## ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS FOR BARDNEY, SOUTHREY, STAINFIELD & APLEY

AGENDA

- Minutes of the 2018/2019 Annual Meeting of Electors.
- Chairman's Report
- Accounts for organisations linked to BGPC
- Present awards
- Items raised by the public.



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# **Chairman's Report**

• Will explain the Parish Council's activities over the last 24 months

• Will explain the Threats, Strengths, Weaknesses and Opportunities for BGPC and the community that we serve.

## BGPC have been busy over the past 24 months

- Achieved Local Council Award Foundation Award
- Adopted General Power of Competence
- Created half an acre of Community Orchard
- Fenced off the allotments adding planting edible hedging
- Created a new 12 acre Community Land
- Created a new car park for the Community Land/Allotments

### ...and we have also done...

Planted 420 trees and 550 hedging plants

- Installed a new bench and picnic table on the Community Land
- Moved gates on the Community Land and Allotments to address Health and Safety Highways issues.
- Removed the dead hedge which was plagued with wasps nests, on the Cemetery
- Restored the original iron railings, replaced damaged concrete posts

## ....and not forgetting......

- Installed new fencing along the side of the Cemetery
- Changed policy to subcontract Grave Digger
- Continued working with Wragby Parish Council for funding the Handyman
- Supported the Community during the Pandemic.
- Assisted setting up the Community Response with Lincolnshire Resilience Forum
- Joined with the School and Churches to set up Bardney and surrounding Area Larder during the first Lockdown

## ....and we also did.....

- Arranged to transport elderly residents to Louth Hospital for their COVID vaccinations.
- Purchased sand bags to support the Fire Brigade in the event of flooding
- Assisted with restoring Southrey Post Box, still pushing for reinstatement of the bus.
- Continuing with Community Speed Watch & Community Litter Picking in all the villages

#### Threats

- Lack of support in case of disaster. The last 18 months have proved that disaster support from authorities is not forthcoming.
- Have to fund grass cutting the footpaths. Our area has a lot of footpaths
- Increase in traffic, increase in parking issues.
- Planning issues. Constant problems with WLDC Planning procedures and Planning Committee.

### Strengths

- A strong supportive community. Amazing community spirit during lockdown.
- A committed Parish Council who has developed good links locally and nationally
- BGPC has sound financial record and understanding of historical issues

### Weaknesses

- Poor relationship with WLDC
- Lack of support from LCC regarding highways issues. Some major issues have not been addressed for over eight years. BGPC have even offered to pay.
- Lack of s106 funds which would pay for play parks and improvements to the Doctors Surgery.
- Lack of inclusion in Emergency Planning

### **Opportunities**

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- To host St Oswald Feast Day.
- Move the Parish Office to a more accessible place
- Look to support our community with new initiatives