



GUNTHORPE with BALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th February 2025, 7pm at Bale Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Sam Papworth (Chairman) James Bent, Richard Broughton, Julie Fisher, Roy Marsden., Parish Clerk: Kerry Harris, 0 members of the public.

25/01 Welcome and to consider apologies and reasons for absence

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were accepted by All for Cllrs. Blackiston and Macorkindale

25/02 To receive declarations of Interest and request for dispensation in any of the agenda items

There were none.

25/03 To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2024

The minutes were agreed by all to be a true record of the meeting on a Proposal by Cllr Papworth and Seconded by Cllr Fisher.

25/04 Matters arising on the Minutes (for information only), not included on the agenda

Cllr Broughton requested clarification on the "scheme offering a free upgrade to septic tanks mentioned by NNDC Cllr Butikofer at the November meeting. The Clerk clarified that neither Bale nor Gunthorpe were included in the scheme.

25/05 Open forum for Public Participation

(i) No reports had been received from NCC Cllr Aquarone and NNDC Cllr Butikofer

(ii) An opportunity for members of the public to raise questions or concerns

There were no members of the public attending.

25/06 Financial and Governance Matters

(i) To Approve the Cashbook and Payments List

The balance in the Community Account is £1,850.18 and in the Business Account £3,287.35, making a total of £5,137.53.

Payments to be Approved since the last meeting ICO (Annual renewal) £35.00, C. Harris (Clerk's salary October to December and including LGA backdated to April) £487.18, HMRC (Tax on salary) £122.00, C Harris (Clerk's expenses) £15.00

Receipts - £12.25 (Business account interest)

These were Approved by All on a Proposal by Cllr Broughton and Seconded by Cllr Fisher.

(ii) To note the change to the District Council Taxbase

The Clerk had circulated to Cllrs the email from NNDC changing the Tax Base for the Parsh for the 2025 – 26 Financial Year from 152.4 to 172.0 due to the Second Homes Premium. This will lead to a reduction for the 2025 – 26 Financial Year in the Council Tax being paid by Council Tax payers.



- (iii) To review and Approve the following policies: Risk Management, FOI – Guide to Information, 2025 Information Audit

These were Approved by All on a Proposal by Cllr Bent and Seconded by Cllr Broughton.

- (iv) To consider a request to the Clerk's training NPTS update seminar 20% cost of seminar & mileage = £15.70.

This was Approved by All on a Proposal by Cllr Broughton and Seconded by Cllr Fisher.

25/07 To receive an Update and Approve Action on the next stage towards the Update of the Parish Plan

This was carried forward to the next meeting.

25/08 To receive an Update on the Bale Village Hall website

This was carried forward to the next meeting

25/09 To consider any action to encourage attendance by residents at PC meetings

A short discussion took place that residents only attended a Parish Council meeting when they had an issue to resolve. No solutions were found.

25/10 Planning matters

- (i) To Note Planning applications since the previous PC meeting
PF/24/2152 – Burns Cottage: single storey rear extension – Approved
PF/24/2342 – Glenrose, Field Dalling Rd: erection of single storey dwelling & conversion of garage to bedroom - Approved.

- (ii) Planning applications since the close of the agenda
There were none.

25/11 To receive an update on the Defibrillator, if available

There was no update available.

25/12 To Approve any action on Highways matters

- (i) To Approve any action about the condition of Sharrington Road
The potholes have been filled.
The other issue is a long term problem with water on the road. Anglian Water have revealed a blocked drain which is the responsibility of Highways department. A resident is dealing with this.

- (ii) To receive an update on the Community Speedwatch in Bale
There was no update available.

- (iii) To receive an update on the SAM2 and Approve any action,
A resident has been investigating the problem of retrieving data from the SAM2. Cllrs agreed that the main function of the SAM2 was the flashing sign as a Speeding deterrent. Cllrs did not want to spend money on repairs to retrieve the data.
They noted their concern that one of the new batteries was already beginning to deteriorate.



25/13 To note the correspondence since the last meeting

NPTS Newsletters

MP Steff Aquarone end of year report

NCC Cllr Dalby January review

Multi-agency January Flood & Drought summit

Rural Bulleting – Feb 4th

Council Tax Base changes

NNDC Planning topics & training

Consultation on Devolution

25/14 Any other business – for information only

Due to difficulty in reading the minutes in the Bale Noticeboard, there is now a note stating that these are available from the Clerk.

Cllrs stated that most information in Bale is circulated through the WhatsApp Group

Cllr Bent was thanked for all he has done for the Parish while he has been a Cllr. He confirmed his resignation.

25/15 To note date of next meetings: Thursdays 15th May at Gunthorpe Village Institute – this will also be the date for the Annual Parish Meeting; 18th September at Bale Village Hall

25/16 To Close the meeting

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Signed

Date