

BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL BOLTON PERCY ON TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Stewart Steele, David Robinson, Andrew Tucker, Martin Lister and Kevin Robertson

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Nicholls, County Cllr Richard Musgrave

At this point Prof Taylor proposed that the Annual Parish meeting be chaired by Cllr Steele – this was seconded by Cllr D Robinson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING WERE SIGNED BY Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our last proper Parish Council meeting was on 3rd March 2020, before the Covid 19 lockdown on 23rd March.

This was the day every one's lives became subject to unknown restrictions in this country in the fight against the global pandemic. Many restrictions are still in force, but hopefully we can get back to a more normal life in the coming months.

A special meeting was held on 1st July 2020 to sign off the PC accounts to comply with the council regulations.

Our first meeting held by Zoom was on 18th November 2020 as we could not legally continue to manage Parish Council business just by email.

Thanks to Andrew Tucker for helping to set this up.

Having moved away from the village Richard Isherwood stood down as a councillor, and we thank him for his many years of service to Bolton Percy.

We have welcomed Mike Nichols as a new councillor on 16th February this year.

The problem of flooding, both surface water and foul, continues in both villages, but Yorkshire Water are proposing to build a new pumping station in Colton, the plans for which have been with NYCC since November last year.

The planning process is probably being slowed because council staff are having to work from home.

In Bolton Percy, the pump was in operation in February and even with the help of three Environment Agency pumps, it was not able to prevent some houses flooding. Hopefully the EA will improve matters with a review of requirements.

We have purchased and installed a larger fuel tank for the pump, so that larger deliveries of fuel can be made when the pump is in use.

After many hours of phone calls and emails by David Robinson, we have got a solution to re-energize the electricity supply in the old phone box at Colton, so the defibrillator can be installed. Thanks very much to David for this and all his other help as Vice Chairman.

Many thanks to all councillors for their help and support, in particular Kevin Robertson for managing the PC website.

Thanks also to our County and District Councillor Richard Musgrave, Nun Appleton Estates for the care of the village green and surrounding areas and many thanks to Derek King for auditing the PC accounts.

Everyone should of course thank Joyce our Parish Clerk for her never ending hard work.

Stewart Steele Chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bolton Percy, Colton & Steeton Parish Council internal audit report for year ending 31/3/21

Overall there was a small deficit of £810, this despite an increase in the precept to £5510, the only other real income was from the near negligible bank interest.

Capital expenditure was down on the previous year ending 3/20, when two defibrillators were purchased. Capital purchases this year involved the purchase of a larger fuel tank (£1434) with remaining costs pertaining to normal charges and maintenance. I understand that the fuel costs may be reimbursed by Selby DC in the next financial year. A transfer of £1434 had been made from a reserve account, resulting in both receipts and expenditure being higher by this amount than in reality.

At the AGM. The certificate of Exemption, Form Agat 2 should be agreed and completed and sent to the external auditors to be received before the end of June. The public notice and accounts need to be displayed on the website in the period 14/6 until 23/7 inclusive.

Derek King – Internal Auditor

OPEN FORUM

Prof Taylor brought up the subject of Queens Platinum tree planting. He suggested the Parish Council look into planting some trees in the Parish to commemorate this occasion.

He also asked who had taken out the two apple trees outside the Old School on Main Street. This was by the request of Nun Appleton Estate as they were planted too close to the fence.

Could thanks be given to Phil and Bev Taylor for looking after the 5 trees opposite their property in the very dry weather. Thank you from everyone.

Faulty rain butts was also raised by him. He is in contact with Yorkshire Water and the manufacturer to try and get the faulty ones replaced (as they have a five year warranty). If you have had to replace yours could you please let the Clerk know) then if/when replacements are received we will know who had problems.

The street sign on Marsh Lane is in a bad state of repair – needs re painting – a councillor agreed to carry out this work.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MAY 2022