

## Burton Green Parish Council

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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a remote meeting of Burton Green Parish Council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm. 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*

Note, the meeting will be preceded from 7pm by a discussion with representatives of HS2, LM JV and Balfour Beatty on the arrangements for the temporary crossing and traffic lights on the Red Lane, Hobb Lane junction and other more general HS2 matters.

### AGENDA

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
  - (a) Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  - (b) To declare any interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
  - (c) 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 remote Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020. The minutes of the meeting to be signed off by the Chair as soon as is convenient after the meeting.
4. **Community Reports:** To receive reports, and agree any action, from:
  - 4.1 County Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey and Arden– Cllr John Cooke
  - 4.2 District Councillors – Kenilworth Abbey and Arden– Cllr George Illingworth and the Chair of the district council.
  - 4.3 Burton Green C of E Primary School – Cllr Lucy Hatton
  - 4.4 Burton Green Village Hall Committee – Cllr Deeley
  - 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 orders 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 The proposed pedestrian crossing and traffic lights on the Red Lane Hobb Lane junction.
- 7. Road Transport matters**  
7.1 Speeding in the village: to consider matters relating to the issue of speeding in the village.  
7.2 The A46 Link Road: to discuss issues arising from the construction of the A46 Link Road.
- 8. Red Lane Playing Field:** to consider matters relating to the Red Lane Playground.  
8.1 To receive and consider the contents of the annual health and safety report.  
8.2 To consider re-tendering the maintenance contract.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Housing:** to consider housing related matters.  
10.1 Cala Homes – transfer of land from Cala Homes  
10.2 Land to the south of Westwood Heath Road  
10.3 Land to the west of Cromwell Lane  
10.4 The Kings Hill development
- 11. Future Parish Council Spending Plans (including CIL)**
- 12. Finance:**  
All payments and associated evidence to be checked and initialled, and cheques signed and countersigned as soon as is convenient after the meeting (the use of cheques may be superseded by the availability of electronic banking).  
12.1 To receive a report on the 2nd quarter financial analysis and reconciliation  
12.2 To consider and approve accounts for payment.
- | Creditor               | Purpose  | Total (£) |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| Paul Knight            | Salary October 2020                              | 422.10    |
| Paul Knight            | Office expenses September/October 2020           | 37.60     |
| WCC Pension Fund       | Employers contribution October 2020              | 97.82     |
| WCC Pension Fund       | Employees contribution October 2020              | 25.50     |
| Paul Knight            | Refund of tax payment to HMRC October 2020       | 16.00     |
| Play Safety Limited    | Red Lane Playground health and safety inspection | 82.20     |
| Leicestershire Gardens | Payment for maintenance in September 2020        | 50.00     |
- 13. Communications:** to receive and discuss communications received not mentioned on other parts of the agenda and comment/action if appropriate.
- 14. 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.

15. **Planning:** To consider and ratify responses to planning matters including those responded to using delegated powers:

Ref	Address	Details of Application
RMM/2019/3059	Land to west of Cromwell Lane, Coventry CV4 8AS	See appendix A

16. **Date of Next Meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

**ENDS**

**Councillors are reminded of their legal duty to consider all aspects of equal opportunities, crime prevention, unlawful discrimination, biodiversity of the natural habitat and other practices when making decisions at the meeting.**

RESPONSE OF THE BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL TO THE  
CROMWELL LANE DEVELOPMENT.

Previous ref: OUT/2016/1874

Parish Councillors are still convinced that this development should be paused. Indeed we believe that the arguments for taking this action are stronger than ever. There is credible evidence that the population projections of the ONS for Coventry could be overstated and it would make sense for the Planning Committee to wait for the 2021 Census to discover the truth. The construction of 240 houses at Cromwell Lane is a tiny and insignificant element of the Coventry Local Plan and delaying this development would not undermine its viability. Indeed, there is no coherent time-line for the Local Plan and it would appear that property developers control the process in accordance with their own self interests.

An essential requirement of the Local Plan was the need for a Review after 2020. The case for a review is stronger than ever, especially with the advent of the Covid Virus. Parish Councillors are sympathetic to the longstanding ambition of Coventry Council to build more executive houses, especially as local government has been ravaged by cuts, but surely the situation has changed fundamentally with the impact of the virus? Hundreds, perhaps thousands, will find it impossible to pay their deregulated rents and face homelessness. At the same time, the affordable homes are not genuinely affordable and the percentage of these homes is well below the level of Warwick District and Solihull. Surely a LABOUR Council needs to address this issue and review its housing policy. Instead of building 240 houses in the Meriden Gap, why not build council houses on Brown-Field sites which are abundant in Coventry? We recognise there are financial risks in building council houses but, perhaps, there are even greater risks in investing in commercial ventures, such as Friargate in Coventry, as has been shown by the huge commercial losses incurred nationwide by Councils. The case for an immediate review is overwhelming!

Although this development is outside our boundary, the traffic implications will impact adversely on Burton Green. Already traffic flow and road junctions are under intense pressure as was revealed at the Inspector's Examination. Indeed the Inspector, Rebecca Phillips, emphasised that improvements should be made, especially at the junction of Cromwell Lane and Westwood Heath Road, before the 240 houses are constructed. We hope that this recommendation is implemented. If not, congestion and traffic pollution will worsen, especially as other housing developments in Burton Green and Berkswell come on stream. Above all, however, we hope that the Planning Committee will make the correct decision. Pause this development, institute an immediate review of the Local Plan and consider the needs of the more disadvantaged members of society.