

BOSTON SPA ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the Parish electorate. It is not a Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council Chairman calls and Chairs the meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between March 1st and June 1st (LGA 1972, schedule 12, paragraph 14). There is no prescribed format for this meeting and its recommendations are not binding on the Parish Council.

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room, Boston Spa Village Hall.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors S Morritt (Chair), K Alderson, J Beeson, K Blake, T Gausson, M Heum, J Lyne and C Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillors Gerald Wilkinson and Norma Harrington, PCSO Duffy and Nottingham, 16 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming and declared the meeting open. Cllr Morritt introduced the members of the Parish Council in attendance.

1.	<p>Apologies Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Courts and Steel, the Parish Clerk and Ward Councillor Lamb.</p>
2.	<p>Police Matters PCSO Duffy advised that the number of crimes in 2017/2018 had been 81 a slight increase on the 2016/2017 number of 79. The breakdown of 2017/2018 crimes was as follows – Burglary residential 13, Burglary business 10, Theft of motor vehicle 4, Theft from motor vehicle 4, Theft other 14 and Criminal Damage 36. It was noted that Criminal damage had risen from 0 to 36. PCSO Duffy pointed out that damage to garden sheds, out buildings etc. is now included in this offence. PCSO Nottingham advised that there had been a number of thefts of high value cars and suggested that car keys were taken upstairs and left on the landing out of view of the thieves. He informed us the police were happy to be contacted and carry out a home security assessment. Questions: A member of the public asked how many PCSOs were currently active in Boston Spa. PCSO Nottingham replied that two were on duty but they were increasingly being deployed to other areas of Leeds. There being no further questions, PCSO Duffy and Nottingham were thanked for attending the meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Ward Councillor update Cllr Wilkinson provided updates on two key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic management: A survey will be sent out to all residents of Boston Spa regarding the potential zebra crossing at Westwood Way. This will be within the next three weeks. A highways survey has taken place. The information will then be collated and a decision should follow. Cllr Morritt reiterated the position the Parish Council and urged that a positive decision in favour of a crossing be forth coming as the current situation had gone on long enough. • It was advised that there are plans for all residential areas to have a 20mph limit within the near future. • A member of the public asked if there were plans for a crossing at the Tadcaster end of the village. Cllr Wilkinson replied that currently there were no plans. There was, however, a Speed Indicator on order to be installed on the High Street as you exit to Tadcaster. • Cllr Norma Harrington read a report written by Cllr Lamb regarding Secondary School provision. The consultation continues, with Ward Councillors pressing for a decision to be made soon.
4.	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2017 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.</p>

5.	<p>Resident Engagement</p> <p>Cllr Lyne presented an overview of the aims of the Council to increase engagement with residents. It was well received.</p> <p>A member of the public felt that it was important to ensure that those who have limited or no access to technology can still receive information. Cllr Lyne reassured that this would be the case.</p>
6.	<p>Stables Lane Development Project</p> <p>Cllr Alderson announced that Brambledown Landscapes Ltd have been appointed to carry out Phase 1 development at Stables Lane. It is anticipated that this work will commence shortly.</p> <p>The Working Group was still active in trying to secure funding for Phase 2 and planning the long-term management of the development.</p>
7.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Community Action Plan update</p> <p>Cllr Morrirt reported that the NP has now been adopted. The Parish Council looks forward to continuing the development of the Plan over the coming year and welcomes feedback from residents about possible actions that might help out the working of the plan.</p>
8.	<p>People Friendly Village Centre Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Lyne reported that the group has been reformed with the first meeting to take place on 5th June. The group will consist of 7 members of the public and 3 Parish Councillors. It is hoped to build on the good work of the previous group.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson was asked to attend the first meeting and he agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Wilkinson took the opportunity to state that a budget of £450,000 is being secured for traffic mitigation measures.</p>
9.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair's report is published in the Annual Newsletter and is available to view on the Parish Council website (Meetings/Annual Reports).</p> <p>Cllr Morrirt thanked the Clerk and his fellow councillors for all that they did to help improve the lives of Boston Spa residents.</p>
10.	<p>Financial Statement</p> <p>A statement had been prepared and distributed to the meeting.</p> <p>No comments were received.</p>
11.	<p>Invitation to Boston Spa Residents to raise any matters of interest</p> <p>i) A resident asked for an update on the Crown Hotel. Cllr Morrirt confirmed that the Co-op's planning application had been refused.</p> <p>ii) A resident asked whether exempt green bin plastic recycling facilities could be provided. Cllr Wilkinson said he would investigate the possibility.</p> <p>iii) Cllr Wilkinson stated that Brown bins are now available to order if any resident requires one. The limit is one per household.</p> <p>iv) A resident reported that, the No HGV sign had been removed at the Tadcaster end of the village. He had spoken to North Yorkshire Council and has been reassured it will be replaced.</p>
<p>Next meeting: The Parish Council holds its meetings on the third Monday evening of the month at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Boston Spa. All meetings are open to the public. Any specific matters for the attention of the Parish Council should be sent to Val Hunter, Clerk to the Parish Council, The Village Hall, 199, High Street, Boston Spa LS23 6AA, by email: clerk@bostonspapc.org.uk, or by telephone 07864 649565. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2019.</p>	
<p>Closure - There being no other matters for discussion the Chairman thanked the residents for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 21.20 hours.</p>	

Signed

Chairman

Date