

Burton Green Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Burton Green Parish Council at Burton Green Village Hall on Monday 18th June 2018 at 7.10pm. If you are unable to attend, please forward your apologies to either myself or the Chairman.



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Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

The meeting will be preceded by a presentation by Nicola Van der Hoven, the A46 Link Road Manager on proposals for the new link road.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - 2.1 Councillors are reminded of the need to register their interests
 - 2.2 To declare any interests in items on the agenda and their nature
 - 2.3 To receive and consider written requests for new DPI (disclosable pecuniary interests) dispensations on items relating to the Agenda.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st May 2018
4. **Community Reports:** To receive reports, and agree any action, from:
 - 4.1 County Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey – County Cllr John Cooke
 - 4.2 District Councillors – Kenilworth Abbey – Cllrs Michael Coker, George Illingworth and Rowena Hill
 - 4.3 Burton Green C of E Primary School – Cllr Watkin
 - 4.4 Burton Green Village Hall Committee – Cllr Jethwa
 - 4.5 Burton Green Residents' Association
 - 4.6 Kenilworth Greenway Trust
 - 4.7 Warwick University – Cllr Grant
5. **Public participation:** To adjourn to allow public participation.

Residents are invited to give their views and raise questions to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself and the Parish Council cannot pass a resolution on matters raised during public participation. Upon restoration of standing order the Parish Council may discuss and agree actions to be taken on any matters raised.

6. **HS2:** to discuss and agree any matters relating to HS2
6.1 To consider setting up a group aimed at obtaining HS2 community funding
7. **Housing:** to discuss and consider matters relating to the Parish Council's approach to housing
7.1 To consider the response to Cala Homes to take over the management of common land associated with the Borough Hill Nursery site development
8. **Burton Green Village and Neighbourhood Design Statement:** to discuss and consider matters relating to the work of the Burton Green Village and Neighbourhood Design Statement Steering Group.
9. **Finance:**
9.1 To consider and approve accounts for payment

Creditor	Purpose	Total (£)
Paul Knight	Refund for payment made for NP maps	9.60
Louise Best	Internal audit	95.00
Paul Knight	June Salary	423.18
Paul Knight	Refund of HMRC payment - June deduction	300.85
WCC Pension Fund	Employer Contribution - June 2018	177.37
WCC Pension Fund	Employee Contribution - June 2018	41.69
Paul Knight	Expenses and office costs – May/June	73.70
Leicestershire Gardens	March and April maintenance of Red Lane Park	200.00

(Further cheques may be considered and issued that are not shown on this list)

10. **Communications:** to receive and discuss communications received not mentioned on other parts of the agenda and comment/action if appropriate.
11. **Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:** Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information or action, not included elsewhere on the Agenda, and to raise items for future Agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.
12. **Standing Orders:** To agree a process for reviewing Standing Orders.
13. **Planning:** To consider and ratify responses to planning matters including those responded to using delegated powers

Ref	Address	Details of Application	Response
W/17/2357	Land to the South of Westwood Heath Road, Burton Green, Coventry	Hybrid planning application for the erection of up to 425 dwellings (detailed first phase of 129 dwellings with the remainder of the site being outline including details of access), convenience store of up to 400 sqm gross together with the erection of formal and informal open space including allotments, infrastructure provision and associated work together with means of access onto Westwood Heath Road and agricultural access onto Bockendon Lane.	
W18/0643	Kingshill	See Appendix A	

14. **Date of Next Meeting:** 16th June 2017, 7.30pm at Burton Green Village Hall.

Appendix A

RESPONSE OF BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL TO THE DEVELOPMENT AT KINGS HILL

This council opposes the Planning Application W18/0643 and we believe that there are strong arguments to delay this decision. Although our parish is not in immediate proximity to Kings Hill, our residents share common concerns:

-As in the case of the 425 houses proposed at Westwood Heath, the development at Kings Hill is for the overspill of Coventry. But at this point of time, there is no overspill. It seems that Warwick District are in a greater haste to build houses to meet Coventry's requirements than Coventry Council itself.

-It is obvious to most objective observers that Coventry's population projections have been exaggerated, especially in relation to student figures. Indeed the Office of National Statistics changed their approach to international students. Previously they assumed all students stayed in Coventry (74,000 originally forecast in the period covering 2011 to 2031). Now they admit that 97.3% of non-European students return home within the proper time. It would seem sensible to review the Local Plan until, at least, the Census of 2021.

-It is government policy to build on green belt as a last resort. Indeed all political parties share this aspiration. Although Coventry has failed to follow government guidelines and publish its register of brown field sites, it is clear that the Council is reluctant to develop their huge reserves of brown field sites. Instead the ruling Labour Party are more than ready to support the development at Kings Hill, an outstanding example of a green field site, and remove the green divide between Coventry and Warwick District. Hopefully District Councillors will reject this coalescence

-Coventry Highways, supported by County Highways, have throughout the Inspectors' Examinations of the Local Plans minimised the problems of traffic on existing roads. Congestion at peak times is getting worse and something needs to be done now to improve the situation. The building of 2,500 houses at Kings Hill can only make the situation more desperate. Finham residents have every reason to fear an access road into Green Lane, already subject to a 20mph restriction with speed humps, while the junction at Stoneleigh Road with Kings Hill Lane will aggravate even more an already gridlocked area at peak times. If houses are to be built, the road infrastructure must be in place at the very beginning. This means that the Phase 2 link between the A46 and the University and Westwood Heath needs to be built before any decision can be made on the future of Kings Hill

-Even without the development at Kings Hill, and even though there will be more student accommodation on site, traffic congestion towards the University is sure to increase due to the University's ambitious expansion programme which will create more jobs with more motorists on the roads.

-There is also the problem of HS2. At this moment of time, HS2 Ltd. intends to send its construction traffic from Crackley along the Kenilworth Road before turning into Stoneleigh Road and heading towards the A46. Surely it would make sense to delay this development until construction is completed. It would also make sense to construct an initial section of A46 Link Road between Crackley and the A46 Stoneleigh junction to avoid the need for construction traffic to use Kenilworth Road and Stoneleigh Road.

-Where-ever possible, congestion must be avoided as it is now recognised that the level of air pollution is putting health at risk. It is no surprise that Coventry is one of 31 areas exceeding air pollution limits but councillors need to be aware that, according to the Coventry Observer, 168 people have died prematurely in the Coventry area since 2014 from air pollution.

In conclusion, Burton Green Parish Council hopes that District Councillors will not be rushed into making an early decision. All the evidence suggests that, if Kings Hill is to be developed, it should come later in the cycle and not at the beginning.