

Burnham Overy Parish Council

Minutes of the Burnham Overy Annual Parish General Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Present:

Cllr K William-Powlett (Chair), Cllr J Gurney, Cllr A Edwards, Cllr J Howell, Cllr P Thompson, Cllr S Sandell (Borough Councillor) Clerk: S Raven Members of Public: 9

Welcome by Chair.

1. Minutes of 14th May 2019

Minutes were APPROVED for the 14th May 2019 and to be signed in due course by Chair Cllr K William-Powlett

2. Chairman's annual report:

Cllr K William-Powlett read out a report ([attached](#)).

3. Clerk's report

Clerk S Raven read out a financial report for the year ([attached](#))

4. Report from Borough Councillor

Cllr S Sandell read out a report for the Borough Council ([attached](#))

5. Report from County Council

Nothing received.

6. Report from Village Hall Committee

This was read out by Clerk prepared by H Faire ([attached](#)). H Faire updated totals of £30166.20. Have not heard about the CIL application yet.

7. Report from Tennis Club

This was read out by Clerk prepared by H Faire ([attached](#)) H Faire updated totals £24441.92. Visiting local children for the free tennis sessions.

8. Report from Harbour Trust

Nothing received.

9. Questions and Statements from Parishioners

It was explained the CIL application applying for a Grant from the Borough Council for the Village Hall needed match funding. £35,000 asked from the grant and match funding £15,000 from Village Hall Funds and then a further £5,000 of grants.

S Sandell explained that funding might be available from Jacks Farm windfarm grants.

Meeting closed 6.20 pm.

Signed by Chair Dated:

Chairs Report 2021

I've been chair since last summer so must first pay tribute to our Chair since May 2019, Simon Raven. Thank you Simon for your invaluable contribution to the Parish Council, both as chair and councillor before that.

In the last two years we have also welcomed four new councillors and many of us have taken time to engage in training to be better able serve our community.

The Parish Council have worked hard over the last two years to keep the things ticking over steadily. One upside of Covid has been a welcome increase in attendance and participation in our meetings and thus greater awareness of and input into the myriad of things the Parish Council attend to, often behind the scenes.

We are very grateful for the incredible hard work and dedication of our Parish Clerk Sarah Raven who inspects the playground and playing field every week, ensures verges are trimmed, manages dog bin contracts, makes sure the allotments are running well, deals with any number of queries and much more.

In addition to all the work done on a day to day basis, in the last two years The Parish Council have conducted a village survey to better understand the wants and needs of our villagers; spent time investigating the viability of speed restrictions – viable- and parking restrictions- unpopular overall; investigated the situation regarding Overy Marsh and concluded it is not in the public interest to challenge the registration to Holkham; and carefully considered steps that can be taken to cope with visitor influx.

We look forward to continuing to act in the best interests of our community in 2021.

Katherine William-Powlett 4 May 2021

Clerks Report for Annual Parish Meeting 4th May 2021

Prepared by S Raven Clerk/RFO

1st April 2020 opening balance for current account was £1697.53 with Reserve Account of £17792.24. the Total receipts and interest for the year was £12050.85. total Payments were £12936.74.

This leaves a closing balance on 31st March 2021 of £18603.98.

As the total Income and Payments are under £25,000 then the Parish Council can complete a certificate of exemption to not have to undergo a full external audit. This will be recommended in the Council meeting.

No large purchases were made 2020/2021 unlike 2019/2020 when play equipment was purchased.

Borough Council Report

In 2020 the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk have had the strangest year in its existence, the reason of course the Coronavirus Pandemic and the effects its had on West Norfolk.

The Borough Council its officers and councillors have stepped up to deal with the most serious peacetime threat in living memory.

Staff from the Council were seconded to various different organisations in the Borough for example Ask Lily the vaccination centre and Admin support for the hospital to name a few.

The Borough Council reacted very quickly to deal with the coronavirus legislation rolled out by the Government and administered millions of pounds worth of support grants to small business and charities throughout the Borough. As I write this a half a million pound grant scheme opened on the 30th April to help local independent business to support the safe re opening of premises that might otherwise struggle to comply with government guidance. This has been developed by the Council

using the governments additional restrictions funding. The grants will provide up to 75% of eligible costs towards work to the premises such as temporary weather shielding structures, umbrellas and or barriers and equipment. Applications should be made by visiting www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/refreshandreopengrant.

I haven't been to a Council meeting in person since the beginning of March 2020. Meetings have continued which are the most important, like full council, planning and I have chaired 3 licensing panels via zoom from my back bedroom. Some smaller task groups were suspended due to staff shortages and deployment. It is a testament to everybody that they have all adapted to using new technology so well all are now experts in zoom or teams for all our meetings.

On a final not, I would just like to say how extremely proud of our Burnham Surgery for the great effort our Dr's, Nurses, receptionists and volunteers from the local area have put into rolling out the vaccination programme to the residents of the area. Speaking to many residents whilst I've been helping out at the vaccination centre people are getting a feeling of normality returning.

Many residents and Parish Councillors have been a lifeline to the most vulnerable of our community. Its been a great effort and long may it continue.

Sam Sandell

Overy Sports and Tennis Club

Report for the Parish Council 18.4.2021 £22,000 currently in the bank. The courts are now open to annual members and weekly members (staying in Overy). We will open to occasional players as soon as the others clubs along the coast do, otherwise we will be swamped and unable to keep up with Track and Trace. Everyone's enjoying the new surface installed end 2018 and still algae-free miraculously. Eastern Sports Surfaces kindly came up to replace the righthand centre restraint ground anchor on Easter Day and brand new elastic cord has been installed on the practise Rebound Net. The club is happy to pay for the pressure-washing of the basketball patch, halfpipe and other play equipment and is offering a number of free tennis coaching sessions to all full-time village children who are keen to take up the offer. Thanks to Avril and George Dick for encouraging informal tennis evenings on Wednesday evenings and to Avril for arranging for the weekly timetables to go up so efficiently.

H Faire

Village Hall

Report for the Parish Council 18.4.2021 £31,875.06 currently in the bank. Paul Jarvis has been doing extensive easing of windows and door, gates and belfry repairs and decoration ready for opening for the Election on 6th May and more generally to hirers from 17th May. He seems finally to have won the war against the nesting Jackdaws! Gary Fenn and Joe's Lawn Care are keeping the garden tip top and Georgiana Davidson has kindly been doing some pruning of buddleia etc ready for Flora's Wedding in September so many thanks to her as all will obviously benefit. We are applying for CIL funding to replace all the main Village Hall windows with like-for-like but double-glazed hardwood joinery equivalents to make the hall more viable for regular winter lets and more viable for future green energy possibilities which single-glazing prevents at present. It's a long shot but fingers crossed that the Council will grant us something! Dave Kelly has kindly embraced the role of Hall Manager.

H Faire