

# Parish of Wigglesworth

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.00pm

## 1. Appointment of Chairperson for the meeting

Dr David Clarke was appointed Chairperson for the meeting

## 2. Appointment of Secretary for the meeting

Kathryn Toft was appointed Secretary for the meeting

## 3. Notes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The notes of the last meeting were distributed and read, approved by those present: D Clarke, A Clarke, K Toft, Rev H Young, A Shepherd, C Ward, C Occardi, B Newhouse.

## 4. Matters Arising

- a) The website has really benefitted from the revamp completed by Peter Addison Child. We owe him a big thank you for all his efforts in setting up the new look website and the support he has provided since the launch of the new site. We also need to pass the details of the company who host the website on their server (Mixed Media) from Claire Occardi to Kathy Toft.

**Action: Claire Occardi**

- b) The Wigglesworth name book was mentioned at the last meeting and we have searched for it over the last months. Although the book we found does not have "Visitors Book" on the cover it appears to have some named visitors in it. These signatures all appear to be from June 2000 and would seem to be related to visits to Clarke's Old School or the village for the Millennium celebrations. We will check with some of the local signatories to establish if this is the visitors book previously referred to. It was also suggested that we add a section to the website regarding the origins of the surname Wigglesworth and the website address for the Wigglesworth name group.

**Action: K.Toft to discuss with P. Addison-Child**

## 5. Appointment of a Wigglesworth Trustee to Clarke's Old School Foundation

- a) Claire Occardi is standing down as Trustee and Treasurer after many years of diligent work within the Community. Claire's project management skill during the redevelopment of the Old School and establishment of the new building now making up the community centre was central to the success of that major piece of work. She is resigning in order to dedicate more time to her other activities but will still be more than willing to assist the community when she can. Dr David Clarke and all of the Trustees offered grateful thanks for all her efforts and support over a very busy period for Clarke's old School Foundation.
- b) We have already circulated the Trustee vacancy to the villagers and will continue to canvass for a replacement until we fill the post. The term of office is three years and every support will be provided by the Trustees. In the short term the other Trustees will cover the role to ensure the finances are monitored correctly.

## 6. Village Environment

- a) We have now, subject to signing the contract with BT, adopted the BT callbox in the centre of the village to site the second defibrillator. For a variety of reasons we were unable to site it at the Plough or the old Post Office. We have worked with the Community Heartbeat Trust to secure the telephone box and also the required paint for the box. Once the telephony has been removed we have to paint the box and then are responsible for the maintenance of the box going forward. It may be necessary to exchange the existing cabinet for one suited for connection to the electricity supply in the telephone box. David Clarke will discuss this with the supplier and our electricians Harrison Cross prior to installation of the defibrillator. Claire Occardi told the meeting that Yorkshire Ambulance would only register the defibrillator once it is permanently in position. Claire kindly agreed to provide one or more defibrillator update sessions once the second defibrillator had been installed.

**Action: David Clarke**

- b) The Rathmell, Wigglesworth and Giggleswick B4RN project has progressed a great deal since the last meeting. The first investment target has been reached, this means that the first phase of the project which will include purchase and installation and connection of the distribution cabinet at the Reading Room in Rathmell village should begin in June 2018 (subject to the weather and final agreements re cable laying with landowners). All the farmers/landowners who have given permission for the cable to cross their land will be having a meeting within the next two weeks to discuss the detail. Phase 3 of the B4RN project would include Wigglesworth and would be dependent on sufficient investment being made (to the value of approximately £35k). At this point in time it is not clear that the B4RN project phase 3 will proceed. The situation may change once properties in Rathmell are connected to B4RN. The Trustees of Clarkes Old School may invest in B4RN for the Old School and Schoolhouse once the details of phase 3 are clearer. BT Openreach do not have any stated plan to provide fast broadband in the centre of Wigglesworth or indeed for Rathmell.
- c) The Chairman thanked David Howard and Chris Thorpe for their hard work in keeping the village verges and Community Centre gardens trimmed and tidy, this work keeps the village and Community Centre looking well kept and discourages littering. The contract for mowing of the village green does not appear to have been awarded by Ribblesdale Parish Council even though the cutting season has begun. Chris Ward will follow this matter up with the Clerk to the Parish Council after the meeting and report back to the Trustees. If necessary we will cut the green until a contractor is found.
- Action: Chris Ward.**
- d) The Chairman noted that the potholes in the road (B6478) running through the centre of the village that had been reported to North Yorkshire Highways as dangerous have been repaired.
- e) The Volunteer Centre Manager, Anne Clarke, expressed her thanks to the many volunteers who helped in an organised litter pick, their efforts meant that the village collected 25+ large binbags full of rubbish from the roads surrounding the village. A great example of village

participation. We submitted the story and photo to the Craven Herald but they did not print it. Other neighbouring villages have decided to organise their own litter picks.

- f) Anne Clarke raised the fact that the layby situated on the road towards Rathmell still had closed signage although it was clear for use. We will contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (B.Roos) with photos to ask her to contact North Yorkshire Highways to get the signs removed.

## **7. Community Centre Update**

- a) The Volunteer Centre Manager told the meeting that the last year has been more settled and that she had had a core group of regular volunteers who were enthusiastic and experienced. We will continue to recruit more volunteers to further our fundraising activities. She also thanked everyone who helped with general maintenance of the Centre and gardens.

## **8. Planning Matters**

- a) There is only one outstanding planning permission for the housing development at Wigglesworth Hall. There has been no decision on this at the moment.

## **9. Any Other business**

- a) The District Council Elections are to be held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.
- b) The Chair reminded those present that the village has two seats on Ribble Banks Parish Council but Wigglesworth currently does not currently have a Parish councillor.
- c) Rev Hilary Young told the meeting that she would be holding her last service at Rathmell church in July 2018. She is leaving to take up a position another parish in the Cambridge area. She pledged to ensure continuity in terms of involvement of the incumbent as a Trustee of the Old School Foundation and suggested that we agree a stand in representative to attend meetings over the period that will elapse before her replacement arrives in the parish. The Chairman thanked her for her contribution to the village and the Foundation and wished her every success in her new parish.
- d) It was minuted that we had received a communication from Shirley Wales regarding her role as Wigglesworth representative on the "Relief in Need Charity ". She asked for our support for her to continue in that role. The meeting gave their support and thanked her for her work on our behalf.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.