Burton Fleming Parish Council

Chair: Cllr Keith Wells, Vice Chair: Cllr Stephen Brambles, Clerk to the Council: Mrs Sarah Marr



ANNUAL REPORT

May 2012 to April 2013

Members of the Parish Council for 2012/13

Chairman:

Cllr Keith Wells	Southfield House, South Lane	2 470280
Vice Chairman:		

2 470226

Spring Cottage, South Street

Councillors:

Cllr Stephen Brambles

Jill Hairsine	Refuge Farm, Ninedykes Road, Rudston	2 470233
Julia Jackson	18 Wold Newton Road	2 470523
Robert Lindley	North Burton Hall, Hunmanby Road	2 470519
Carol Skelton	Clickham Grange, Burton Fleming	2 470409
Brenda Southwell	Pear Tree Farm, South Lane	2 470349
Malcolm Thompson	Meadowside, Thwing Road	2 470394
Stephen Wells	Manor House Farm	2 470256

Clerk to the Council:

Mrs Sarah Marr	Cherry Trees, Hunmanby Road	2 470534
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It is with regret to note that Cllr Malcolm Thompson has tendered his resignation to the Parish Council as of 10 May 2013. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish, would like to extend his thanks and gratitude to Malcolm for all of his hard work and commitment to the village of Burton Fleming following his 19 years of service.

The new municipal year of 2013/2014 will start with a vacancy to be filled on the Parish Council.

Chairman's Overview

We started the past year with a completely new team, with me as Chairman, Stephen Brambles as Vice and Sarah Marr as our new Clerk to the Council, little did we know what was in store for us all.

After settling in to our roles everything was going along nicely, we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee which involved the whole village in various events. Then just before Christmas the Gypsey Race started to flow, as it kept rising day by day it quickly became apparent that we had a crisis on our hands and initially no help was forthcoming from the authorities. The villagers of Burton Fleming rose to the challenge and used every available resource to stop homes being flooded. Slowly the situation came under control and now four months later we are in the position of investigating what might be done to prevent this happening again.

We continue to enhance our village by placing plants along the edge of the school pond, replacing the parish notice board and we will shortly be replacing the village map on Front Street.

The crisis we experienced over the Christmas period brought out the best in everyone, seeing the whole village rally round to help fellow residents and many thanks must go to all those who helped in many different ways.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and Ward Councillors for their continuing support. Also, particular thanks must go to our Clerk Sarah Marr, who worked tirelessly during the flooding, liaising with authorities and arranging meetings to keep the village informed of the situation.

Cllr Keith Wells Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Meetings and Village Activities

May 2012:

Following the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May 2012, Cllr Keith Wells was elected for his first term as Chairman following the resignation of Cllr David Woodcock after 30 years service to the Village and Parish Council. Cllr Stephen Brambles was elected as Vice Chair and Mrs Sarah Marr was employed as the new Clerk to the Council following the retirement of Mrs Susan Wainwright after 9 years service.

A vacancy for a councillor was advertised. A by- election would take place if by 7 June, 10 electors for the parish gave notice to County Hall claiming such an election. Vacancy would be filled by co-option if no such notice was given.

The village street scene walkabout took place on 17 May 2012. This was an opportunity for the Parish Council and residents to highlight concerns with regard to village maintenance and the condition of paths and roads etc.

June 2012:

A Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Service was held at St Cuthbert's Church on 3 June 2012. Children under 16 years old were invited to be presented with their own Jubilee Mug which was donated by the Parish Council. This was followed by a bring your own picnic, with games and music for all the family.

The Burton Fleming Village Enhancement Committee supported Jubilee celebrations at The Barn, Hall Farm on 4 June. The afternoon celebrations began with fun and games with an entertainer for children followed by a Ceilidh (Barn Dance) and a hog roast in the evening.

The Village Hall Committee held an afternoon tea dance in the village hall for the over 60's residents. This was a traditional tea with ham salad with trifle for desert reminicent of previous jubilee celebrations. This was followed by dancing and a sharing of memories by Mrs Woodcock.

July 2012:

A new Code of Conduct came into force on 1 July 2012 which changed personal and prejudicial interests to pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

Mr Robert Lindley, North Burton Hall, Burton Fleming, Driffield, YO25 3PT was declared to be elected as Parish Councillor, without a contest by the Returning Officer, East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

August 2012:

Residents were asked to participate in bringing better broadband to villages and outlying areas by completing an online questionnaire. This was to highlight that there was enough demand to secure better online services for the village.

September 2012:

Residents were asked to provide any ideas or comments regarding facilities within the village as the Parish Council were preparing their budget for the following year in respect of the Precept Demand for 2013/2014.

The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust started work on the Parish Ponds Project for the School Pond. This project was aimed at improving wildlife and vegetation around the pond and to make it more atheistically pleasing.

October 2012:

The Parish Council secured some Local Grant Fund Money to purchase a new Parish Notice Board and Village Map.

November 2012:

Following a series of accidents and increased speeding within the village, ERYC commissioned an automotive speed count as a result of lobbying by the Burton Fleming Speed Awareness Group and the Parish Council. The count was commissioned to help substantiate these ongoing problems with the hope that speed reduction measures could be put in place.

The Parish Council agreed to help the Playground Committee with some of the expenditure for the Play Park. The Playground Committee setup a Friends of the Park scheme, whereby residents pledge to donate an annual sum to help with the upkeep of the park. This has proved successful to date.

December 2012:

The Gypsey Race flooded at Christmas time and this caused a lot of concern and anxiety amongst residents. It was devastating for some, especially those who had to leave their properties. Residents worked hard to help each other try and keep the water at bay as did all the public services. Ongoing assistance is taking place from ERYC to help the village plan defences for any future flooding.

The Christmas tree on the village green this year was supplied by Lowthorpe Settlements. Mr David Woodcock and other members of the village kindly erected the tree and its lights.

January 2013:

The Burton Fleming Flood Relief Fund was set up after several kind donations from local businesses and churches were received. Residents were invited to apply to the fund to pay for substantiated items that were paid for as a result of the flood.

February 2013:

ERYC made a decision to roll out a new service whereby the green and blue bins will be emptied on a fortnightly basis instead of once a week and monthly respectively.

March 2013:

Residents were invited to attend the Touch the Spirit of Community Life service at St Cuthbert's Church on 2 March following the flooding in December

A Village Emergency Plan was published. Copies of this are held in the Chairman's home, Village Hall, Clerks home and with ERYC.

Other Village Groups:

Village Enhancement Committee (VEC):

It was sad to note that the Jubilee Celebrations that were held in June were in fact a final farewell from the VEC. Having decided earlier in the year to disband, the funds that were left over were used to pay for some of the Jubilee Celebrations, so that all the residents could benefit and have a really great party. The VEC members worked very hard fundraising in the village, with the highlight of past years being the Scarecrow Festival and the Duck Race which brought many visitors from far and wide.

Playground Committee:

As mentioned previously, The Playground Committee have continued fundraising in the village to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the playground by way of forming a Friends of the Playground Group and they will continue to hold the Duck Race each year when water levels permit.

The Village Hall:

The Village Hall Committee continue to arrange some great activities and performances for the village and the Parish Council are grateful for the part they played during the Flood by keeping the Hall open as a Flood Management Centre.

St Cuthbert's and Methodist Church:

The Parish Council are also grateful to the Burton Fleming Churches for their spiritual help and donations to the village for flood relief as well as being able to use their premises for public meetings.

Summary of Planning Applications

June 2012:

Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission 09/00653/STPLF to allow siting of mobile home for an additional two years at Land North of Maidens Grave Farm, Grindale Road, Burton Fleming, East Riding of Yorkshire for ROBERT LINDLEY LTD.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

July 2012:

Erection of two storey extension at rear at Thornbrough House, West Lane, Burton Fleming, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 3PW for Mr and Mrs D Southwell.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

August 2012:

Construction of a dormer window to front and installation of three roof lights and patio doors at rear at Orchard Side, South Street, Burton Fleming, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 3PE for MRS S SCADDEN.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

September 2012:

Erection of Wind Turbine (height 30.4m to hub and 44.9m to tip) and construction of new access road **(re-submission of 11/03329/PLF)** at Land South of Burton Fleming Grange, Wold Newton Road, Burton Fleming for Mr Stephen Wells.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Erection of Wind Turbine (45m to hub and 67m to tip) with cable route and associated ancilliary development at Land South of North Cotes Road, **WOLD NEWTON**, YO25 3HY for EMPIRICA INVESTMENTS LTD.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL

Proposed siting of 2 x 24.6m hub and 32.4m to tip high wind turbine at Land West of New Road **SPEETON**, Filey, North Yorkshire for MR DAVID ALLISON, Grid Ref 514854-473956.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL

December 2012:

Erection of a replacement porch to front at 4 School Lane, Burton Fleming, East Riding of Yorkshire, YO25 3PX for Mr and Mrs Ellison

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

February 2013:

Removal of condition 1 (agricultural occupancy of planning permission K2862 (E) at the Bungalow, Westfield House Farm, Penny Lane, Burton Fleming, YO25 3PZ for WG Coleman and Partners.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Erection of a dwelling to replace temporary mobile home at West Hale Farm, Grindale Road, Burton Fleming, YO25 3HR for ROBERT LINDLEY LTD.

RECOMMENDED IF APPROVED BY ERYC, CONDITIONS BE NOTED

Erection of wind turbine (60.7m to tip, 44m to hub, 33.4m rotor diameter) and associated works at Land North East Of Westfield Farm, Foxholes Road, Wold Newton, for Empirica Investments Ltd.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL

Erection of single storey and dormer extensions to rear following demolition of existing conservatory at The Ridings, South Street, Burton Fleming, YO25 3PE, for Mr A and Mrs R Allerston.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Sarah Marr Clerk to the Council