

# Parish Council of East & West Barkwith with Panton Annual Parish Meeting 2021

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00pm. on July 22nd, 2021 in the Village Hall.

**Present:-** There were six councillors and the clerk in attendance but no other members of the community had chosen to come to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** - These were received and accepted from Cllr. A. Platt (the chairman), who had a family commitment, Cllr. D Ward, who had a business meeting, and Cllr. N. Gibson, who was away.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. J. Stamp.

2. **Minutes** - There had been no meeting in 2020, due to the Covid measures so it was the minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting which were read by the clerk.
3. **Approval** - The minutes of the 2019 meeting were then approved and signed by the chairman.
4. **Matters arising** - There were no matters arising.
5. **Chairman's Report** - Cllr. A.Platt, chairman of the Parish Council, had prepared his report. This was read by Cllr. Stamp and a copy is attached. Cllr. Stamp also added his thanks to the clerk for her efforts which had kept the council's work for the community running throughout the difficulties brought by the Covid situation.
6. **General Discussion** - With no residents in attendance, there were no items for discussion and the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed by the Chairman .....

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## **Chairman's Report for the Annual Parish Meeting, 2021**

This report relates to the period since the last Annual Parish Meeting in May, 2019.

Comments from the public, regarding the poor state of the Bus Shelters were first referred to the Transport section at Lincolnshire County Council in May 2018. Difficulties over funding, then contractors, caused delays but the work was finally completed earlier this year.

Requests had been received from residents for more action to reduce speeding through the the village. New 'reminder' signs were obtained and erected early last year. A reactive sign with camera was obtained and installed this year and is now beginning to provide data for measuring traffic and speeds.

The Countryside Committee has been busy with the construction of Bat and Owl Boxes, along with other maintenance tasks to support the wildlife in the Parish Field, on the Village Green and in other conservation areas, and to keep the verges tidy and litter-free. Thanks are due to the Committee and the tireless band of volunteers for keeping these spaces open for relaxation and enjoyment during these recent difficult months. Thanks also to the newly formed 'Litter Team' for keeping the village clear of rubbish.

The Play Area closed for only the first lockdown period but has since needed more careful monitoring and cleaning to comply with the regulations. Thanks to Committee and volunteers for giving the extra time needed for this.

As an 'indoor space', the Village Hall has been closed for much of the time since March of last year, with re-opening subject to varying regulations, most of which have so far discouraged its use by the regular groups. In the meantime, the Management Committee has arranged the completion of the work on the rear doors and the heating and is looking at other improvements needed. The possible adjustment to the Management system is currently on hold due to the time needed to keep up with the ever-changing Covid requirements.

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East Lindsey has removed the Bottle Banks from the Crossroads car park. They had asked for them to be re-sited in Village Hall car park but would offer no help to keep the site tidy, which had been a frequent problem while they were at the pub.

No other site could be identified in the village but there is now a Bottle Bank at Hainton.

Special Thanks must be given to David Ward and his family for being quick to offer assistance to any members of community requiring help with shopping etc. during the initial lockdown and through all the subsequent changes in restrictions.

Thank you, too, to all those members of community who have watched out for their neighbours during this situation.

Finally - my thanks to the Councillors for their special efforts and patience in dealing with the meetings electronically and generally 'keeping things going'.

Andrew Platt  
Chairman.  
July, 2021