



BURNHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Monday, 20th of May 2024 from 6.30pm at Burnham Market & Norton Village Hall, Beacon Hill Road, Burnham Market. PE31 8EN

Present: Cllrs D Clark (DC) Chair,
D Cressy (DC1), K Morris (KM), Fiona Walker (FW), Angus Piper (AP) ,as members of the public and the Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Sam Sandell
Members of public: 25

1. Welcome from the Chairman
2. Apologies – Cllrs K and J Neville-Eliot and Andrew Jamieson
3. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on the 22d of May 2023 – proposed DC1, seconded KM and all in favour who attended that meeting.
4. Chairman’s Annual Report:
Following last year’s meeting I am pleased to say we have been able to get the Parish Council back up to strength. Some excellent candidates put themselves forward, all were duly elected.

The last 12 months have been challenging as the Parish Council dealt with some difficult issues. By far the most serious was the flooding and sewage releases which effected most of our village.

With the help of Andrew Jamieson, Deputy Leader of Norfolk County Council, we managed to arrange an open meeting which was attended by 95 people from Burnham Market and surrounding villages, as well as 32 representatives from the various agencies with an involvement in this matter. Whilst the meeting was considered a success it did not produce solutions to the immediate problems. However, it did give village residents the opportunity to express their concerns.

Since that meeting the Parish Council has repeatedly lobbied Anglian Water for short term solutions to assist those households still suffering from lack of an acceptable service from Anglian Water. However, Anglian Water did introduce two large tankers to relieve the pressure on their pumping station. This helped some of our parishioners, but clearly is not a permanent solution.

We will be attending the Flood Management Conference in Dereham next Wednesday, 22 May 2024. The Parish Council has continued to lobby both our representatives on the County Council and Anglian Water. We had a breakthrough last week on Friday, 17 May 2024 with Anglian Water seconded a senior engineer to Norfolk County Council to lead the search for solutions with all relevant agencies. You might say, a Flood Czar.

The unfortunate article published in January this year in The Times newspaper caused considerable distress in the village. To avoid a repeat of this situation the Parish Council produced a new communications policy which requires all future interfaces with the media to be in writing and approved by the Parish Council prior to release.

Another outcome of this event was a determination of your Parish Council to develop closer links with the village Traders Association. This is progressing well.

Several significant projects financed by grants and CIL funding have been completed.

The first stage of the renovation of the playing field car park has been completed. This is a major achievement and has been well received. When further funding is available, we will consider the second stage.

The pavilion refurbishment is complete and awaiting furnishing. All safety facilities and notices have been installed. Due to vandalism, we have needed to install security equipment in the form of cameras and lighting.

Our next step is to repair the damage and remove the graffiti and equipment the interior with furniture and catering equipment. When this is complete the pavilion will be available for hire.

We are still seeking a volunteer to manage this facility.

I am pleased to confirm that work on the Trod at Whiteway Road, alongside the pit, will commence in June and be completed in two weeks. This will be of considerable benefit to those living on or near the Ringstead Road. We contracted the Highways Department to do this work in March 2023.

The Projects Group has been very active. A new notice board has been installed at Sutton Lea. This was part-funded by the Village Hall management.

The Coronation tree will be planted on the playing field in one months' time.

Planning work on the pit restoration has started.

A draft Cycling and Walking Policy has been prepared and discussions have commenced regarding the restoration of the pit, and a footpath to Burnham Deepdale.

The initial stages of the Resilience Plan has been completed and we are seeking volunteers for the role of safety wardens, and providers of plant and equipment for emerging interventions.

The Biodiversity Policy is complete and the library/telephone kiosk has been refurbished. However, we are still searching for a volunteer to act as Librarian.

The Planning Advisory Group (PAG) has proved very effective. They have developed a good relationship with the Planning Managers at the Borough Council and are now holding regular meetings to discuss the less straightforward applications.

The policies contained in our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) are being strictly applied to all planning applications.

The SAM device has revealed widespread speeding on all roads leading into our village and the 20 mph zone. The data has been reported to the Police and the Borough Council. Ideally, we should have a team of trained volunteers manning a speed gun. Any volunteers, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The financial affairs of the Parish are in a satisfactory position. The accounts for 2023/2024 have been completed and the internal audit has issued a Compliance Certificate. Also, the AGAR has been finalised. My thanks to the Parish Clerk for her sterling efforts in this area.

The Clerk has also dealt with some complaints regarding behaviour at the allotments and has worked with Bryan Lynn to ensure the allotments are well maintained.

The Parish Council has approved an application from Hannah Bingley to manage the Craft Market in August. Preparations are in progress.

We are considering how best to recognise the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on Thursday, 6 June 2024. The Beacon will be lit at 9.15pm. However, we need to consider if further activities will take place.

Other issues currently under review are :

Contributions to the running of the village from second home owners and holiday let companies.
A community energy scheme.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the members of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk for their support and hard work over the last 12 months.

5. Borough Councillors' Report:

Annual Parish Council Meeting report from the Borough Councillor

Thank you for the invite to the annual Parish Meeting.

The last year at the Borough Council has seen a new administration taking over and the Chief Executive Lorraine Gore retiring. With a new administration I lost my cabinet role. Over the last year I have sat on many panels and attended many meetings.

I am the Chairperson for the Homeless and Housing Delivery Task Group and I am the Vice Chair of the Standards panel. I sit on the Environment and Community Panel, CIL Spending Panel, Local Plan Task Group and I attend Full Council meetings and Parish Council meetings when I can. I have 6 Parish Councils. I receive many emails from members of the public, planning agents and I work with Parish Clerks. I do visit residents as its sometimes easier to see issues first hand. I have subbed on the Planning Committee. I keep up my planning training and I attend any courses that the Council offer.

I am appointed to two outside bodies as a Councillor one is the Burnham Overy Harbour Management Committee, and the other one is the West Norfolk and Kings Lynn Girls School Trust. I am also the Chair of the Burnham Market Surgery Patient Participation Group. In the last few months, I also now have a job working Bank shifts at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Last year I was very fortunate to get picked to a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Anne were in attendance. Stunning Gardens and Stunning food and perfect weather.

Going back to the West Norfolk and Kings Lynn Girls School Trust, this is a trust for girls of school age who come from low - income families who take on extra-curricular activities for example music, dance drama the fund can also be used to buy equipment for girls who need it. This is means tested and the parents and children are asked to keep the trustees updated on their progress. We have helped many children with gradings of musical instruments and gain awards in Drama.

The Jacks Lane windfarm Committee are sitting on the 10th June to decide on the applications submitted.

There are no grants from the Borough Council for the 80th anniversary of D Day this year. I have spoken to the Cabinet member for finance who said they were looking to make grants available for next years celebrations.

Being a Borough Councillor is a varied and sometimes challenging role. A role I thoroughly enjoy. I cannot please everyone, but I do give it a 100%.

If you have any issues, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes

Sam

Borough Councillor for Burnham with Docking

6. County Councillors' Report:

Parish Report May 2024.

County council's performance and priorities

Norfolk County Council's annual review report and a delivery plan for 2024-25, showing its priorities for this year, has now been published.

I would encourage everyone to read our plan for this year, to be aware of all the work that continues to be done.

You can read the reports at

<https://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/norfolkcc/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=Nrf4%2fUO5zvT574gqsv2FnmkjSVBhu20FeieBFNJVWCVS44BJyV9tZg%3d%3d&rUzwRPf%2bZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3d%3d=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWCtPHwdhUfCZ%2fLUQzqA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3d%3d&mCTIbCubSFfXsDGW9IXnlq%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&kCx1AnS9%2fpWZQ40DXFvdEw%3d%3d=hFflUdN3100%3d&uJovDxwdjMPoYv%2bAjvYtyA%3d%3d=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&FgPIIEJYlotS%2bYGoBi5oIA%3d%3d=NHdURQburHA%3d&d9Qij0ag1Pd993jsyOJqFvmyB7X0CSQK=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNR9xgBux0r1Q8Za60lavYmz=ctNJFf55vVA%3d&WGewmoAfeNQ16B2MHuCpMRKZMwaG1PaO=ctNJFf55vVA%3d> .

Highlights of the council's performance over the last year include:

- Agreeing a £600 million-plus devolution deal to bring powers and funding from Westminster to Norfolk
- Spending £1.5 million per day on adult social care, including help for 11,000 people to return home from hospital.
- Securing £49.5 million of Government funding to improve bus services, with an 18 per cent rise in passenger numbers.
- Delivering ultra-fast broadband to more than 6,900 premises, with superfast broadband now covering 97.3 per cent of properties.
- Serving more than 1.8 million library customers.

Key priorities for this year include:

- Delivering the devolution deal and an economic strategy for Norfolk
- Delivering better quality, local and affordable care for children, including more foster carers
- Continuing to deliver supported living housing programs for adults
- Delivering library hubs, including a range of services, in King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth
- Completing the roll-out of LED streetlighting, to cut costs and carbon emissions

Cabinet has also discussed the start of its budget planning process for next year. The council's current savings target is £44.7 million.

Economy-boosting Local Enterprise Partnership to continue under County Councils - Business support and other economy-boosting services delivered by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) are to continue following its integration into Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils.

Key functions and employees of the LEP transferred to the authorities on 1 April 2024 as part of the Government's devolution process. Its functions include business representation, strategic economic planning, and responsibility for the delivery of government programs.

Business support will continue to be provided by New Anglia Growth Hub - which delivers the LEP's business growth programme, including the administration of grant schemes.

Major construction and infrastructure projects across Norfolk have received significant funding thanks to the LEP's Growth Deal with Government, which secured £223.5m for the region to 2021. These include the recently opened Herring Bridge in Great Yarmouth, the Digi-Tech Factory at City College Norwich, and Productivity East, the centre for engineering, technology and management at the University of East Anglia.

Great Yarmouth's Operations & Maintenance Campus for the offshore industry, and the North Walsham Town Centre improvements were among the shovel-ready schemes for which the LEP secured £32.1m from the Government's Getting Building Fund.

The LEP's work can also be seen in the projects supported via its Growing Places Fund, such as Broadland Food Innovation Centre at the Food Enterprise Park at Honingham.

The economic development team, now working within Norfolk County Council, will be continuing this work following finalisation of Norfolk's Devolution deal.

Details of Norfolk's Climate Plan

A range of initiatives to support Norfolk's climate plan have been revealed, including:

- A pilot to develop a sustainable and viable seaweed industry in Norfolk - the project will work with partners in the Netherlands, already implementing sea farms
- Supporting the development of nature-based solutions to help secure Norfolk's long term water resilience
- Further walking and cycling improvements in places including King's Lynn, Norwich, Great Yarmouth, and Dereham
- The Council has released its Pollinator action Plan, designed to enhance pollinators on County farms and roadside verges, as well as helping to inspire wider action across Norfolk.
- This sits within our Local nature recovery strategy. These reports can also be read via the above link.

Andrew Jamieson
County Councillor for North Coast
Deputy Leader and Member for Finance at Norfolk County Council.

7. Village Reports

Bowls Club

Burnham Coronation Bowls club is pleased to welcome all villagers to the club. The bowling green is used for club matches and for recreational use by appointment.

The green is a village amenity for villagers to use! The club welcomes players of all standards, for those who just wish to sit and take in the tranquil atmosphere while they watch Burnham's bowling hero's take on allcomers.

The Harold Moorehouse Charity have sponsored two fabulous new benches to commemorate the coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III which have been placed overlooking the green.

Toby Campbell Gray

Tennis Club

THE tennis Club continues to thrive with membership numbers increasing steadily.

Coaching is still provided for both adults and youngsters, with vital emphasis on the latter.

Our teams have performed most creditably in various leagues, and we have maintained friendly rivalries with many Norfolk clubs,

In addition, there have been some enjoyable Club tournaments, including the Club Championship which culminated in a Finals Day, in the early Autumn, with a large number turning out to watch play and enjoy a very social barbecue !

We have spent some funds on clubhouse, courts and grounds but have been successfully prudent. Necessarily, we have to monitor and maintain standards.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming club and this reflected in the occasional social events held and the number of members who volunteer to help with catering etc.

We believe we provide a not insignificant facility as part of Burnham Market's many attractions.

Do come and visit us ! 😊

Steve Rimmer Club Chairman

The Burnhams Flower Show, Fete & Carnival

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20/5/24 Report for Annual Parish Meeting

The Flower Show, or The Burnhams Flower Show, Fete & Carnival as it is now known , has been going for over 100 years (we celebrated 100 years in 2005, although that was an estimate, so this will be our 119 th year). It is organised by a smallish committee, who meet throughout the year to plan and organise the event. This year's show will be on Saturday 13 th July.

For those who don't know, it starts with a fancy dress and floats competition in front of the Hoste. The carnival parade goes through the village and ends on the playing field, where there is a great big marquee with different competitions including flowers, vegetables, cookery, crafts etc. (anyone can enter these, and we are just in the process of producing this year's schedule). There are craft stalls, games, a beer tent. a tea tent, children's entertainers, displays in the arena, and a funfair.

It is an event for absolutely everyone. We've tweaked the name this year, as several people who are new to the village had said that they hadn't really known what it was, so the hope is that including "Fete" in the title might explain it a bit better. Last year, around 135 people entered the different competitions- plus all the children from the school and the nursery, who always enter the art competition.

Different village organisations and groups play a huge part in the event, particularly the school, the

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nursery and the tennis club-other organisations would be very welcome. The show costs a lot to put on (last year around £7800), but we generally manage to break even, thanks to the local shops and businesses who advertise in the schedule and sponsor the competitions, and the local individuals who donate money-of amounts both small and large. There is also charge of £2 to attend.

It is great when new people come on board, because even though the event itself is very traditional (elements of it haven't changed since I was little), new ideas and perspectives (hopefully!) keep it from getting boring.

Quite a bit of admin is needed, with Risk Assessments, Event Management Plans, Licences etc, and some of our newer members have been helping with that. We're excited to use the newly renovated pavilion (Tapping House Hospice are doing the teas this year), and are grateful for the storage facility in the container (we have quite a bit of equipment that needs to be stored)

We do need people to help on the day-particularly on the gate and with car parking etc- so if anyone would like to help in any way, please get in touch.

Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to serve the community by hosting a number of activities.

In addition to Parish Council meetings, during the year we have accommodated Silver Swans Ballet, the Bridge Club, Poppy Quilters and the Community Cinema in addition to several one off events.

A number of works were carried out including the replacement of the roof area over the kitchen for which we received a 50% grant from the Community Infrastructure Levy for which we wish to extend our thanks to the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council. We also updated some of the electrical system by installing more efficient heaters and some LED lighting.

We made excellent progress with our incorporation exercise by setting up a new charity that will take over the functions and assets of the old unincorporated charity. What remains is for a transfer of assets. We also recruited a number of new members to our management committee.

Keith Morris. Chair of Trustees.

8. Parishioners Open Forum:

- a. Craft Fair – The Hunstanton & District Rotary Club are offering their expertise and long term support to the Craft Fair and are working with Hannah Bingley. They welcome any advice and support. 96 stalls are booked at the moment, and it is hoped that this will go over 100. All monies will be donated to local charities including playground, school, church and stay in the village.
- b. Concerns raised regarding the charitable status and Ms. Bingley has to provide full insurance including public liability and risk assessments. The Rotary Club representatives advised that they had a £10m public liability insurance in place and that the decision to support was very recent. They confirmed that Ms. Bingley would not be taking a fee.
- c. Advised that they had joined the former Craft Fair committee last year and there was a huge amount of work involved totally run by volunteers. Total transparency is required as to where the monies go. In the past no deposit or pitch charges were made but 10% of takings were donated. Has it run it's course? The lack of volunteers for the car park last year was also mentioned.

- d. Has been involved with the Crafter Fair for 38 years and if the Rotary Club took it on, that would

work.

The Parish Council should not get involved other than to grant use of the greens and playing field.

The Parish Councillors will arrange a separate meeting with the Rotary club asap.

e. Sporting activities on the playing field was raised and the Parish Council have provided football posts and are now looking at an all-weather table tennis table. The outdoor adult exercise equipment is not well used. Suggested to contact the primary school to see what children and parents would like to see. A skate park was mentioned and clerk to find out if these are still used in other parishes.

Advised that a charity for helping young people under of the age of 25 was available and will forward details to the clerk.

Meeting ended at 19.15

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