

Annual Parish Meeting with Electors Notes, 10th May 2023 Burgh by Sands Village Hall at 7.00pm

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Kate McConnell Coon

2. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th May 2022

Cllr Ditch signed them as a true record of the meeting.

3. Annual Report presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council regarding the Parish Council's Activities for the last year (circulated by email)

4. Reports for organisations around the Parish

(i) Burgh by Sands Allotment Association –

David Singleton summarised the report

(ii) Burgh by Sands Parish Hall Management Committee

report circulated by email and summarised by Nick Waterfield

(iii) Burgh by Sands Sports & Recreation Association

no report submitted and no representation, **ACTION FR to follow up**

(iii) St Michael's Church, Burgh by Sands

no report submitted and no representation, **ACTION FR to follow up**

(iv) Wiggonby Trust

Margaret Hodson summarised the report – The trust still owns farmlands and leases them which in turn raises money for grants. Any children can claim a grant if moving to further education up to the age of 25. Last year the land was re let and the income has increased so grants may be significantly more. 2022 trust awarded full grants and part time grants – school was given £19000.00 – will be advertised in the Parish Magazine. Not means tested. Cllr Ditch suggested a notice on the notice boards put up by FR. Margaret to forward to FR who will place on the notice boards, **ACTION FR**

5. Open session—Items or issues members of the public wish to raise with the Council

- Red Squirrels – Malcolm Pape advised the impact on red squirrels by the grey squirrels is huge, reds displaced mainly to the north. Grey squirrels carry a virus called squirrel pox which is fatal to the red squirrels. Grey squirrels can have two breeding seasons per year which can also impact on other species i.e. birds eggs, also damage tree saplings etc. National England set out guidelines for controlling the grey squirrels. There are areas throughout the villages where traps are set and the numbers are high. Public should report sightings to the co-ordinator – details in the parish magazine. Permission being sought for Rose Pond to set traps. Mal to be asked to send further information to FR which will be considered at the next meeting.

*Paul A. Natch*

*1 May 24*