

BIGGIN PARISH COUNCIL
BIGGIN, SHERBURN IN ELMET, NORTH YORKSHIRE, LS25 6HJ

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 25th May 2022 at Church Fenton Village Hall.

The meeting opened at 6.30pm.

Residents attended: 7

Councillors present: Cllr Lamb, Chairman. Cllr Hartley, Vice Chairman. Cllr Anderson, Cllr Kaiper-Holmes.
Clerk, Georgina Ashton.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting - 26th May 2021
Resolution: Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 26th May 2021 were agreed and approved.
2. Matters Arising
No matters arising from the last Annual Parish Meeting.
3. Report of the Chairman covering the activities of the Parish Council followed by any questions

In the past municipal year, there have been 6 planning applications in Biggin since May 2021. The precept was increased to £1,200 at the start of 2016 and has now increased to £1,450. For this financial year it is set at £1,457.06. The defibrillator which was installed in the phone box in 2019 has had some issues with battery life. Cllr Anderson has taken on responsibility for this and both sourced and installed a new defibrillator. If anyone would be interested in a training session for the defibrillator, please let Georgina know.

In terms of accounts, Georgina has prepared the AGAR – Annual Governance and Accounting Return which is now ready to be signed off. We have a healthy surplus in the bank of just over £3,000; the Annual Accounts 2021/22 have been approved by the Internal Auditor and will be available to view later in June.

The next project for Biggin Parish Council is to utilise the S106 spend which was allocated to the parish in March 2020. Councillors have made the final decision and hope to provide something for everyone to use and enjoy which will involve gated entrances, seating and planters. Councillors are aware of road safety concerns with regards to wide load HGVs transporting to LEA. These concerns have been raised with the appropriate authorities and residents are encouraged to make comment on the planning portal for live applications at Leeds East Airport.

4. Points for discussion raised by electors
Resident 1 – concerns raised with regard to HGVs travelling through Biggin to LEA.
Resident 2 – has similar concerns and has reported to NYCC Highways department. Why have the Police been used to make that decision? Resident has been told that temporary signs will be put up as a temporary measure to deter the drivers of Gordons Transport using this route. Resident is happy to assist but is waiting for Gary Lumb, NYCC Highways dept to get back to her. Arguably not a suitable route for HGV drivers to use.
Resident 3 – Do we know why the amazon trucks are coming in and out of the village? Concerns over the vast volume of HGVs entering the site from Ulleskelf, Church Fenton and Biggin.
Resident 4 – A lot of people may not know much about this. Suggestion that residents are leaflet dropped with key information ie the planning references, key bullet points and objections as well as who to write to with their comments, and who to send photographic evidence to with regard to the HGVs coming through the parish and if they are particularly in the side of the road (ie creating damage to the side of the road). Residents are seeing them at 8.30am and 3.30pm as well as some in between (as many as 6-8 per day). Details of County Councillor, District Cllr, planning enforcement, planning case officers, Highways dept, parish council email address.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.