

Burford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.30pm at Burford Village Hall

- 1. Public Participation:** - There were no members of the public present

Councillors Present: Mr. T. Earp, Mr. K. Griffiths, Mr. R. Morris, Mrs. S Webb

In attendance: Mr, R Huffer

Mrs. K Joiner – Clerk

- 2. Apologies**

Mr. A. Thomas, Mrs. L. Thomas, Mr. R. Thomas. In the absence of the chairman the meeting was chaired by the vice-chair, Mr. R. Morris.

- 3. Declaration of Interest:**

Mr. R. Morris – Item 9 Burford Mill, Pecuniary interest

Mr. R. Morris – Item 11 Pre-school rental, Non-pecuniary interest

- 4. Minutes of the last Meeting**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of 15th April 2019 meeting.

- 5. Matter Arising from the minutes:**

U.S.C – Councillor Mr. R. Huffer confirmed that Shropshire Council reserves are around £100m, with a further £20m in another account.

The Clerk has spoken to the Site Manager at Kerry Foods as requested at the previous meeting. The factory has not heard anything further officially about the proposed haulage yard adjacent to their building. However, unofficially it is thought to be unlikely that it will go ahead.

- 6. U.S.C. – Councillor Mr. R. Huffer**

Nash Parish Council have a new council and are in the process of going through a Place Planning. Whilst there is a need for an increase in housing stock in the area, the provision of local services needs to be taken into consideration. Councillors are equally concerned about the pressure on services, employment opportunities and the pressure on local families who cannot afford to buy in the area. There were also concerns raised about the highways, speeding and road safety in general. It was decided that the council will work with other local parish councils to find a suitable solution that could be put to Shropshire Council for consideration.

There was lengthy discussion over the provision of recycling and refuse sites and it was confirmed that Shropshire Council have delayed their target of becoming carbon neutral from 2030 to 2040.

7. Finance: The Clerk presented the latest financial information

Income – £18,000

Balances	Treasures Acct:	£3,802.43
	Bus instant Access	£33,804.56

It was RESOLVED to make the following payments

D/D Robin Hood – April 2019	£338.57 (incl. £16.12 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – April 2019	£17.50 (incl. £2.92 VAT)
Cheq 716 – DHJH annual payroll	£72.00 (incl. £12 VAT)
Cheq 717 – Sentinal CCTV	£1128.00 (incl. £188 VAT)
Cheq 718 – Made4Monkeys	£2376.00
Cheq 719 – Prysmian	£1201.10 (incl. £200.18 VAT)

It was further noted the payments made since the last meeting:

Cheq 712 – Zurich Municipal	£882.77
Cheq 713 – SALC annual subscription	£480.50
Cheq 714 – RPS Grounds Maintenance	£525.00
Cheq 715 – previous Clerk	£320.00

Councillors received and approved the Bank Reconciliation and it was signed in open meeting.

Councillors further approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018-19, this will be submitted to the external auditors following the meeting, along with the variance explanation that was agreed by council. The internal auditor report was circulated with the papers and there were no questions.

The Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights was also agreed and signed in open meeting. This will be displayed following the meeting.

It was agreed to transfer £5,000 from the Business Account to the Treasurers Account.

8. Village Hall:

- It was generally agreed that the CCTV now installed in the village hall would be viewed by the caretaker, if an incident occurs. The Clerk will forward the Sentinal invoice and quote to the village hall committee for their reference – as they agreed to pay for half the cost.
- The village hall accounts were given to the Clerk for council records.

9. Planning

19/02198/FUL - Land West Of Greenway Head Burford Shropshire Erection of extensions to existing stables to provide additional accommodation and covered storage; erection of a barn for storage and tack.

The parish council has no objections

19/01518/DIS - Burford Mill Burford Tenbury Wells Shropshire WR15 8HH Discharge of Conditions 8 (Archaeological Investigation - WSI) 9 (Access Details) 10 (Car Parking and Turning Areas) 11 (Contamination) and 12 (Foul Drainage and Surface Water) associated with planning application number 15/03856/FUL

There was lengthy discussion over this application but it was decided that it is for Shropshire Council to decide if the relevant works have been completed to allow for the discharge of conditions.

Sanctuary Housing – not on portal yet

Information attached regarding 33 affordable homes, to be the responsibility of Sanctuary Housing

It was confirmed by the clerk that the application was available on the portal from the afternoon of 3rd June 2019. There was lengthy discussion over the application, generally council feels that there is a need for local affordable housing but would like some conditions placed on the application should it be granted. Conditions relate to road safety which is already a concern of the parish. It was noted that there is not a pavement on the main road that the estate will open onto and therefore any residents would need to cross the road to reach a footpath and/or to get into Tenbury. The road that passes the entrance to the proposed development is also currently 40 mph, it was widely agreed that if the development was approved that the speed limit should be reduced prior to the estate entrance.

10. Consider RoSPA Annual Inspection of the play equipment

It was RESOLVED to instruct RoSPA to inspect the play equipment at a cost of £80 +VAT. It was further RESOLVED that once the fence is painted for the play area that it will be returned but the height increased by approximately two inches to allow the grounds maintenance contractor to trim the edges of the grass.

11. To consider draft rental contract for the Pre-School

There have been safeguarding concerns raised regarding having children in the area proposed for rental. Further concerns were also raised around the children from nearby houses that play on the area. It was RESOLVED not to proceed with a rental agreement with the pre-school at this time.

12. Correspondence:

- Rural Bulletins – forwarded to all
- National volunteer event – forwarded to all
- Great British High Street awards – forwarded to all
- Email from parishioner regarding play area – Cllr T Earp locked area off until the equipment can be repaired
- Email from refuse collection as could not enter the play area to empty bins – will let us know next date and can arrange for the area to be opened
- Concerns raised that a resident was using up to four car parking spaces for building materials. Clerk sent letter 13th May outlining that the PC has responsibility for the carpark

The play equipment has since been repaired and the play area will be re-opened. The clerk will contact the council to empty the bin located in the play area.

Items for the next Agenda

- There are two hedges in the parish that are over grown and are obstructing public rights of way (PROW), Cllr. T. Earp will speak to the residents and report back.
- There has been an enquiry about joining the parish council – the parishioner will be invited to observe the next meeting.
- The Burford Road footpath is being obstructed by weed, Mr R. Huffer will look into this and report back.
- The Clerk will liaise with other local parish clerks to arrange a meeting to discuss road safety.

Next Meeting – Monday 22nd July 2019 at 7.30pm at Burford Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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