

Burton Fleming Parish Council

Chair: Cllr Andrew Marr, Vice Chair: Cllr Brenda Southwell, Clerk to the Council: Miss Jennifer Hobson



ANNUAL REPORT

2023/2024

Members of the Parish Council for 2023/24

Chairman:

Andrew Marr Cherry Trees, Hunmanby Road 📞 07580100209

Vice Chairman:

Brenda Southwell. Pear Tree Farm, South Lane 📞 470349

Councillors:

Trish Stansfield Dunelm, South Street 📞 470414

Sue Kirven. Westfield Farm Cottage 📞 07930672215

Carol Skelton Clickham Grange, Burton Fleming 📞 470409

Kate Mercer Pear Tree Cottage, South Lane. 📞 470556

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Emma Hayton Fern View, Front Street 📞 470941

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Clerk to the Council:

Miss Jennifer Hobson Flat 5 Weldon Court, Weaponness Park,
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Chairman's Overview – May 2024

2023/24 has been an eventful year starting with a Parish Council election.

Firstly, a special thank you must be given to Keith Wells, Jill Hairsine, Julia Jackson and Richard Hayton who provided their time, experience and knowledge as Burton Fleming Parish Councillors for many years. I sincerely appreciate both old and new Parish Councillors for their hard work and efforts year after year.

Secondly, it is great that so many of Burton Fleming residents take a keen interest in the Parish Council and as a result of the election we welcome Emma Hayton, Sue Kirven, Kate Mercer and Trish Stansfield to reflect the views of Burton Fleming residents.

In relation to the cemetery extension; the planning conditions have been met and an extension to the existing path has been completed. A thank you must be given to Stephen Brambles who has kindly planned new grave plots within the additional area, in total there are 2 remaining plots in the "old" area and potentially another 300 within the "new" extension. We are currently preparing the "new" area for consecration and once completed the new cemetery will allow anyone who has had connections with Burton Fleming to use our cemetery as their final resting place.

For the second year in a row, the stretch of the Gypsy Race through the village was inspected and where possible anything which would restrict the flow was removed. Following a very wet autumn and winter period the Gypsy Race has flowed this year and whilst the Gypsy Race did not breach its bank within the village, it was very close and did breach its bank onto the highway just downstream of the village. Regular monitoring was being undertaken and there were various agencies prepared to respond as appropriate.

At the January Parish Council meeting it was proposed that a working group consisting of World Newton, Rudston and Burton Fleming Parish Councils in conjunction with ERYC to review the level of silt which has accumulated over many years and is potentially restricting the current flow. Burton Fleming Parish Council agreed to be involved and I look forward providing you an update in due course.

The Mere Pond remains in a poor state and it has not been possible to add water to it, it is considered that the best approach is to remove the silt first, however this is potentially beyond the current financial means of the Parish Council. An old document from 1960 was identified and suggested that ERYC had responsibility for the pond. We put this to ERYC, however after a number of months ERYC have stated whilst they are responsible for the pond, they don't have the resources nor budget to deal with this for the foreseeable. Mr Lindley kindly offered to do the dredging with the support of the Parish Council. A Mere Pond working group has been formed and it is hoped that a feature can be made of the pond and surrounding land.

Last but not least important, a big thank you must go to Jennifer, our Parish Clerk, the members of the Parish Council along with the all the residents who help make Burton Fleming a fantastic village in which to live and call home.

Andrew Marr

Chairman Burton Fleming Parish Council

Summary of Parish Council Meetings and Activities

May 2023

Parish Council Officers

Following the elections in May 2023, the Parish Council welcomed a few new faces, Kate Mercer, Emma Hayton, Sue Kirven and Trish Stansfield.

Cllr Andrew Marr was elected as Chairman and Cllr Brenda Southwell was elected as Vice Chairman.

Miss Jennifer Hobson continued her position as Clerk to the Council.

Cemetery Extension

A King's Coronation Seat was purchased and will be installed in the cemetery extension once initial works have completed.

Village Pub

Following the closure and subsequent sale by auction of the village pub it was agreed that the building should be registered as a Community Asset.

July 2023

Speed Watch Group

The Parish Council agreed to support a Speed Watch Group and supply the relevant Public Liability insurance.

September 2023

Water Pump Damage

The Water Pump was repaired following damage sustained by a vehicle. Thankfully the Parish Council's insurance was able to cover the costs of this work.

Village Green

Some work was undertaken to tidy up the village green following the recent sewerage leak.

November 2023:

Gypsey Race

The annual inspection walk of the Gypsey Race took place and various concerns were noted and photographed. Some concerns were immediately rectified and the rest were dealt with shortly afterwards.

Cemetery Extension

A decision was taken to begin work on the new site with the footpath extension.

December 2023:

Village Christmas Tree

Thank you to Mr Camish for kindly supplying the village green Christmas tree in December. And thanks once again to Mr David Woodcock and all those who helped in putting the tree up, decorating it and of course taking the tree down again.

The Parish Council purchased a new set of Christmas Lights for the tree.

January 2024:

Parish Precept

The Parish Precept for 2024/2025 was set at £10,285.

Cemetery Extension

Arrangements for the consecration of the land at the new site were set in motion but it was acknowledged that this would be a lengthy process as there are lots of criteria to be satisfied before a consecration can take place.

Mere Pond

After a lengthy investigation, ERYC have finally acknowledged that the responsibility for the Mere Pond and surrounding land was theirs, however they confirmed that they have neither the resources nor the budget to do any dredging any time soon. The Parish Council agreed to look into the possibility of taking the project on along with the help of local residents. Apart from dredging the pond, the hope is to make a feature of the pond. It was agreed to form a Working Group to see this project through.

Speed Watch Group

It was confirmed that there was sufficient interest within the village in forming a group and the first meeting of the group was held in January.

March 2024:

Mere Pond

A Mere Pond Working Group was formed, it was hoped that an initial meeting would take place in April and an update would be given at the Parish Council meeting in May.

Speed Watch Group

A training session was held in March for all those involved in the group. 4 sites around the village have been identified as suitable for monitoring of traffic. It is hoped that monitoring would begin in May or sooner.

Village Community Groups

Burton Fleming Playground

The playground remains a valued facility within the village and is well supported by the local community. This year has been an excellent year for fundraising events, with great support from an ever-expanding committee and volunteers. We have held a race night using the village hall, fun run and duck race. The race night was a great success with everyone having an amazing time on the evening using the village hall to the full. The fun run was a great success as always, with a good attendance. The first ever New Year's day duck race was held, with fair weather and great attendance.

Due to everyone's wonderful support of these events it was decided by the committee to leave the Friends of the Park initiative this year due to excellent support for the other events held. If the regular Friends of the park contributors wanted to give as usual this was still possible directly to one of the committee.

The playground is looking brilliant after all the hard work but is starting to show its age as it has been in place for about 14 years. The posts on the fence have rotted and some of the stepping logs on the trail were found to be dangerous. A busy day with volunteers was organised with repairs undertaken as necessary. More work is planned for spring 2024. At some point the main timbers of the swing sets and climbing frame are going to be found to need replacing by the inspection. Funds need to be ready for this repair in the future as the posts are only available from Playdale playgrounds at some expense. The annual inspection has been undertaken by RoSPA. (Royal society for the prevention of accidents) rather than Playdale at half the cost. The inspection was successful with the insurance up to date.

After discussions it has been decided that the area of the park needing improvement was the goal. We feel the playground needs a goal area similar to that at Thwing so the goal can be used for football or netball without the ball ending up in the field. We had a few quotes for a goal wall of which the cheapest was over £6000, not within our budget. We have priced up the materials and think it is possible to build our own version of a goal wall based on the one at Thwing for around £2000. Hopefully this will be completed by late spring and installed by the volunteers ready for a busy summer.

The natural play logs are the only point in the inspection report which need work urgently. New logs will hopefully be acquired soon. A sand pit has been proposed and will hopefully be built in the coming year. Once a new goal is in place the playground will be in good condition for purpose with only maintenance required in the future.

Unfortunately, the playground was found to have a bullock in it recently which is both highly dangerous for any children or adults wanting to use the facility and unacceptable. In fact, a mother and two small children were heading to play in the playground but changed their mind after finding a bullock present. The second gate to the playground was found to be extensively damaged after the beast had been in the playground. Fires have also been lit in the playground this year, so vigilance is necessary.

Many thanks to the Parish council for their continued support for this important village amenity.

Jim Coleman, Playground Committee

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH - 2024

Church life at St Cuthbert's has fallen into a regular pattern now with no service on the first Sunday of the month but we all join our friends at St James, Fordon at 3pm for our worship time together. The second Sunday is usually Morning Worship, a time to sing, pray and listen to readings. The third Sunday is the Sunday for Holy Communion. The fourth Sunday is the Benefice Sunday when we join together with the other churches in our benefice and meet for worship at one of their churches. This means we can visit all our churches in rotation. If there is a fifth Sunday then we have a Celebration Gathering – such as Love, Hope, the Coronation, Light, Harvest and more recently St Cuthbert. It was so interesting to learn more about our patron saint and to watch a film about him... we had a lovely lunch too. Remembrance Sunday was very well supported even though someone moved the wreath (which has now been retrieved). It was standing room only at the Christingle Celebration and the lighting of the Christmas tree was very well attended, again lots of fun, singing and eating. Sadly, the number of baptisms and weddings has fallen this year, such a pity when we have such lovely churches, both here and at St James, Fordon. There are so many other venues available for weddings now and we have suffered because of them.

Again, our Tea on the Green proved very popular and successful and hopefully the sun will shine this year too, we shall be holding another walk around Treasure Hunt, so watch this space. We gather on a Monday morning at 9.30am for a time of PRAYER, WORSHIP & REFLECTION. A time to think and pray about anything that's on your mind. Our POPIN get-together on a Tuesday morning continues to grow and we now hold a Craft & Chat session on the first Tuesday of the month also.

Services at St James, Fordon, continue to prove popular and are growing from strength to strength. Our Afternoon Tea followed by an outdoor celebration of Holy Communion was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who has continued to care for our churches and have attended our services when they could. So, on we go, there is much to do in the Lord's name & to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ alive in our villages. Our grateful thanks as always to the Parish Council for all their support not forgetting the grass-cutting !!!!

Revd Barbara Hodgson.

Village Hall

The Coronation Year of 2023 proved to be quite a good one and it turned into a rather good year for the Village Hall too, after the distractions of previous years. Bookings have steadily risen, so that in 2023 we hosted almost double the events of 2022.

We had applied for funding to run 'Winter Warmers', which did come through, and this funded the event from December 2022 till the end of March 2023, gaining us a set of ten nice small tables and some useful kitchen equipment as a result. It is good that the Hall is getting more use, and bringing many more people together, more often. It is particularly pleasing that one of our newest bookings, the Phoenix Dance Group, are there for the younger children, so allowing us to offer activities of interest to a wide age range.

As previously, the New Year's Dance in January with Sticklebricks was a sell-out, and a great success.

Our Coffee Mornings seem to be attracting a larger and growing audience regularly. A couple of villagers provide us stalwart support. Their stall and what they have on it proves very popular with many visitors, which in turn is a big help with the profits on the day. We get regular support too from a local artist with her own art work, and this year we had two ladies bring their cosmetic products to offer. They have both been pleased with their sales, and of course, the rent from their stalls added a little more to the total receipts. The Bric a Brac stall is an unsung success, it is remarkable what interesting items we get donated, as well as a few duds, and that people go away happy with their purchases, and we have books too, so they can have a read as well. Some rather good value platter meals were on offer at several of the Coffee Mornings. They proved popular, and made a modest profit, but as well as that, they seemed to bring more people in spending money and so make the event as a whole take a good deal more money, whilst pleasing more people at the same time. The Coffee Mornings probably make the biggest contribution from events we organise ourselves, and that is thanks to the unsung heroes who set things up, organise and do the cooking and catering, and pack away and clean up after. We are obliged to them.

In April the "Race the Waves" lunch stop filled the car park to bursting with some very interesting vehicles. Early in May was the well-attended Coronation Party, with a fantastic raffle. Both events were well regarded.

We did have a very rare booking for us. A Polling Station. Unfortunately, we cannot regard it as regular income.

The Lottery too continues reliably helping our finances. Our fund often benefits from the support of the Summer residents of both the Windmill Country Park, and Scenic View, as well as their coming to the Coffee Mornings.

As weekly events, Chair Aerobics and Bowls attract good regular attendance. Whist Drives have proved very popular, as a result of which we have gone from four a year to one a month. All these three events serve a good purpose in that they not only provide enjoyable meetings for those customers, they help keep their minds and bodies alert and active at the same time.

We have provided support to two tractor runs too.

We did try a "Pop up Pub" as a one off, and it was judged a success, both financially and socially. It has been suggested it would be nice to do it again occasionally. That would be easier if we could find one or two volunteers to help with the organisation and running it.

We had four single events in the later part of the year, all successful.

We held a very successful Children's Halloween Party, followed later by a Christmas Wreath making evening, the participants went home very happily from that. And the Christmas Raffle was a big success. As with the Coronation, we had excellent support from the many individuals and businesses, who provided us with very many good prizes. Bad Apple Theatre visited us just the once, with 'Farmer Scrooges Christmas Carol' and were again well received.

We are still hoping to run one or two training events, but finding Tutors to provide them is not always easy.

That the Hall finds more uses to more people is a good outcome. We see an increase in Party Bookings, which is a complement to our excellent facilities. Most of the people who

book the Hall leave it tidy for us, and are a pleasure to deal with. We also get support from many other sources, large and small, some help in unseen ways, but they all help make the Village Hall the success it is. To them all we are so grateful.

The Village Hall, and myself on its behalf, are members of several different Associations relating to the running and management of our Hall, and I find the East Riding Village Hall Network offers most useful support.

The Committee carried on with improvements and upgrades to the Hall's facilities, and in this year, we installed Broadband in the Hall, as well as renewing the boundary fence, and re-surfacing the car park. These latter make a big improvement to the look of the Hall and its surrounds. We are looking towards a Video Projector and sound system for the future.

This was a good year. I hope that we can continue to grow our success. 2024 has started well, if we could exceed 2023, that would be some achievement.

I offer the greatest thanks to all those who have helped us in this.

Kate Mercer, Treasurer and Trustee of the Village Hall

Village Newsletter

We would like to thank Carly and Rob Webb who edited the Village Newsletter for the year. Thanks also go to Malcolm Thompson and his team of helpers who continue to fold and distribute the newsletter every month.

It is pleasing to note that the Parish Council continue to receive plenty of generous donations from residents of the village. These along some revenue from advertising have helped keep the newsletter going and will hopefully continue to do so.

Community Defibrillator

We would like to thank Mandy Miller for continuing to monitor the community defibrillator inside the telephone box on Front Street, making sure it is maintained appropriately and ready for use whenever needed.

Burton Fleming Village Hall Fund

Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover		
Lottery tickets	1,603	1,711
Coffee mornings	4,116	2,422
Whist drives and socials	3,360	2,888
Coronation income	287	-
Hire of hall	4,522	2,107
Donations	468	4,530
Grants	3,626	3,499
	<u>17,982</u>	<u>17,157</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Lottery prizes	(660)	(660)
Licences	(170)	(219)
Ground rent	(15)	(15)
Rates	(119)	(97)
Light, heat and power	(1,856)	(970)
Insurance	(788)	(705)
Repairs and renewals	(1,822)	(321)
Printing, postage and stationery	(236)	(223)
Sundry expenses	(444)	(310)
Cleaning	(1,903)	(1,639)
Accountancy fees	(400)	(490)
Architect fees	-	(510)
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(451)	(345)
Subscription	-	(57)
BT	(325)	-
Coronation expenses	(627)	-
WW expenses	(1,942)	-
History expenses	(75)	-
	<u>(11,833)</u>	<u>6,561</u>
	6,149	10,596
Interest Receivable		
Bank Interest Receivable	14	2
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>6,163</u></u>	<u><u>10,598</u></u>

Burton Fleming Parish Council**Financial Statement for the Period Ending Mar-24****Income & Expenditure Statement**

	Actual 2023/24	Budget 2023/24	F/C Variance 2023/24
<u>Receipts</u>			
Precept / Council Tax Grant	9,350.00	9,350.00	-
Bank Interest	272.16	20.00	252.16
Rent from Land	60.00	40.00	20.00
Cemetery Fees	50.00	-	50.00
VAT Reclaimed	1,400.18		1,400.18
Grants	500.00	-	-
Other			350.00
Newsletter	366.25	280.00	86.25
Insurance Claim	350.00		
Total Receipts	12,348.59	9,690.00	2,158.59
<u>Payments</u>			
Administration	5,708.69	5,120.00	588.69
Open Spaces	2,190.00	2,500.00	(310.00)
Electricity	478.85	500.00	(21.15)
Village Improvements	-	500.00	(500.00)
Defibrillator Annual Support	135.00	150.00	(15.00)
Repairs & Renewals	557.94	300.00	257.94
Website Subscription	54.97	45.00	9.97
Newsletter Printing	289.90	280.00	9.90
SLCC Membership	112.00	120.00	(8.00)
Insurance	257.60	275.00	(17.40)
VAT Paid	1,378.76		1,378.76
Cemetery Extension	6,381.87		
Cemetery Loan Repayment	1,374.24	1,374.24	()
Donations (S137) Limit £3170.57	500.00	500.00	()
Election costs	705.05		
Other	500.00		
Total Payments	20,624.87	11,664.24	1,373.71
Surplus/(Deficit)	(8,276.28)	(1,974.24)	

Bank Reconciliation**Mar-24**

YTD

Balance b/f from 31st March 2022	16,448.80
Plus: Receipts	12,348.59
Sub-total	28,797.39
Less: Payments	(20,624.87)
Balance c/f	8,172.52
Reconciled to:	
Balance Current Account	2,463.41
Balance Deposit Account	5,709.11
Less: Unpresented payments	
Plus: Unpresented receipts	
Balance c/f	8,172.52

Summary of Planning Applications

April 2023

23/00580/PLF – Installation of a wind turbine (height to hub 39.7m, maximum height to tip 63.2m, blade diameter 47m) to replace an existing wind turbine (repowering) at Land South of Burton Fleming Grange, Wold Newton Road, Burton Fleming

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC BUT WITH COMMENTS

APPROVED BY ERYC

June 2023

23/01514/PLF – Siting of an agricultural workers mobile home at Graze Hill Farm, Grindale Road, Burton Fleming

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

APPROVED BY ERYC

23/01666/PLF – Erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling at 13 Wold Newton Road, Burton Fleming

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

APPROVED BY ERYC

23/01602/VAR – Variation of Condition 4 (boundary hedge) of planning permission 15/02256/OUT at Land North East of 3 Wold Newton Road, Burton Fleming

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

APPROVED BY ERYC

July 2023

23/01925/VAR – Variation of Condition 2 (materials), Condition 3 (number of static caravans), Condition 8 (soft landscaping) and Condition 13 (approved plans) of planning permission 20/02002/PLF at Scenic View Caravan Park, Hunmanby Road, Burton Fleming

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC BUT WITH COMMENTS

APPROVED BY ERYC

23/01869/PLF – Erection of a livestock building with associated feed bin (Retrospective Application) at Land And Outbuildings West of Holmefield Farm, West Lane, Burton Fleming

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

PENDING CONSIDERATION BY ERYC

August 2023

23/02149/PLF – Erection of a dwelling with integral car port at Land North of Newton House, Front Street, Burton Fleming

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

REFUSED BY ERYC

December 2023

23/02208/PLF – Construction of 1.65m high timber gates and 2.2m high timber posts (painted heritage green colour) (retrospective) at Mere Farm, Hunmanby Road, Burton Fleming

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

APPROVED BY ERYC

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Annual Report.

Burton Fleming Parish Council