

Minutes of Cherry Burton's Annual Parish Meeting held in  
Cherry Burton School Hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

In attendance-

Cllr Peirson (Chairman of the Parish Council) chairing the meeting.

Parish Councillors Arandle, Baker, Dickinson, Jeffrey and Wardale.

27 residents

Clerk – J.Wardale

1. Apologies for absence.  
Mrs Kemp and Mr Wells
2. Previous minutes  
The Chairman read out the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and it was agreed that they should be accepted as a complete record.
3. Matters arising  
**War Memorial**  
The cleaning of the Memorial is due to begin on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and should take a few days.  
**Footpath on Canada Drive**  
The re-instatement of the footpath from Canada Drive to the Hudson Way is now at the top of the list at ERYC. This will provide a circular walking route from the village.  
**Footpath along Bishop Burton Road**  
Bishop Burton College have been approached about the use of a strip of their land to provide a footpath, but they will not allow this, stating security and other issues. Mr Tomkys stressed the safety issues and suggested lobbying the local ERYC Councillors.  
Resolved - this would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.  
**Flooding defences**  
There has been some concern about the condition of the bund, as it seemed to be lower in certain areas. ERYC have been contacted and the issue will be pursued.  
**TROD**  
The surface has been causing some issues and some work still needs to be done to improve this.  
Resolved – to contact ERYC
4. East Riding of Yorkshire Councillors  
None present.
5. Lane and Pit Lettings  
The Chair outlined the problems with auctioning the rights and safety issues.  
For the grazing rights on Etton Road – Sally Chapman £1  
For the shooting rights at Highgate Tip – Cllr Peirson £5

6. Allotment Report  
The Clerk reported that there were two allotment vacancies which were about to be filled and there was a short waiting list.
7. Election of up to 5 people to the Sportsfield Management Committee  
The following names were proposed and agreed:- Andrew Addison, Marc Lough and Stuart Scott.
8. Election of up to 4 people to the Christmas Lights Committee.  
The following names were proposed and agreed:- Jim Smith, Nicola Jeffrey, Steve Peirson and Paul Arandle
9. Chairman's Report  
Cllr Peirson reported that he has been Chairman since November 2018 and this is his first Chairman's report and whilst he has been on the Parish Council for around 20 years this has been the most difficult year for the Parish Council, for reasons which most people will be aware of.

He thanked the supportive members of the PC who have conscientiously attended the meetings throughout the year. He also thanked the three members who have resigned or been unable to attend meetings throughout the year for their support of the Council in the past.

He continued that most people in the village seem to be quite oblivious of what the Parish Council gets involved with, and only this year has there been much interest, in the wake of the very significant increase in the Council Tax precept – more of which later.

The Parish Council is a consultee on all planning applications and provides comments on all significant applications and appeals. The Parish Council has limited authority, but it supports the Sportsfield Management Committee in maintaining and running the playing field and pavilion, and is also responsible for two set of allotments, the Village Pond, the play area on the village green and has supported the Village Hall.

In the last year the Council has been responsible for the development of the Trod or footpath on Etton Road and for an extensive refurbishment of the Sportfield pavilion which is not only used by the sports clubs - football, cricket and tennis, but also by the Scouts, Guides, brownies, rainbows, cubs.

The Chair thanked Cllrs Baker and Wardale who have obtained grants of around £60k towards total costs of £70k for the pavilion refurbishment. The pavilion was built with a 25 year life in around 1980, and is now set for another 25 years of life thanks to their efforts.

He also thanked Cllr Ros Stanley who resigned earlier this year after only a relatively short period on the PC. Ros has moved out of the village, but she secured the consents and grant aid for the Etton Road TROD, so that the PC only had to make a very small contribution. Ros has also pursued the

restoration of a footpath from the second cul-de-sac of Canada Drive to the Hudson Way.

It is common knowledge that the Parish Council has been, and indeed still is involved in a legal case, as has been reported in the Hull Daily Mail. To protect the financial interests of the Parish Council and the Council tax paying residents of the Village legal advice has been not disclose any details about the case. The case resulted in the PC being obliged to significantly increase the Council Tax precept as a contingency. The PC still await a judgement and whilst the PC can disclose little further at this stage, Cllr Peirson reassured residents that it is not the expectation of the Parish Council that the village precept component of the Council Tax will remain at the current level for future years.

The Chair thanked Janet Wardale, Parish Clerk, for all that she has done to support the Parish Council, and not least because of the significant additional work that has been generated by the legal case. The Chair and Clerk had to prepare papers for the two-day court hearing and a number of Councillors had also attended meetings and the court hearing to represent the interest of the Village.

The Chair added that, despite the distractions of these exceptional circumstances, the Parish Council has achieved completion of the TROD and the Pavilion improvements within the same year.

The Chair stated that, going forward, there will not be an election for new Councillors on Thursday because there were only 7 nominations for nine seats. Therefore, there are two vacancies that will have to be co-opted onto the Council by the existing members. Anyone interested was advised to contact the Clerk.

There was a discussion about the increased precept rate and a resident criticised the council for not holding a meeting before the precept was raised.

10. Parish Council Accounts

It was agreed that these would be made public when the outcome of the recent court case was decided. The accounts would be going to Audit in June.

11. Sportsfield Management Accounts

These were presented by the Treasurer, Cllr Wardale, and he and Cllr Baker discussed the current refurbishment project.

12. Other Village Matters

Parish Council Communication

Cllr Peirson asked for suggestions for improving the communication. He suggested using the Church Newsletter. A resident felt that the website lacked information and suggested opening a Facebook account. Another resident suggested a regular Parish Council newsletter not just using the Church Newsletter. Someone suggested using the Noticeboard more effectively.

**Resolved** – to discuss these suggestions.

### **Village Pond Fence**

A resident has suggested that the Pond Fence needs repainting. She also mentioned the state of the Pond. The Chair suggested having a volunteer weekend to do some work in the area.

**Resolved** – to discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **Broken equipment in Play Area.**

A resident asked if the broken equipment was being repaired and this was confirmed.

### **Container on Sportsfield**

A resident disputed that the Cricket Club were responsible for the large shipping container that had been sited on the Sportsfield for storage purposes. The container had been in poor condition and needed to be removed. The resident was concerned that the costs were being charged to the Cricket Club when they were not responsible, but this was disputed by the members of the Sportsfield Management Committee.

### **Planning Application on Bishop Burton Road**

A resident expressed concerns about the two houses planned for the site on Bishop Burton Road.

**Resolved** – to get further details of the planning application.

A resident complained that the lack of double yellow lines at Canada Drive entrance opposite the Village Hall was making access difficult along the road.

**Resolved** – to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **Book swap kiosk**

The support group outlined the work that had been done on the old telephone kiosk which is now a book swap. They encouraged residents to use it and to keep it tidy.

### **Court case update**

The Chair confirmed that there would be an update once legal advice permitted this.

A resident thanked the Councillors for staying in post and doing all the work involved in the court case.

The meeting ended at 9pm