



Minutes of Parish Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2021

Present – Jim Brierley, Wendy Hoare, Carol Brierley, Cllr Richard Ormston, Angela McCormack (Clerk/Chair), Vicky Buczak, Maureen Ayre, Richard Calvert, Robin Bradbeer, Rosemary Bradbeer

Welcome – Angela opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

1. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21:
 - a. Victoria Bush had finalised the accounts. Angela read out the Annual Governance Statements, to which all present agreed. Angela then signed the Governance and Accounting Statements.
 - b. Statements will be sent out (email and website) and displayed on notice board. Vicky to action.
 - c. Jim confirmed that income for the year was £2471, and expenditure £1792.
2. Angela McCormack formally handed over a letter of resignation as Parish Clerk.
3. Vicky Buczak was nominated as the new Parish Clerk by Angela, seconded by Maureen. All present agreed with the new appointment, and so Vicky was formally voted in.
4. Julian D’Arcy has kindly offered to donate £320 to buy a new village notice board. Once purchased, it will be placed in the bus shelter. Many thanks to Julian – a ‘kindly donated by’ acknowledgment on the bottom of the board was suggested. Cllr Richard Ormston informed the meeting that Lower Wensleydale Partnership are offering grants of up to £1000 for new equipment like notice boards, benches, etc.. Application should be made to Richmondshire District Council by end July. Vicky to action after discussion with Jim.
5. Jim requested that £500 from village funds be allocated to support running costs of the Institute. Normally walkers would provide some income. All present at meeting agreed.
6. AOB –
 - Robin asked when the Institute would open. Jim could not give a date, as the plastering needed to dry.
 - A government grant for repairs to the Institute had been received, and was used to render externally and to update electrics.
 - A discussion followed on damp-proofing. Asked by Cllr Richard Ormston about the quality of the damp proofing, Jim replied that previous work on damp proofing was effective.
 - Maureen informed the meeting that she had removed soil from external walls, uncovering air vents. She requested ideas for what herbs or plants could be added around the building.
 - Robin and Maureen asked when fast broadband was due in the village. Jim had spoken to OpenReach, who said that at present it had only reached as far as Bedale. Angela directed those interested to the website <http://superfastnorthyorkshire.com/post-code-checker>. Goose Park are awaiting installation of broadband from B.T. and Openreach have paid a one-off Wayleave to the village, as the routing passed under the village green.
 - Cllr Richard Ormston informed the meeting that BT intend to remove the telephone box. However Angela has already written to BT stating that the village wants it kept there (deadline for objections to removal is 1st June).

- Carol suggested that defibrillator training should be offered to village members, but Maureen assured her that the instructions presented when opening the defib box are clear and self-explanatory. Maureen also informed the meeting that the defib cabinet is now working. The meeting agreed that it was most important for residents and visitors to know where to find it. Email to be sent around village – Vicky to action.
- Carol thanked Angela for trying to get the dog waste bin replaced. The relevant authorities will not replace it at present, however.
- Angela thanked Richard for joining us and everyone for attending. Jim thanked Angela, on behalf of all present, for her hard work as Parish Clerk, and he presented her with a bouquet of flowers. The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Vicky Buczak (Clerk to Thornton Parish Meeting)