

# ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS FOR BARDNEY, SOUTHREY, STAINFIELD & APLEY Incl. discuss the temporary closure of Bardney Bridge

## AGENDA

- Minutes of the 2017/2018 Annual Meeting of Electors for Bardney.
- Chairman's Report
- The temporary closure of Bardney Bridge
- Items raised by the public.
- Shall we enter Best Kept Village Competition and continue with Twinning?



## BGPC have been busy over the past 12 months

- Memorial benches
- Cleaned and restored the raised bed walls
- Replanted the raised beds near to the green to commemorate 100 years since end of WWI and 100 years of RAF
- Cleaned the war memorial

- Restored all the benches in Bardney
- Cleaned Stainfield War Memorial
- Placed large poppies in all the villages for the month of November
- Had the Cemetery formally recognized by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.
- Developed further links with IX Squadron
- IX Squadron propeller chosen by the children of Bardney Primary School to be the logo for the Parish Council

## Our handyman has

- Cut grass verges around the villages on a regular basis, taking over the role from LCC Highways who only fund two cuts per year.
- Supplied his services to other organisations to help fund the cost.
- Maintained the footpaths in Southrey Wood following LCC's decision to no longer cut the footpaths in the woods. If these paths were not maintained then this area would quickly become unusable.

- Carried out regular litter picks around the villages
- Installed a special defibrillator in a remote part of our area where cardiac arrests have occurred
- Began restoring the Church railings
- Began restoring the Cemetery fencing which was identified as a H&S risk
- Developed an allotment site for the growing of plants to be sited around all the village - self-sufficient planting

# Another busy year in the allotments, BGPC have

- Developed a plan for the allotments
- Newly formed Allotment Association
- Had water installed by Anglian Water. A saving of £3000!
- Received compliments from National Allotment Association regarding their appearance
- Received approval from Secretary of State to allow us to use part of the allotment for the benefit of others in the community.

## BGPC have

Improved links with Anglian Water, which have allowed us to;

- Resolve drainage problem in the village.
- Start project with Anglian Water regarding sewage pipework capacity.
- Provide water for allotment holders.
- Use information provided by Anglian Water to allow us to respond effectively to planning applications.
- Supported local resident to address flooding problems encountered over a number of years.

# Local planning issues

- Fought against the planning application for 20 dwellings on land off Lea Grove.
  - Have assisted parishioners object to the application
  - Have liaised with consultee organisations over claims made.
  - Have begun the process of a Judicial Review over the planning decision, in the hope of getting the decision over turned.
- Have raised formal complaints to the Ombudsman of the practices of WLDC planning dept over the last three years.
- Have raised a complaint to the Secretary of State, Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP regarding the practices of WLDC planning dept.



# Other community issues BGPC have been involved in

- Introduced the Speedwatch scheme.
- Held several meetings with LCC Highways in order to address problems in our areas.
- Supported a community litter pick.
- Gained the support of WLDC to address the issue of dog fouling with the regular visits from the Dog Warden.
- Rogers shield awarded each year.

# And there's more.....

- Created Portfolio holders
- New Park Woods pollution and communication from the Environment Agency
- Write regular pieces in the Parish Magazine in order to improve communication with residents.

# Looking forward to what needs to be done

- Work with the Doctor's Surgery to address issues with accessing services.
- Push LCC to address the flooding problem on Abbey Road.
- Looking at ways to utilise spare allotment land for the benefit of the community.

# Your Council needs you!

- Become a Councillor
- Volunteer to help your Parish Council