

Whitton Parish AGM 29th June 2023

Present: S. Hill, K. Smart, F. Ross, M. King, H. Hill, Cllr E. Marper, S. Davies, S. Cranston, N. Barley, J. Barley

Apologies: C. Stanley, Cllr R. Ogg, M. Bruce, S. Dron, S. Dron, Cllr H. Rowson

1. Welcome. The Chair of the Parish Committee would like to state that it is disappointing that we have only four people attending the AGM when we as the committee are working on the village's behalf and are working to maintain the assets belonging to the village.
2. Declaration of Interests Relative to the Agenda.
 - 2.1 A planning application was submitted by the owners of Manor House for an extension to the property. This has been declined at present. The clerks' property is adjacent to Manor House.
3. Approval of 2022 AGM minutes. Proposed H. Hill, seconded by M. King
4. Matters Arising
 - 4.1 Village footpaths - Station Road.

The footpaths on Station Road and Humber View were resurfaced but this lasted a matter of weeks. The Committee would like to request that rather than the Council trying to cover all of the footpaths they concentrate on one area that requires the most work. Cllr E. Marper stated that she had had contact regarding the footpaths, Cllr R. Ogg will follow up after nesting season. Complaints have also been made about grass cutting on Station Road. The verges have been cut but weeds in the hedge are overgrowing the footpath. The footpath on Humber view is also of poor quality, forcing people to walk in the road.
 - 4.2 Minimising flood risk. Site meeting held with councilor and NLC aware.

The culvert adjacent to the sewerage plant is now very silted up, which may in future cause raw sewage to mix with flood water. A representative from the Flooding Department has taken photographs and has spoken to the Chair. Cllr R. Ogg has also promised to escalate the issue. Drains on the western side of main street are also silted up.
 - 4.3 Noticeboard on Humber Bank.

No further updates.
 - 4.4 'No Through Road' sign
The contact at Highways has now changed, Chair will follow up.
 - 4.5 Rerouting of Footpath 13
Still waiting for the appointment of a new Footpaths Officer. Signs for the public footpaths have been renewed. Cllr E. Marper has offered to chase.
- 5 Financial Report

Opening balance: £5294
Income: £2941 (£2567 precept and £374 sale of mugs)
Expenditure: £2786
Balance as at 31/03/2023: £5448
6. Summary of activity since last meeting
 - 6.1 It has been a quiet year due to the time constraints of the Committee.

- 6.2 Grass cutting at the entrance to the village
Thanks to Adrian Davey.
- 6.3 Village Hall boiler – serviced but still vulnerable
No update
- 6.4 Neighborhood Watch coordinator – Gary Booker
No update, assuming this will continue into next year.
- 6.5 Footpath signs
Now installed
- 6.6 Churchyard maintenance
S. Davies has offered to contribute to the maintenance of the churchyard as the PCC has asked for volunteers.
- 6.7 Coronation celebrations
Enjoyed by the village. The Parish funded the celebrations and purchased mugs for all of the village children.
- 6.8 Snow warden
Snow warden is Mike Brocklesby
- 6.9 Newsletter – thanks to C. Stanley and M. Bruce
Only one has been issued since the last AGM. C. Stanley has quite a lot of material and will happily accept more. The next newsletter should be issued in the next few months.
- 6.10 Parish Clerk – thanks to Kate Smart

7. Election of Officers

- 7.1 S. Hill – Chair, N. Barley - Vice Chair, F. Ross - Footpaths and Heritage, S. Cranston - Treasurer, K. Smart – Clerk

8. Elected councilors' update on Council matters

- 8.1 The Council has kept council tax down, whilst still keeping things like the Imagination Library and free swimming for children in the summer holidays.
- 8.2 Thanks to our Local Councilors for their continued support for Whitton

9. Plans for future activities

- 9.1 Activity is centred around the Village Hall for the rest of the year.
- 9.2 No progress on Whitton Through the Ages. This project also needs to involve other people in the village to be a success. The Chair hopes to get it in place for next year.

10. Any other business

- 10.1 An electrical assessment of the Village Hall was undertaken for insurance purposes which indicated that work is required. The Village Hall does not have the resources for this, and the insurance company has asked for it to be done within 12 months.
- 10.2 Recurrent power cuts through June 2023, sorted now by northern power grid.
- 10.3 A villager has raised an issue about overgrowing bushes on chapel lane.

11. Date of next meeting

TBC