

GRINDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual General Meeting - 14th May 2008

1. PRESENT

Mr D Godfrey, Mr W Allison, Mr P Burke, Mr D Jones, Mr G Rees
In attendance: Mr R Cooper (Clerk), PC J Ollett and one elector

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the AGM of 2007 had been received and approved at the June 2007 meeting of the PC.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk submitted the following summary of the council's activities in writing:

Major issues addressed during the year have included:

- Creating and monitoring effective budgetary procedures, including risk assessment on financial activities
- The lack of good play facilities in Wynyard and Thorpe Thewles – liaison was established with Stockton BC
Care For Your Area regarding this
- The provision of dog bins in Wynyard Village
- The loss of public transport and Post Offices in rural areas
- New Code of Conduct for parish and local councillors
- A dispute concerning the enclosure of common land in Thorpe Thewles
- Traffic management in the ward
- Stockton BC's Local Development Strategy Core Document was considered and responded to

Planning:

Important matters during the year, which have been considered, have included:

- Provision of cycleways and other means of relieving peak-time congestion at the A689/A19 interchange
- Measures to discourage speeding on the Wynd, Wynyard
- A wind farm on Butterwick Moor
- A Hotel and Golf Complex at Wynyard Golf Club

Villages appearance

The PC has monitored the state of greens, roads, footpaths, hedges and waterways which it is responsibility of others to maintain, informing the appropriate body when work is required. Requests for the removal of fly tipping have been regularly made. Help from Cllr John Gardner in accessing an SEIB grant from Stockton BC towards tidying up work in Thorpe Thewles is gratefully acknowledged.

During the year the PC received news of the retirement of Mr A Whitfield, who had carried out the tidying of Thorpe Thewles for many years. His contribution to the community was gratefully acknowledged. A replacement for his services has been sought.

The PC has responded to requests for aid in funding various projects, including:

- St James' Church, Thorpe Thewles – churchyard maintenance (£545.83 – after recovery of VAT)
- Wynyard Residents' Association Summer Fete – fee for children's entertainer (£200)

Community Police Liaison

The PC also notes the attendance at its meeting of its community policeman P C Ollett, who has provided regular reports of his work. This liaison is greatly valued and appreciated.

5. AOB

5.1 Thorpe Thewles apparence: it was suggested that there be no more flower tubs introduced and that bulbs be planted at the entrance to the village by the Church and in other areas by consultation.

5.2 It was suggested that the PC seek ways to build bridges wth the Wynyard Residents' Association.