

BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th October 2015, at Burton Green Village Hall Green Room, Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green.

PRESENT:- Cllr Archie Taylor (Chair)
Cllr Wendy Exton
Cllr Tracey Grant
Cllr Caryll Green
Cllr Andrew Gibbs
Cllr John Vine
Cllr Depa Jethwa
Cllr Ray Watkin

In attendance: Paul Knight - Clerk to Parish Council
George Illingworth, WDC Cllr
Apologies received from WCC Cllr John Whitehouse
16 members of the public

Minute 87/15 Apologies: No apologies were received.

Minute 88/15 Declarations of Interest:
There were no declarations of interest.

Minute 89/15 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting:

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

Minute 90/15 Community Reports: To receive reports, and agree any action from:

90.1 Warwickshire Police: No report received.

90.2 County Councillor – Kenilworth Abbey: No report received.

90.3 District Councillor/s: Councillor George Illingworth arrived 7:40 pm: he reported on discussions at district and county relating to the potential combined West Midlands Authority. He advised that WDC viewed this proposal as unattractive in that it was considered to be too big and too distant. He considered that combining Warwickshire with Coventry would be a more suitable option. He reported that WDC were looking to relocate from their offices at Riverside House was now too big for their needs.

90.4 Burton Green C of E Primary School: No report received.

90.5 Burton Green Village Hall Committee: Cheryl Wall reported that the Village Hall Committee was waiting for HS2 to approve a framework agreement for the construction of the new village hall, and for confirmation that the architects can proceed with a topographical study. Concerns had also been expressed about vagueness of HS2 regarding the connection of the new village hall to the main sewer and the implications of not being able to secure this connection. She was urged to ensure that mains connection was an expectation within the new design given that the existing hall is connected to the mains. It was also reported that a new constitution including commitments to educational approach would be presented at the forthcoming AGM. The Parish Council were invited to provide a representative on the planning and design committee.

90.6 Burton Green Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Wendy Exton will revisit this issue in a year's time.

90.7 Burton Green Residents Association: Rona Taylor reported a successful evening at the AGM with 70 plus residents in attendance.

90.8 Kenilworth Greenway Trust: No report received.

90.9 Burton Green HS2 Action Group: Cllr George Illingworth reported that the County Council were unlikely to assist Burton Green with petitioning HS2 except on highway related matters or other areas in which the County take an interest. Cllr Andrew Gibbs advised that Jeremy Wright, local MP, would be holding an advice surgery on the issue of HS2 for local residents in the village hall on the 23rd October between 2 and 4:30pm and suggested that the Village Hall Committee may wish to obtain an appointment with him.

90.10 Warwick University: Cllr Tracey Grant reported on huge influx of students to the University and associated problems with pedestrians and traffic. An accident had occurred on Gibbet Hill and high-viz vests and lights were being handed out to new students in response.

Minute 91/15 Public Participation: the public were given the opportunity to raise questions and express views for consideration by the Parish Council.

Minute 92/15 Parking:

It was reported that while some people thought the situation was improved others reported there was still parking on the footpath. The public were advised to follow the process outlined on the advisory leaflet previously sent out by the Parish Council to record details and report to the police as necessary.

Minute 93/15 Progress reports for information:

93.1 Update on Red Lane Play area: The Clerk to provide details of the financial implications for the Parish Council of taking over the running of the play area.

93.2 Update on the notice board: The Clerk advised that the notice board had been ordered and that a cheque for payment was to be presented at this meeting.

Minute 94/15 HS2: To discuss and agree any matters relating to HS2.

With regard to presenting the Parish Council's case on HS2 the Chair and Cllr Andrew Gibbs reported that a barrister had been appointed and that Ian Cox would act as the Parish Council's Link Solicitor. The extension to "cut and cover" and compensation matters would form the major part of the case to be presented. Cllr Andrew Gibbs also reported on three key points needed to be clarified as follows:

-Is there a legal basis to HS2 challenging "locus standi" and the right of the Parish Council to object to elements of their submission which fall outside AP2, and will the Select Committee override such a challenge and hear the petition anyway?

-Is the Barrister prepared to scoop up the personal petitions from across the village and present on behalf of both the Parish Council and other residents so as to provide one voice to the Select Committee?

-In addition to challenging matters relating to AP2 can the barrister also raise with the Select Committee many unanswered points which were made in response to the initial HS2 submission?

Other considerations discussed were AP4 which was considered to be less controversial to the village than previous submissions although its implications for hedgerows are potentially of concern.

Minute 95/15 Housing: to discuss and consider matters relating to the parish council's approach to housing.

Cllr Illingworth advised that the implications for Burton Green of the Planning Inspector rejecting the Local Plan was that with the exception of the Greenbelt, planners would have no control over the development of any land for housing. In addition some 5000 additional houses were required locally to account for overspill from the allocation of housing for Coventry. This means that the village is faced with the prospect of significant development over and above that associated with the Nursery development. Cllr Illingworth was unable to respond the question as to how many additional houses would have to be accommodated within the village.

96/15 To agree a response to Warwick District Council's call for potential housing sites to inform their "Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment".

A discussion was had regarding the Parish Council's approach to this development and its implications for future house-building and associated infrastructure issues in the village.

RESOLVED: The response of Burton Green Parish Council be as follows:

- i) no large housing developments;
- ii) a modest number of houses in the range of 50-80 but able to accommodate a small increase on that of up to 100;
- iii) to explore other possibilities for building over and above that planned for the nursery site if appropriate additional sites were identified and so long as the development was in keeping with the scale of the village, provided appropriate housing for young people and had regard to the village infrastructure; and
- iv) that housing provided on the Le-Van site, and student accommodation associated with the University, be factored in as housing provision with the Parish.

Cllr Andrew Gibbs was tasked with providing a response on this basis to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment by the closing date 5:15pm on 26th October 2015.

RESOLVED: it being 9:30pm and in accordance with Standing Orders Cllrs agreed to continue the meeting beyond 9:30pm.

Minute 97/15 To consider the adoption of the "Arrangements for dealing with complaints against councillors", as proposed by Warwick District Council.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the complaints process be adopted.

Minute 98/15 Finance

98.1 To receive budget analysis to 30th September 2015: the budget analysis July to September 2015 (Appendix A) was received and noted.

98.2 To consider and approve accounts for payment

RESOLVED: cheques to be signed and approval provided for the following payments

Cheque No	Creditor	Purpose	Amount
262	Poppy Appeal	Wreath for Remembrance Day	£19.50
263	SPS Limited	Payment for payroll services	£84.00
264	Information Commissioner	Payment for Registration of Data Protection	£35.00
265	Paul Knight	October Salary and additional payments for 82 hours worked April - August	£807.00
266	Grant Thornton	Fee in respect of Annual Return	£240.00
267	Ariens Design Limited	Invoice for Notice Board	£1245.00
Telephone	HMRC	Tax and NI Deductions – October and for additional hours worked April to August 2015	£315.30
268	Louise Baudet	Clerk Support	£76.65
269	Archie Taylor	Fees delivering petition to London	£43.30
270	Paul Knight	Office expenses and mileage costs	£65.55
The following additional hours worked by the clerk were agreed for payment. These approved hours to be submitted to the salary provider service SPS for inclusion in the Clerk's November salary.			
	Paul Knight	Payment for 15 additional hours worked in September 2015	£138.15

Minute 99/15 Communications: To receive and discuss communications received (and comment/action if appropriate).

99.1 To consider request from Burton Green Residents Association for £400 towards the cost of producing the Bugle.

RESOLVED: A signed submission for £300 was approved for payment.

99.2 To consider request from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) to renew membership and to agree the level of membership gift.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that a gift of £36 would be made to the CPRE.

Minute 100/15 Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:

None.

Minute 101/15 Training: to discuss and agree training matters

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange for Bill Robinson, Clerk to Stockton PC and WALC trainer to carry out a training session for all Cllrs.

Minute 102/15 Planning: to receive and consider details of planning applications.

102.1 W/15/1337 Peeping Tom, 216 Cromwell Lane – part demolition and erection of single storey side/rear extension including veranda.

Cllr Wendy Exton reported on the findings of a trip to Chester to check the extent of noise and odour emanating from another site run by the new owners. She had formed the opinion that the newly developed public house would be an asset to the village and that her findings suggested that odour and nuisance were unlikely to be a significant problem. The new owners are hosting an event at the

village hall on Friday 23rd October 2015 where they will be presenting to interested residents on their intentions for the Peeping Tom.

Cllr George Illingworth reported that conditions to control noise and odour from the Peeping Tom had been accepted by the new owners.

102.2 W15/1434 1 Bockendon Grange Farm, Bockendon Road, Stoneleigh, Coventry, demolition of steel framed agricultural building.

RESOLVED: no objection.

Councillors also discussed W15/1380, the erection of a single storey front and side extension at 315 Cromwell Lane and W15/1202 an application to demolish and rebuild a bungalow and a new house on an adjacent plot at Penfold, Red Lane. No objections were made to either application.

Minute 103/15 Curdworth Parish Council issue: to discuss and agree matters relating to a letter received from Curdworth Parish Council.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to send a letter of apology to Vaughan Owen, the former Chair of the Parish Council, and to include the following statement in the minutes:

It is possible that the minute 11/15 of April 15 was made in error, as disputed information was quoted to the Councillors. Further, it is acknowledged that the Parish Council at that time also acted on the information given but without directly investigating the facts. It is understood that the previous Council gave Cllr Owen authorisation to act on their behalf when he contacted the previous clerk, and that Cllr Owen has advised that at no time did he contact Curdworth Parish Council to discuss the matter.

Minute 104/15 Confidential Matters: to consider the exclusion of the public and press under the Local Government Act.

104.1 Staffing matters.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to discuss staffing matters in confidential session.

Minute 105/15 Date of next meeting.

Monday 16th November 2015, 7.30pm at Burton Green Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm