

VILLAGE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	Wednesday 29 th January 2025
IN ATTENDANCE:	Julian Glyn-Owen – Chair Bill Hiscocks – Treasurer Carolyn MacDougall – Secretary/Clerk
APOLOGIES:	Nigel Rodgers, Gillie Bibby, Janey Campbell-Johnston, Ian Gibb, Gill Brasher, Alice and Ed Faulkner, Christian Lange, Hayley Burrey.
GUEST:	Ross Anderson, The Boot Inn
No. ATTENDING:	27

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>WELCOME Julian Glyn-Owen welcomed all attendees. A warm welcome to Berwick to Ignas Laurinavicius; as well as to baby Angus O’Neill-Street.</p>	
<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING – Julian Glyn-Owen Minutes of the previous Village Meeting were agreed to be a true reflection of the meeting: proposed by Charlie Street and seconded by Nicky Street. Action Items that had been carried forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assets of Community Value for The Boot Inn - Done 2. A303 Fund of £614 – to be discussed 3. BT public phone booth to be repainted – on-going 4. SumUp cards – on-going 	
<p>PRECEPT AND ACCOUNTS – Bill Hiscocks Bill Hiscocks presented the Berwick accounts for 2024 [refer to slides]. Balance as at 27 January 2025: <u>Precept:</u> £3,602 Comments: Salvation Army bin not paying out as much but still useful. With thanks to the Farm Shop for accommodating. Church graveyard/garden somewhat more expensive due to prolonged mowing season. Website yearly charges up from £128 to £144. We need the website and it is very useful. <u>Community Fund:</u> £1,342 <u>A303 Fund:</u> £614 We raised £25k for our campaign against a possible southern bypass. £3K of the remaining balance has already been paid out evenly to residents. We should now move the balance of £614 to the Community Fund, as the small amount would be time consuming to share out. <u>Bob Drake Fund:</u> £311 Comments: Most of the daffodils planted from the Bob Drake Fund have not appeared and replacements will be needed. <u>Bank Charges:</u> Lloyds Bank will now be charging £4.25 per account per month. The idea is to amalgamate the Precept and Community Fund into one account. Bill Hiscocks will take advice from our local council to determine the feasibility. Neil MacDougall was of the opinion this might not be possible. <u>2025 Precept:</u> It was proposed that we keep the Precept as per last year at £2K. All attendees voted in favour of the proposal. Proposal to bring forward the payments to Church Graveyard £750 and Reading Room £500 instead of waiting until the AGM. All attendees voted in favour of the proposal.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">BH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BH</p>

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<p>Fundraising – Carolyn MacDougall A Fete-cum-Fun Day was put forward. It has been pencilled in for either Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th June. The venue, with many thanks to Olivia Marchant, will be in the garden at The Clock House. A small team initially will get together to put forward ideas. More helpers will be needed in due course and on the day. The village will be updated soon.</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>Community Speed Watch – Neil MacDougall The Community Speed Watch team stopped running sessions in October last year due to the low number of traffic using our road and weather conditions. At the time it was decided that data from SID would indicate whether the group would need to restart again when the weather improves. Downloaded data indicated that there has been no or little change since 2024. Roughly 8,500 cars a month enter the village and 7,000 leave. This discrepancy is interesting! [Refer to slides]. On average the most traffic, at busy periods, is no more than 60 vehicles per hour. There are still significant speeders, mostly entering the village (40-50mph) and outgoing (30-40mph). The presence of our teams definitely does make a difference to the speed of incoming traffic. Nonetheless a decision as to whether to re-start the sessions or not, will be left for after the bridge road closure finishes in mid-July. Julian Glyn-Owen thanked Neil for his work.</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>Wessex Internet – Julian Glyn-Owen No update following recent email. It appears that the costs have increased [refer to slide] and does not include landline rentals. The Reading Room has submitted reasons why they need to be connected. It would appear that Wessex Internet believe that they have made good all areas where work has been carried out. Tim Upward highlighted concerns about verges needing attention and will make contact with Wessex Internet.</p>	<p>TU</p>
<p>AOB - All 1. Cancer Research Christine McConnell informed the Meeting that a total of £1,1700 was raised to support CRUK in 2024. Special thanks to Berwick Farm Shop and Café. A full breakdown of the income is listed in the <i>Community Matters</i> magazine. Since starting the plant table, an amazing £6,708 has been raised. Christine received a well deserved round of applause for her dedicated hard work.</p> <p>2. Large Marquee Neil MacDougall inquired as to what was happening with the damage done last summer to the large marquee while out on hire. Any funds required for replacement parts would need to be agreed at this meeting. The damaged parts would cost £278 to replace; half of which will be borne by the hirer and the transport of the spares by a third party. The village would be left with a bill of £102. Bill Hiscocks proposed for agreement to the figure of £102 and seconded by Nicky Street. 14 votes to accept and 6 against. Bill Hiscocks to order replacement spare parts. Carolyn MacDougall enquired whether we know for sure if there were any other faults prior to the marquee being used. Derek Kelly stated that this could only be ascertained once the marquee was erected. A new set of Conditions of Hire (copy on the Village website) will be in place to ensure that we do not have problems in the future.</p>	<p>BH</p>

The Village Meeting closed at 20.10 and residents invited to stay for wine and chat.