

Burton Fleming Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting No 3 – 2022/23 held Wednesday 07 September 2022 at
7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: K Wells, C Skelton, B Southwell, J Jackson, A Marr,
R Hayton, S King, S Wells,

Members of the Public: Mr E Lindley, Mrs K Mercer, Mrs T Townsend, Mrs P Hope, Mrs E Hayton, Mrs Lowther, Mrs Oates, Mr R S Knowles, Mrs A Blyth, Mrs P Bolam, Mrs F Turner

Wards Councillors/Police: Cllr Charlie Dewhirst

Jennifer Hobson (Clerk) recorded the minutes

75/22 To Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr J Hairsine

76/22 Code of Conduct (01 July 2012)

- (a) To record Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members declaring interest should identify the agenda item and state which interest is being declared.
- (b) To note Dispensations in Respect of Agenda Items Below

77/22 Public Participation

The Chair invited members of the public to speak.

Mr Lindley spoke about the potential of building a solar park within the village to not only benefit his own business but could also benefit other homes and businesses within the village. After various questions were raised, it was apparent that much more information was required but Mr Lindley was just gauging the initial thoughts of the local residents as public support would be one of the greatest challenges of such a project. The PC agreed to facilitate a public meeting with representatives from various parties including Northern Powergrid. It was also agreed that a questionnaire could be placed in the newsletter asking for the views of the public. Mr Lindley agreed to supply further information to the Clerk.

ACTION BY CLERK

Mr Lindley left the meeting at 7.20pm

Mrs Turner spoke to say that she did not believe the Parish Council should accept work from volunteers within the village, citing the renewal of the School Pond duck houses which were kindly provided by Mrs Hope and other volunteers as an example. She believed this was the responsibility of the Parish Council and should not have been undertaken by volunteers.

It was pointed out to Mrs Turner that the Parish Councillors themselves are all volunteers.

Mrs Turner stated that she did not believe that the Parish Council did not have the funds to be able to deal with the digging out of the Mere Pond and expressed her dissatisfaction that the Parish Council do not spend any money on village improvements. Mrs Turner questioned why so much money needed to be spent on grass cutting and administration. Mrs Turner asked the Parish Council to justify their spending.

It was pointed out to Mrs Turner that all Parish Council expenditure was available to view online. The Parish Council stated that they are satisfied with the Clerk's salary and it was pointed out to Mrs Turner that if the Clerk were to charge the Parish Council for all of the actual hours worked the cost would increase. It was further pointed out that comparing Burton Fleming with other villages was not necessarily like for like as the responsibilities of each Parish Council are very different.

With regards to the grass cutting, it was pointed out to Mrs Turner that ERYC would not cut the playground nor other small areas of grass which the Parish Council maintain.

78/22 To Approve the Minutes of Previous Meetings – 13 July 2022

RESOLVED: (all in favour)

(1) that the minutes of the meetings be approved and signed as a true and correct record
Proposed by Cllr C Skelton and Seconded by Cllr J Jackson

79/22 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Gypsy Race**

The Chairman suggested that a group walk be undertaken later in to check for concerns. It was agreed to do this in around a fortnight and would send an email round in due course to arrange this.

ACTION BY CHAIR

- **Cemetery Extension**

It was reported that in order to go any further with the project, the Parish Council needed to submit full details of soft landscape works for the northern boundary as per condition 2 of the planning application. Once submitted the Parish Council could then submit a formal Discharge of Condition application at a cost of £58 (reduced from £234) which would then allow the Parish Council to proceed with the first phase of works on the site. A significant start on works is required by 6 March 2023.

The Chairman confirmed that he had a contact whom had offered to do the detailing of soft landscape works at no cost to the Parish Council. The Chairman would report back to the Parish Council on this in due course.

ACTION BY CHAIR

- **Rustonville & September Cottage**

It was reported that the latest information supplied by ERYC regarding September Cottage was that a Community Protection Notice was issued to the owner of the cottage detailing works to be carried out by them to relieve some of the issues that the residents are concerned about. A case conference was to be held by ERYC to decided upon the next steps including timescales for further action to be taken.

Regarding Rustonville and the container on the roadside, ERYC have confirmed that they have tried to contact the owner but have been unsuccessful. A site visit with the Enforcement Team Leader was to be arranged to assess the site and consider any further action.

Mrs Mercer asked the Chairman if she may raise a question which the Chairman duly permitted. Mrs Mercer reported that there had been a recent article in the local newspaper detailing a similar situation surrounding a property in Nafferton which ERYC had taken action on and asked why ERYC could not do similar with the nuisance properties in Burton Fleming. Cllr Dewhirst pointed out that the case in Nafferton was very complex and unique but he confirmed that ERYC are looking to take action on properties within Burton Fleming.

- **Playground Donation**

The Chairman invited Mrs Blyth to speak regarding the Playground Committees request for a donation of £450 per year to cover their insurance costs. Mrs Blyth explained that most of the equipment at the Playground was in need of replacing and that the Playground committee had unfortunately been unsuccessful in their bid for funding this year. Another application would be made next year. Mrs Blyth presented a breakdown of costs for the necessary repairs/replacements and running costs for the Playground to highlight the need for some help.

Mrs Blyth agreed to report back to the Parish Council with the renewal date for their insurance.

The Parish Council agreed to consider this donation request and agreed to investigate the possibility of having the Playground insured under the Parish Council's own insurance.

ACTION BY CLERK

- **Mere Pond**

It was reported that the quotation for the digging out of the Mere Pond was in the region of £2000 but that this did not include the cost of removing the debris. This cost would be taken into consideration when setting the next year's Precept. Given Mrs Turner's views expressed earlier on this subject, it was discussed that it may be necessary for the Parish Council to be a bit more realistic when setting their Precept each year. The Parish Council had raised their Precept by

14.4% back in January 2021 in order to try to replenish reserves and cover increasing costs, having spent approx. £2000 on the digging out of the School Pond. This increase had been met with negative comments from the public. It was pointed out that it is a difficult task for the Parish Council to way up the demands of the village against the costs to the residents. Various comments were made to the Parish Council that perhaps the local residents would not mind an increase in their Council Tax bills if they were able to see some benefit within the village. The Parish Council agreed to take these views into consideration when setting their next budget and would look to include an annual amount towards village improvements.

ACTION BY CLERK

- **Personal Injury Claim**

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the details of this claim being made. The Parish Council had received a list of questions from the insurance company which the Chairman read out and the Parish Council agreed the answers to. It was questioned why, when the claimant had received no medical advice nor had missed any time off work, did they need compensating. It was also noted that by their own admission, the claimant had been chasing their dog at the time they allegedly fell so clearly was not looking where they were going. It was requested that the Clerk respond to the questions asked with a comment to question the validity of the claim.

ACTION BY CLERK

- **Byre Way Sign**

It was reported that the Parish Council were still waiting to hear what the Property Developer was planning to do to and when. It was requested that this subject remain on the agenda so that the situation could be monitored.

ACTION BY CLERK

- **Noticeboard Repairs**

It was reported that PJJ windows had responded to the Parish Council to say that this replacing of Perspex was not something they could assist with and had suggested asking a local man Mr Skelton. Cllr Skelton agreed to speak with Mr Skelton and report back.

ACTION BY CLLR SKELTON

80/22 To Receive Correspondence

14.07.22 – Email received from Mrs Hope requesting dog fouling signs/stencils/paint. Email forwarded to councillors. Cllr Southwell liaised with Mrs Hope. Mrs Hope kindly added some signs to pavements around the village. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Hope for this.

17.07.22 – Email received from ERYC advising of forthcoming Town and Parish Council events. Email forwarded to councillors.

28.07.22 – Email received from Ward Councillors regarding the Draft Climate Change Strategy Consultation. Email forwarded to councillors.

04.08.22 – Email received from ERYC regarding an invitation to participate in an online Joint Strategic Needs Assessment prioritization exercise. Email forwarded to councillors.

05.08.22 – Telephone call received from Mrs Brown of West Lane to say that she was concerned about speeding traffic on West Lane and lots of children playing in the area. Mrs Brown asked what could be done?

It was agreed that a polite notice would be placed in the next newsletter asking local residents to be mindful of children playing in the area. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would ask ERYC if a "Children playing" sign could be placed in the area. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would contact the Police to ask if mobile speed cameras can attend the village.

11.08.22 – Email received from SAAA (Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments) advising of the option to opt out of the current arrangements. Clerk advised that there was no benefit to opting out and to do so would be costly for the Parish Council. We ought to minute a resolution to say that the PC agree to stay with the current arrangements?

RESOLVED: (all in favour)

(1) that following the Clerk's advice, the Parish Council stay with the current arrangements
Proposed by Cllr K Wells and Seconded by Cllr S Wells

29.08.22 – Email received from Humber Emergency Planning Service advising of a confirmed case of Avian Influenza at a farm near Bempton. Burton Fleming falls within the surveillance zone of this incident. Email forwarded to councillors and info placed on website.

31.08.22 – Email from ERYC Highways informing of a temporary road closure on Penny Lane from 20-27 September. Email forwarded to councillors, notice added to website and noticeboard.

81/22 To Approve Transactions and Finance Statement for July & August 2022

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Money Man A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£2714.04	£17262.52	£19976.56
Newsletter Printing	(£57.20)		
Website Fees (DD)	(£2.39)		
Newsletter Sponsorship – H Johnson	£30.00		
Bank Charges	(£8.00)		
Clerk's Wages	(£353.95)		
Debfrillator Annual Support	(£162.00)		
Website Fees (DD)	(£2.39)		
Bank Charges	(£8.00)		
Cemetery Fees	£300.00		
Clerk's Wages	(£353.95)		
	£2096.16	£17262.52	£19358.68

Notes:

- **Newsletter Funds as at August 2022 (included in the above balances) = £68.45**
- **Restricted Cemetery Extension Funds** as at August 2022 (included in the above balances) = £13,393.00 (£1097 of which is VAT paid which will be claimed back in due course) so actual true balance = **£14,490.00**
- **Unrestricted/Designated Funds** as at August 2022 (included in the above balances) = **£4,868.68**

RESOLVED: (all in favour) that all accounts submitted are approved.

Proposed by Cllr C Skelton and Seconded by Cllr S King

82/22 To Receive and Consider Planning Applications and Approvals as Listed Below
(and subsequent plans received following publication of agenda)**Applications considered since last meeting:**

22/02598/REG3 – Erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing outbuilding at 14 Wold Newton Road, Burton Fleming YO25 3PH

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY BFPC

83/22 Any Other Business

- The Chair reported that he had been approached by Mrs Harvey about the Church lighting asking if the Parish Council are still happy to pay for the tower lighting given the energy price increases. It was requested that this be added to the next agenda with the Clerk to confirm the current cost to the Parish Council.

ACTION BY CLERK

- Cllr A Marr requested that Highways be contacted about the drains/grip holes on Hunmanby Road which are all blocked.

ACTION BY CLERK

- Mrs Blyth reported that children were being able to access the old sewerage treatment works land next to the Playground as the fence was broken. It was agreed that a notice would be placed in the next newsletter warning parents about this issue and the Parish Council would attempt to contact the owner to ask them to deal with securing the site.

ACTION BY CLERK

84/22 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 09 November 2022 at 7pm

85/22 Close of Meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Chairman's Signature: Date: