

Parish of Heywood

Parish Meeting

Minutes of Parish Meeting on Thursday, 7th September, 2017

Apologies for absence: James Kay, June & John Holloway, Heather Scullion and Karen Stevens

Attendance: Dick & Jenny Mitchell, John & Barbara Huggins, June & Chris Lewis, Beverley Spratt (N.C.C), Kathie & Alan Levine, Jane & Colin Howe, Nigel Scullion, Phillipa Kemp-Welch, Rosalind Kay (14 attended)

Matters arising from Minutes of 27th April, 2017: None as all covered on Agenda – Minutes approved by Chairman

Community Governance/Boundary Review:

Following Burston's submission to change our boundary, Dick Mitchell with John Huggins had attended a meeting on the 15th August at S.N.D.C. and he gave a brief report. Boundaries should be defined in accordance with the Boundary Commission by roads, ditches and watercourses etc. The sub-committee agreed and decided to recommend to full council that there should be no change to our parish boundary with Burston or Diss.

Short survey – new review date to expire on 27th October, 2017.

John Huggins also outlined the above, showing boundaries on maps.

Map A – showing the 7 parishes grouped by district ward, namely Bressingham and Burston

Schedule B – showing the responses by parishes and residents (note Heywood had 3 residents and parish meeting response but Bressingham and Shelfanger had no parish or residents responses).

Also Burston & Shimpling had proposed a merge with Gissing, a separate parish council for Shimpling as well as changes to our boundary with them.

Map C – showing the changes proposed by Burston and S.N.D.C. compromise (the meeting on 15th August rejected these)

Schedule D – showing no change to Heywood

He also said that a large proportion of residents within Roydon were likely to be included in Diss.

Norfolk County Council Report with Beverley Spratt: He said that South Norfolk want parishes to be amalgamated. He also said that he has a £6,000 budget for highways. He again told of how we could have more done if we put in £250, but we pointed out that we do not have any money for this and it would require us to set a bigger precept. John Huggins said that he had been in contact with Bob West prior to our meeting to see if roads can be 'sided out' (soil/grass encroachment) to create a wider safer road and Beverley agreed to support us. D. Mitchell pointed out that groups were made too big, often with nowhere to go, which then created problems with the road which Highways have to pay to re-instate. We talked about getting a speed limit introduced. Bev Spratt said he would support, but we are only likely to get it reduced to 50 mph. If not, passing places are an option.

Planning: Nothing to report other than approval for Highfield.

S.N.D.C. Report: J.H. read out the relevant topics in Barry Stone's recent reports.

Police Reports: Nigel Scullion reported on the meeting on 24th May – Crime assessment service available, PCFOs going and quarterly meetings will be open to the public. He is quite happy to continue to represent Heywood at future meetings. It was pointed out that police had been seen on Heywood Road towards Shelfanger. Reason seems to be unknown, but quite a lot of activity around a greenhouse in a field on the south side of the road!

A.O.B. Alan Levine reminded the meeting that the precept needed to be set. Zero was proposed by him and seconded by everyone!

Road closures – Kathie Levine reminded the meeting that Burston roads were shortly to be closed for works and to be aware of extra traffic.

Litter pick – Jenny Mitchell reminded the correspondent to book an early slot for 2018.

It is no longer possible to have Shelfanger Village Hall on a Thursday, and Mondays were felt to be the best alternative rather than Winfarthing Village Hall so -

Next Meeting: Monday, 16th April, 2018 at 7.30 pm. at Shelfanger Village Hall