drop;

Other issues - road closures, leaks on Mill Road would be addressed, The Crown had not been not informed of the change of plan on their green - where major event is due to take place;

Repairs – it was suggested that a Councillor and a member of the Highways team should accompany the reinstatement team – Anglia Water agreed that this was a valid suggestion. The Chair thanked the team for their attendance and report.

5. **Community Action Team report & re-election of officers** – Cllr. Frankland’s report is attached - it noted the various activities that had occurred during the year. There followed the election of the committee – Nigel Frankland, Keith Baxter, Lindsey Bilston were all prepared to continue and were voted onto the committee by those present, unanimously

6. **Presentation from B4RNorfolk project - David Evans, Chair at Tivetshall Village Hall and Mike Davey**

B4RNorfolk - Mike Davey gave an overview of the state of Broadband in the locality and the aim to emulate Lancashire group. A number of groups has been formed in this area - mapping areas, where houses are, how to include all in such a Community Project. Once the map has been created, the team work closely with landowners to ascertain the costing of whole project and investment for project, largely with the labour of a raft of volunteers. To date from the A143, down to the River Waveney, to Oakley and Brome, crossing the A143 into Scole where a live service is being trialled - all welcome to pop along on a Friday evening to experience the service. Thelveton will be a hub with good cooperation coming from the landowner, they have also met with teams from Gissing and Burston which have now been mapped, a presentation is to be made to the communities with proposals of costs of the project and the aim to bring fibre to every home

Questions regarding the reliability of the service were clarified - with a cabinet at the end of the road, modern technology glass fibre which is not affected by much and were a problem to occur there is a team which would responds immediately and effectively.

Funding – a price per parish is worked out, by buying shares in B4RNs, with a 4 year return of 5% , with tax investors, a community will raise sufficient money, not all will be able invest, thus individuals can earn shares by helping dig manholes, channels etc. There is a £150 connection fee for the life of property, the service is £30 per month, with different charges for micro businesses and larger businesses.

B4RNS were thanked for the report and further information will be made available to residents interested in the project

7. **Burston & Shimpling Oil Buying Group, appointment of co-ordinator** - the report is attached. Cllr. Wakeham explained how new members can join the syndicate, how the group works, where to find the details and most importantly please let Cllr. Frankland know you are a member. Cllr. Wakeham stated that Cllr. Frankland was prepared to stand again as co-ordinator, as no-one else offered the vote was unanimous for him to continue in this role.

8. **Reports from Co. Cllr. Spratt & Dist. Cllr. Stone** -
 - 8.1 **Co. Cllr. Spratt** commented on the successful meeting, he offered his congratulations to The Crown, the work carried out by Anglia Water and the re-development of the Welcome Pack, the monthly mobile Library visits.

The following issues were raised by residents - the blind spot on Diss Rd.; the issue of contamination in Frenze Brook, which to date the Environmental Agency had been unable

to locate the source of pure sewerage. **ACTION** - Clerk to mail the details to Co. Cllr. B. Spratt

9. **Presentation regarding the progress of the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr. Wakeham reported that the parishes involved are very active - the first consultation has been sent and results collated. There were 42 responses from Burston and Shimpling. There will be more opportunities for comments on various parts of the plan which will be used to construct the policies and information on the website
10. **Presentation: The Don Swanton Award** - Cllr. Grieve gave an over view of the award; this year there had been several nominations - with votes from across the parish. The nomination with the most votes was The Burston Crown. This is much appreciated by community not only as a pub, but through events arranged throughout the year, with donations to charities, for a wheelchair, a music bursary, regular live music, it has been recognised at a County level and now the Parish can show its appreciation – this is a very public thank you from us all. Bev Kembery replied that they were honoured to accept this award on behalf of all those who work at the pub, they had been part of the community since 2015 and were enjoying the support of the community in the various events organised
11. **Chairman’s closing remarks** – Cllr. Wakeham thanked all for attending, the caterers for the cakes and refreshments, the presentations. If there were any further questions would residents please raise them with any of the Councillors present. A reminder that on Remembrance Sunday there would be the lighting of a beacon at Dickleburgh and Rushall Village Centre, as part of the ‘Battles Over’ celebrations – there is a Commonwealth War grave in Shimpling, along with a roll of honour in Burston Church. If there are any ideas for an event in Burston and Shimpling please contact a Councillor.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm