

Minutes of Borwick Parish Meeting held on 9 January 2019

Present:

Cllr R Mace, Co Cllr P Williamson, Mr D Scott, Mrs C Helme, Mrs S Dowdall, Mrs J Tombs, Mrs S Barnes, Mrs J Taylor, Mr B Fell, Mrs M Thomas, Mr G Turner, Mrs H Turner, Mr D Smith, Mr M Thewlis, Mrs J Thewlis, Zain Thewlis, Kyla Thewlis.

Apologies:

Mrs L Cook, Mrs M Thorns, Mr S Thorns, Mr P Sharp, Mrs S Sharp, Mrs D Fell

2019/09 Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Time was allocated before the Meeting officially began to discuss the recent resignation of the entire committee, the resolution of the issues involved around those resignations and the future of the Parish Meeting if replacement officers did not come forward for election.

2019/10: Matters arising:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes of 4 October which were read, approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

2019/11: Chairman's report:

Borwick Fishing

Work was complete and the house clad in stone. The bridle path down to Borwick Fishing and Kingfisher Lodge had been tarmaced but it was not known despite enquiries who authorised, carried out or paid for the work.

Dog fouling is still an issue but had improved

Kingfisher Lodge

Planning enforcement conditions were being upheld apart from doors/windows to be replaced but the site is much improved

South Lakeland Leisure

A reply was received from Jonathan Haine at Lancashire County Council to say recent development complies with original planning for the south side and is 'permitted development'. On the Villa site, on the north side, a planning application has been submitted to normalise the site and any further development is being carried out at the applicant's own risk.

Clearwater Fisheries

LCC/2017/0024

Application for reconfiguration of existing lakes, including removal, construction and extension of bunds and completion of embankment adjacent to the M6

18/01355/FUL

Change of use of holiday cottage to site manager's accommodation.

Erection of 2 storey side extension and erection of single storey extensions to front and rear

Some residents felt the site was becoming too large and commercialised and that the Parish Meeting should write to complain.

The motion was proposed by Joyce Tombs and seconded by Jane Taylor but the majority voted against writing to the owner.

2019/12 Clerk's report:

East Gate Lodge

The objection process has been referred to the ombudsman as a Stage 2 Complaint. Keer Holme Lane road closure from 3-21 December to enable utility works to take place for the site led to an 18 mile long detour for residents.

7 December 2018

Lancashire County Council budget consultation

4 January 2019

Local Plan Consultation

2019/13 Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported that there was £493.38 in the NatWest bank and £822.17 in the Skipton Building Society giving a total of £1315.55. The annual subscription for LALC is still to be paid out. No payment has been made towards the joint villages website yet this year. Figures and payees for next year's budget were carried over from last year and these included the Clerks honorarium, the village newsletter, donation to Air Ambulance and Memorial Hall or Community project. For various reasons donations for projects at the Memorial Hall would not be required for the next 2 years and there was no community project imminent.

It was proposed by Sheila Barnes to give a donation to Blood Bikers, seconded by Claire Helme and agreed by all present. It was also decided that this would be in addition to the Air Ambulance donation

A proposal to accept the accounts was given by the Treasurer and accepted by all present.

Precept

Discussion was had about whether the precept could be set given the uncertain future of the Meeting.

The Treasurer proposed that the precept be set at £1000 as previously, this was seconded by Dave Scott and agreed by all present.

As this was her final report Sue Dowdall wished the new Treasurer well in their role and she was thanked by all present for her hard work over the last 4 years.

2019/14 Election of officers for 2019/20:

Dave Smith was proposed as Chairman and Dave Scott as Treasurer and this was accepted by all present.

The Clerk, Claire Helme, stated that she could not stand again as it would not allow her to work on village flooding issues owing to the conflict of interest and there were no other volunteers for the role. Given agreement to work on flooding via a PHLAG type group she agreed, at a later date, to continue for one further year only as Clerk.

2019/15 Poors Land report and annual financial statement:

The field had been strimmed and some small trees planted which was improving drainage. Balance of account in the Skipton stands at £1930.11 plus £2.38 of interest and rent of £275.00 giving a total of £2205.11

2019/16 Annual village litter pick:

This was set for 2 March meeting at White Gables at 10am which was later changed to Borwick Lodge.

2019/17 AOB:

It was pointed out that the Green had been tidied and Borwick Hall car park strimmed. A section of hedge was sticking out by Linden Hall Bungalow but this would be sorted out when the whole hedge is cut later in the year.

2019/18 Date of next meeting:

This was scheduled for 16 May at 7.30pm at Borwick Hall.