

MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for the

VILLAGES OF GUNTHORPE AND BALE

On 15th May 2025, 7pm at Gunthorpe Village Institute

Chair – Sam Papworth (Chair of the Parish Council)

4 residents and electors, NCC Cllr Steffan Aquarone, Parish Council Clerk – Kerry Harris

Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting. Three Councillors from the Parish Council were present
There were no apologies.

Receive the Chairman's report

This report is made at the Annual Parish Meeting as I near the end of my second year on the Parish Council and my second year as Chair.

A Parish Council exists to serve the community in the villages for which they have a responsibility, to support local organisations and to maintain local facilities. All residents and members of the public are welcome at all meetings of the Council. Dates, times and locations are advertised on the website and noticeboards in each village.

Regular tasks at our Parish Council meetings include reviewing and commenting on local planning applications taking into account the best interests of the villages, informing NCC Highways of areas needing their attention and the operation of the SAM2 speed monitor.

We have provided some funding towards local services: the Local Lynx Newsletter and the Bale Defibrillator – we are grateful that the Defibrillator in Gunthorpe is funded by other sources.

We have also provided funding for grass cutting in the churchyards for both villages. The PC provide a Noticeboard in both villages and pay for a dog bin for collection of waste.

We have arranged the repair of the SAM2 machine which is now moved again between the 2 villages.

We are anticipating progress this year with the Parish Plan and will have a link to the Bale Village Hall website which is under construction.

And finally I would also like to express my thanks to all Councillors and our wonderful Clerk who have served the Parish over the past year.

Resident's Forum

There were no residents present.

Close the Meeting – The Meeting closed at 7.05pm