

BIGBY PARISH
MINUTES OF THE
ANUUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 25th APRIL 2023

PRESENT: Councillors – D. Cowling, C. Gandy, B. Orr, , C. Wilson

Also in attendance: -

Mrs. A. Hannath – Clerk to the Council

Cllr. Tom Smith – LLC

Cllr. P.Morris - WLDC

There were no members of the public in attendance

1. Welcome by the Chairman

Councillor D. Cowling opened the meeting and welcome the parishioners in attendance.

2. To Receive the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March, 2022, having been circulated should be taken as read and approved.

Proposed: D. Cowling

Seconded: Cllr. C. Wilson

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

To be covered in the Chairman's report

4. District and County Councillor Reports

Both Councillors were pleased to report that they enjoyed coming to the Bigby Parish Council meetings. They always receive a warm welcome and like the positive attitude of the council

Councillor Morris advised that he has been re-elected to represent the Kelsey Ward at WLDC. This allows him to resume his campaign to allow residents to use the recycling centre at Melton Ross. Also, that the Central Lincolnshire Plan has now been adopted

Councillor Smith advised that he is continuing to push for the source of the problems down Smithy Lane are investigated. There will be a site visit in the coming months.

5. Chairman's Report

Welcome: New Parish Councillor – Claire Gandy

WLDC – Peter Morris (re-elected unopposed)

LCC – Tom Smith

Thanks to: Parish Councillors

Brenda – upkeep of little library

Precept: same £6500

WLDC + 3%

LCC + 2.99%

Donations: Bigby Church Council

Receipts: Cllr Peter Morris: £250 towards new laptop & £500 towards new noticeboards

WLDC - £700.00 towards Jubilee celebrations

Roads: Drainage issues – continue to raise awareness of blocked sewers

Continue to lobby re: Smithy Lane has been placed on Lincs CC list for evaluation.

Public footpath accessibility is being monitored and any problems reported

Environment: Little Library continues to be well used

New planters

Continue to lobby for access to the Melton Ross Refuse facility. Cllr Peter Morris has launched a petition.

New noticeboards purchased.

New ‘pick up after your dog’ signs erected.

Additional dog poo bin to be installed at the entrance to the farm track/Main Street

Bus shelter: no appropriate site found.

Chafer bugs: Bigby Green sprayed with weedkiller, rotovated, reseeded and 2/3 Rowan Trees planted. The verge on Main Street treated with weedkiller and reseeded.

Events 2022-2023

Platinum jubilee celebration – Garden party in the orchard well attended.

Spa event

Football on the big screen

Christmas windows

Christmas buffet

Spring Ball, Dave Cross & band with Pie and Peas

Upcoming Events:

Coronation picnic in the orchard. Monday 8th May

Christmas windows

Christmas buffet

6. Open Forum

There was no discussion or questions asked as there were no members of the public present.

7. Presentation – Update on the Bigby Community Sustainability Energy Project

Councillor Wilson advised that the Parish Dissemination Meeting, that took place on 17th June 2022, was very well received with 30 people in attendance, many from local industries.

Since June 17th 2022, the following events/meetings have occurred.

Meetings with :

Centrica and Anthony Turnbull – Cable to Brigg Power?

Meeting with Leader of Brigg and N Lincs Council and Steve Knill of Barnetby Council re Green Brigg

Dissemination event at Caistor

Information shared with Midlands Energy Hub for national publication

Meeting with LALC and 30 Parish Clerks to share ideas

Continued contact with Anthony Turnbull who is still keen to progress new thinking and action on community development and green energy

There is also interest in using the energy from solar panels to produce hydrogen

NLC are interested in hot water that may be produced from geothermal energy

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Signed
Chairman