

BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday, 17 November 2014, at Burton Green Village Hall, Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green.

PRESENT: - Cllr Owen
Cllr De Worringham
Cllr Cox
Cllr Mrs Hills
Cllr Hickinbottom
Cllr Langton

Chairman
Vice Chairman

In attendance: Warwick District Ward Cllr Ann Blacklock
Warwickshire County Cllr John Whitehouse
Warwick District Ward Cllr George Illingworth
4 members of the public
Locum Clerk

At the start of the meeting the Chairman introduced Mrs Weir to members and confirmed that she was prepared to act as Locum Clerk.

177/14 Apologies: received and accepted from Cllr Marcus Stewart

178/14 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda:

There were no declarations made.

179/14 Dispensations

There were no applications for dispensations.

180/14 Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October 2014 having been circulated and read, be signed as a correct record subject to amendment to Minute 166.2 to read 'Safer Routes to School Strategy'.

181/14 Clerks Resignation:

RESOLVED : that a) the resignation of the Clerk be noted, b) the correspondence circulated by the Chairman regarding a replacement Clerk/RFO be noted and c) Mrs Weir be appointed as Locum Clerk and as Proper Officer of the Council in the interim period.

182/14 Public participation:

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow public participation. Rona Taylor, Burton Green Residents Association, advised of the arrangements for their meeting with HS2 on the 24th November 2014. She stated that the Residents

Association hope to have a Christmas tree and carols on the 16th December 2014. Members noted that there is now an Archive of Burton Green records held at the Records Office which includes the records of the Resident's Association from the 1950's.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

183/14 HS2

a) Update from Working Group

Members noted Cllr Hickinbottom's report that Cllr Stewart will provide a power point presentation and the Parish Council is trying to demark areas which the Parish Council and other organisations are dealing with and this will be circulated in due course.

b) Select Committee Preparation

Cllr Cox expressed the view that the Parish Council should be professionally represented at the Petition Hearing. The Chairman disagreed stating that the advice seems to be that parish councils can be represented by laypeople and did not have to be represented by a professional.

Cllr Langton asked if it had been agreed who would support Cllr Stewart when he appeared before the Select Committee and that he hoped to attend, but could only provide moral support.

Cllr Mrs Hills stated that one of the points from the Select Committee seems to be the depth of knowledge that is required when it comes to cross examination.

Discussion ensued on the type of tunnel and the limitation on cost to construction and land which are being proposed by HS2.

Cllr Mrs Hills advised that it would be considered in the Environment Statement.

Concern about noise was very relevant in this case and it brought into question as to whether or not the Environment Statement was fit for purpose and could be challenged. Cllr Langton queried expert witnesses.

The Locum Clerk advised that the Council should establish an interim budget and consider who would draft the brief for the appointment of a Consultant.

RESOLVED: that a) an interim budget of £3,000 be approved to cover appointment and attendance of a local expert witness, Mr Boothroyd, Chartered Surveyor, to attend and give evidence at the Hearing in January and b) Cllr Cox to prepare a brief for the expert witness. Evidence to be given on the effect of noise and vibration on the current proposals for the tunnel on Burton Green and how best to mitigate any impact

A local resident asked to speak and the Chairman temporarily closed the meeting.

The local resident advised that she had been told by HS2 that her home, which is opposite the Village Hall, would be affected by noise and vibration.

184/14 – Noticeboard – consideration of quotations

Members considered details of quotations.

RESOLVED : that a) this item be deferred to the next meeting and b) the ongoing position regarding planning consent for the noticeboard be noted.

185/14 – Community Reports

Community Reports: To receive reports, and agree any action, from:

Warwickshire Police

There was no-one present to give a report.

County Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey

Cllr Whitehouse advised that in terms of the proposed reduction in speed limit through the village and outside the school, together with alteration to priority of the existing road narrowing on Cromwell Lane bridge being reversed, would be implemented very shortly and an update would be provided in the local 'Bugle' village newsletter. He confirmed that there would be appropriate signage.

Cllr Langton queried parking in Burton Green. Cllr Whitehouse advised that parking on the pavement is a matter for the police and that with effect from 1st November 2014 Warwickshire County Council are responsible for on-street parking services across the County.

District Councillors – Kenilworth Abbey

Cllr Mrs Blacklock reported on the position with regard to the draft Local Plan. The draft Plan had not yet been finalised and consideration was being given to regeneration. It was hoped to have the draft plan ready for submission early in 2015.

Link Councillor with Burton Green C of E Primary School

Cllr Hickinbottom advised that Burton Green Primary School would be holding its Christmas Fayre on 22nd November between 12-2 pm.

Link Councillor with Burton Green Village Hall Committee

Nothing to report

Link Councillor with Burton Green Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report

Link Councillor with Burton Green Residents' Association

The Chairman suggested the Parish Council should consider arranging a public meeting at which West Midlands Police, the Neighbourhood Watch and public could attend to see if it would be possible to recruit a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Link Councillor with Kenilworth Greenway Trust

Cllr Mrs Hills referred to forthcoming meetings with HS2, in particular the meeting on 3rd December 2014. As far as Petition Hearings were concerned, the Greenway Trust had agreed that their Petition would be heard with other organisations in Burton Green. She would advise further when more information was available.

Link Councillor with Burton Green HS2 Action Group

Cllr Langton referred to the group meeting in November to discuss the Petition and a further group meeting on the 1st December. He was currently translating information onto a spreadsheet and raised the issue of whether private petitioners would want to do a power point presentation.

186/14 – Progress Reports for information

186.1 Le Van site – update

Members noted that there was now an additional van on the site.

186.2 Red Lane Play area

Members considered recent correspondence and noted Warwick District Council had been advised that whilst the Parish Council had no objection to the play area being transferred and taking over future liability for the play area, the Parish Council did not consider it should be expected to pay the District Council's legal fees.

The Locum Clerk advised that should the transfer proceed, the Parish Council would need to appoint a solicitor to act on its behalf, as it was a transfer of land and the Parish Council would be responsible for future maintenance of the equipment, weekly inspections and the additional annual ROSPA inspection of the equipment and play area.

186.3 Green Energy Solar Farm – Nailcote Farm

Members noted the decision by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's Planning Committee to refuse consent for the proposed Solar Farm.

187/14 Planning : To receive, for information, details of planning applications

187.1 Bockendon Grange Farm - circulated 7th November
Members commented that noise from HS2 could have detrimental effect on the proposed barn conversion.

187.2 Lansdown, Crackley Lane - circulated 5th November
The application was noted.

187.3 42 Red Lane - circulated 12th November
Members noted Information from David Wilson Homes, circulated 10th November and agreed to take no further action pending a decision from Warwick District Council on their preferred site.

RESOLVED : that the above applications be noted.

188/14 Parish Plan

188.1 Warwick District Council update
The Chairman advised that the Parish Plan would be presented to the Kenilworth and Burton Green Community Forum on 8th December as part of the conditions under which the grant was obtained, prior to being presented to Warwick District Council to adopt.

188.2 WRCC analysis – Appendix to be incorporated within Parish Plan
The Chairman advised that the WRCC Analysis had been commissioned by the Parish Council as part of the Parish Plan and it was proposed to incorporate the Appendix with the Parish Plan. The Appendix had been put on the parish council's website and together with the Parish Plan comprised of approximately 128 pages.

188.3 To consider viring additional funding from miscellaneous funds if necessary in order to include WRCC Analysis as an appendix to the Parish Plan.

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the WRCC Analysis which it was proposed to have printed and attached as an Appendix to the Parish Plan.

RESOLVED: that no additional budget be approved.

188.4 To consider submission from the Parish Plan Steering Group to spend remainder

of grant on further copies of the Parish Plan

The Chairman proposed the Parish Council obtain a further 100 copies of the Parish Plan and Appendix. He advised that a link to the Appendix had been included on the Parish Council's website.

Members queried the need for additional copies of the Parish Plan. Cllr Langton stated that HS2 would require electronic copies. The proposal for 100 copies of the Appendix was not agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting to enable Rona Taylor to speak. She confirmed that she still had 6 copies of the Parish Plan and that it would be useful to have further copies and outlined who would require them.

The Chairman re-opened the Meeting. He advised that there was sufficient money in the existing budget for 100 additional copies of the Parish Plan.

RESOLVED: that the existing budget be used to provide 100 additional copies of the Parish Plan.

188.5 Action Plan: Report from Cllr Hickenbottom

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

189/14 – Neighbourhood plan funding

RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to the February meeting

190/14 - Communications: To receive and discuss other communications received (and comment/action if appropriate)

- 190.1 Warwick District Local Plan 2011 – 2029 - Focused Changes Consultation & Gypsies and Travellers Preferred Options Consultation.
- 190.2 Travellers' Sites and Planning Government consultation.
- 190.3 Mobile 'Phone Government Consultations.
- 190.4 Housing Your Community event 25th November 2014.

RESOLVED: that the above Consultations be noted.

191/14 - Finance:

Payments :

- a) Salary and pension payments to the former clerk were approved under confidential terms.
- b) Reimbursements
Cllr V Owen
Mileage expenses
- c) Village Hall Hire
- d) Banking Update
The Chairman advised that he was arranging with the Bank for bank statements to be sent to him.
- e) The Chairman advised that the Council would need to consider approving additional signatories.

192/14 - Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:

There were no reports.

193/14 – Precept 2015/2016

RESOLVED: that budget and precept requirements be considered at the December Parish Council Meeting. Bank reconciliation and draft budgets to be provided.

194/14 - Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th December at Burton Green Village Hall

195/14 - Confidential Matters

Following consideration of matters raised during confidential session:

RESOLVED: that the position with regard to the Parish Council's office equipment be noted and that a letter be sent regarding return of the equipment.

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