

BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Ordinary meeting held in Burton Green Village Hall on **21st November 2022** at 7:30pm

Present: Parish Councillors: Councillors Grant (Chair), Marshall (Vice Chair), Hatton, Paine and Taylor.

County and District Cllrs: Cllr Cooke (WCC), Cllr Illingworth (WDC) and Cllr Hales (WDC)

Clerk: Helen du Bois

Public Attendees: Five

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| 1. | Apologies The Clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Deeley and Gibbs which were accepted. The Council had received a notice of resignation from Cllr Ray Watkin. The Council would like to thank Mr Watkin for his time and commitment given to the Council over the past few years, with special thanks for his efforts with the Burton Green Neighbourhood Development Plan. |
| 2. | Declaration of Interests None. |
| 3. | Minutes of previous meeting: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2022 The minutes were approved and signed without amendment. |
| 4. | Matters arising None. |
| 5. | Community reports 5.1 County Councillor – Lapworth and West Kenilworth: Cllr Cooke Cllr Cooke's report was circulated prior to the meeting, see Appendix A. |
| 5.2 | District Councillors – Kenilworth Abbey and Arden: Cllr Illingworth and Cllr Hales Cllr Illingworth's report was circulated prior to the meeting, see Appendix A. Cllr Hales reported that all residents should now have their bins for the 123+ Waste scheme – residents should contact the Clerk if not. Cllr Hales had organised for Cllrs Marshall, Deeley and Hatton to be given a tour of the new Kenilworth School. The new school building is expected to be finished by summer 2023, ready for the 23/24 school year – it will have a capacity of 2200 pupils. Cllr Hatton asked for Burton Green Primary School to be reconsidered as a feeder school to Kenilworth School, Cllr Hales agreed to make enquiries. |
| 5.3 | Community Summary Reports: Residents' Association: the association has reported two recent incidents of fly tipping on Hobb Lane. Warwick University: None. Village Hall Committee: the new hall will be complete by January 2023, it is possible that the Council's January meeting will be in the new hall. |

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Burton Green Primary School: Tours are taking place for prospective families with children due to start school in September 2023. The school will be holding an open evening for stakeholders in December to present their plans for the new classroom.

Kenilworth Greenway: no update

6. Public participation

A member of the Residents' Association explained the grant application that the Council are considering at item 7.2. The new cabinet will be installed at the new village hall. The current cabinet is broken and will need to be smashed if the defibrillator is needed in an emergency.

A resident raised a concern about a recent spate of burglaries and car theft on Cromwell Lane and asked if ANPR cameras could be installed at the entrances to the village. Cllr Hales explained that ANPR cameras had been installed in Kenilworth and offered to find out more information.

7. Finance

7.1 To receive the Finance Report and approve the invoices for payment

The Clerk presented the latest Finance Report, see Appendix B. The Finance Report shows a general reserves balance of **£31,794.32** on 15th November 2022 and an expected balance of **£29,379.56** once all invoices have been paid.

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| | <p>It was agreed to set up a Direct Debit instruction for the Council's annual fee from the Information Commissioner's Office; this payment method will reduce the annual fee from £40 to £35. Cllrs Grant and Marshall signed the Direct Debit form</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk to set up the payments for authorisation and submit the Direct Debit form to the ICO.</p> |
| 7.2 | <p>To consider the grant application from the Residents' Association</p> <p>The Council had received a grant request from the Residents' Association for £595 to purchase a new defibrillator cabinet. The application was considered, and the grant request was approved.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk to process the payment of £595.00 using Local Government Act 1972 s137</p> |
| 7.3 | <p>To consider the draft budget for 2023/24 and consider an amendments or additional requirements</p> <p>The Clerk presented the forecast 2022/23 year-end figures and a draft budget for 2023/24. Cllr Hatton explained that the room hire fees for the village hall will increase in 2023.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk to contact the village hall booking manager for details of the 2023 fees.</p> |
| 8. | <p>To consider correspondence from Cllr Pam Redford (WDC) re: Warm Hub initiatives in rural areas</p> <p>The chair of the Village Hall Committee had informed the Clerk that the Committee are making plans to provide a Warm Hub at the village hall. More details will follow.</p> <p>Cllr Grant mentioned that Warwick University have set up a £3.5 million fund Cost of Living support package to help support their staff and students. The University's Arts Centre has issued an open invite to local residents to make use of the building to stay warm during the day.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk to reply to Cllr Pam Redford.</p> |
| 9. | <p>To approve the purchase of a replacement laptop for the Clerk</p> <p>The Clerk explained that certain keys on the keyboard are faulty; the estimated repair costs are £200. It was agreed to purchase a replacement laptop and software at a maximum spend of £600.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk to purchase a replacement laptop.</p> |
| 10. | <p>Planning:</p> <p>10.1 To determine the members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Group and define the terms of reference.</p> <p>It was agreed that delay this item until the next meeting due to the low number of Councillors in attendance.</p> |
| 10.2 | <p>To receive recommendations from the Planning Working group and consider the following planning applications:</p> <p>The Planning Working Group met on Monday 14th February to consider W/22/1723/HS2 and W/22/1662/HS2. Cllr Marshall gave a summary of their recommendations.</p> |
| 10.2.1 | <p><u>W/22/1540</u></p> <p>263 Cromwell Lane, Burton Green, Kenilworth, CV8 1PN</p> <p>Erection of three storey rear extension, first floor side extension, new roof, two storey porch, and two rear dormers</p> <p>It was resolved to submit a NEUTRAL response.</p> |
| 10.2.2 | <p><u>W/22/1723/HS2</u></p> <p>Land to the North of the A429 Kenilworth Road, bound by Cryfield Grange Road and Crackley Lane.</p> |

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| | <p>A railway cutting with a length of 750m and maximum depth of 11m and associated landscape earthworks, a pond, maintenance access strips, land and track drainage, noise barrier and security fencing.</p> <p>It was resolved to submit a NEUTRAL response with the following comment:</p> <p>"The revised scheme plans, as they have been submitted, make it difficult to assess the impact of the revised scheme on the diversion of Canley Brook. It is also difficult to assess the impact on environmental noise and wildlife pathways by the revision to the depth of the cutting, extent of concrete walls and new landscaping."</p> |
| 10.2.3 | <p><u>W/22/1662/HS2</u></p> <p>Burton Green Tunnel, Kenilworth</p> <p>Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 for works comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Earthworks: Construction of a 'cut and cover' tunnel with associated retaining structure, two porous portals and diversion of watercourse - Sight, noise or dust barriers: Upside and downside concrete noise barriers at north-western end of Burton green Tunnel - Transformers, telecommunications masts or pedestrian accesses to railway lines: Reinstatement of Cromwell Lane and creation of underpass allowing improved pedestrian access, and realignment of Kenilworth Greenway - Fences or walls: Retaining walls to Burton Green Tunnel and boundary and security fencing (location only) (herein referred to as 'the assets'). <p>It was resolved to OBJECT to this application and submit comments to both WDC and Solihull Borough Council. See Appendix C for the comments.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk to submit the comments.</p> |
| 11. | <p>To consider a response to the consultation on Admission Arrangements for The Diocese of Coventry Multi-Academy Trust Academies for the year 2023/24</p> |
| | <p>The proposed admission arrangements for Burton Green C of E Academy were noted. No material changes had been made and it was agreed that a response to the consultation was not required.</p> |
| 12. | <p>Burrow Hill Park: to receive an update on the recent site meeting with Cala Homes.</p> |
| | <p>The Clerk gave a report of a meeting between Cllr Deeley, the Clerk and Caroline Owen (Senior Planning Manager, Cala Homes) on site on 3.11.22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cala's arborist has confirmed that seven of the ten trees planted on the field had not survived the summer drought period and would be replaced this month. • The two mounds in the wildflower area to the south of the field are hibernacula, provided as habitat for hibernating reptiles and fauna. <p>ACTION: The Clerk to suggest that Cala Homes install information signs at the hibernacula.</p> <p>A resident had contacted the Council to report broken drain covers at the entrance to the car park, Cala Homes have agreed to get these repaired.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Grant and Cllr Marshall will sign the land transfer document as soon as it is available.</p> |
| 13. | <p>CIL/S106: to discuss matters relating to CIL and S106 funds</p> |
| | <p>No update.</p> |

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| 14. | HS2: to discuss matters relating to the HS2 works in the Parish Cllr Paine gave an overview of a recent tour of the site during which BBV stated that Cromwell Lane Bridge will be opened fully in 2023. |
| 15. | Road Transport matters: to consider matters relating to the issue of speeding in the village Cllr Paine gave a summary of the meeting held at Cromwell Lane on 26.10.22 between Joel Enston and Chris Whatcott, officers from WCC Transport Planning. The group had agreed that the speed surveys will be carried out using tube technology rather than the previously agreed radar method, this decision was made on advice from the WCC officers. The Council have proposed that the speed surveys are carried out during w/c 28.11.22 as there no roadworks scheduled in the Parish that week. ACTION: The Clerk to confirm the date of the speed surveys with Joel Enston and to inform the Community Speed Watch group. |
| 16. | Housing and Development: to discuss and consider matters relating to the following |
| 16.1 | Land to the south of Westwood Heath Road Cllr Paine gave a summary of a site meeting held with Bill Quinn (Crest Nicholson) on 11.11.22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 is scheduled to be finish by the end of October 2023. • 25 houses have been built to date; they are currently powered by an electrical generator as there is no mains electrical supply to the site yet. • The Reserved Matters applications have not yet been approved. Cllr Marshall explained that the Westwood Park marketing materials state that the development lies within Coventry City rather than the Burton Green Parish - this error has been raised with Crest Nicholson. Cllr Illingworth mentioned that he's received complaints about surface water issues on the Bockendon Road. Crest Nicholson are aware of this issue, the sustainable urban drainage scheme at the site is not yet operational. |
| 16.2 | Land to the west of Cromwell Lane Cllr Marshall explained that the planning permission has been given to the proposed development and work to build 240 houses on the site will begin shortly. |
| 16.3 | The Kings Hill development No update. |
| 16.4 | South Warwickshire Local Plan No update. |
| 16.5 | Warwick University's Eco Park No update. |
| 16.6 | Solihull Local Plan Examination No update. |
| 16.7 | A 46 Link Road No update. |

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| 17. | Communications |
| | The Council had received the following communications since the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALC weekly roundups |
| 18. | Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: |
| | None. |
| 19. | To resolve under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) that any members of the public or press present should please leave, in order to discuss the following agenda items due to their confidential nature. |
| | It was resolved to exclude the press and public for this item. Cllr A Taylor gave apologies that he was unable to remain for the closed session. |
| 19.1 | To note the 2022/23 National Salary Award as agreed between the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) |
| | This was noted. The backpay due from 1 st April 2022 will be paid in the December 2022 payroll. |
| 19.2 | To receive an update following the Clerk's annual appraisal and to consider any recommendations |
| | <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the Clerk's contractual working hours to 11 hours per week/48 hours per month from January 2023. • Benchmark the Clerk's role to 'LC2 Below Substantive Range (SCP 18-23)' as per the nationally negotiated and agreed NALC pay scales. • Following a satisfactory appraisal, increase the Clerk's salary by 1 SCP as specified in the Clerk's employment contract. The backpay due from 1st April 2022 will be paid in the December 2022 payroll. <p>The Councillors further resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and amend the current job description prior to the Clerk's annual appraisal in March 2023. Consideration to be given re the inclusion of grant monitoring and management in the Clerk's account and finance responsibilities. • Formally pass on their thanks for the record to the Clerk for all her help and support for Parish Council, Councillors and local members of the Parish during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Due in no small part to her dedication, efficiency and willingness to adapt, the business of the Parish Council continued to be effective at a time of national emergency. <p>ACTION: the Clerk to update payroll and draft an updated job description.</p> |
| 17. | Date of next meeting |
| | The next meeting will be on Monday 16 th January 2023, 7:30pm in the Burton Green Village Hall. |
| 18. | Close |
| | The meeting closed at 9:35pm. |

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Cllr Grant, Chairman

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APPENDIX A

REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Warwickshire County Council: CLLR COOKE

Additional support package for Warwickshire residents under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

WCC has announced it will be implementing an additional housing support package.

The package is aimed to alleviate some of the financial pressures experienced by hosts as a direct result of offering their homes to Ukrainian guests as well as the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

Homes for Ukraine hosts have been receiving a £350 a month ‘thank you’ payment from the government since guests started to arrive in Warwickshire six months ago. The council has agreed to offer an additional payment of £150 per month to all hosts who commit to their guests staying beyond six months.

Using the Homes for Ukraine funding from the government, the hosts will be paid per month up to the 12-month payment, totalling an additional £900. The payment will be tax-free and can be either a single long staying guest, or multiple groups.

WCC is also offering a one-off fuel payment of £200 to all active hosts to help alleviate additional cost incurred by hosting guests. This will also be a Tax-free payment, and will be made with the December “Thank you” payment. New hosts and sponsors joining the scheme after December 2022 will also be eligible for the one-off fuel payment. please contact ukraine@warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire organisations proudly receive Queens' Awards

Tim Cox, His Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire has been out and about in the County this month presenting The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) and The Queen’s Award for Enterprise (QAE).

The QAVS is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE. The QAVS aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the late Queen’s Golden Jubilee. 244 local charities, social enterprises, and voluntary groups received the prestigious QAV award this year. Now in its 56th year, the QAE is the most prestigious business award in the country, with hundreds of businesses applying each year in the hope of receiving this coveted accolade which brings unparalleled prestige, exposure, and credibility to a company, as well as pride and inspiration to employees.

[Harbury e-Wheels](#),

Received a QAVS for using electric cars to provide essential transport and support to the rural community of Harbury, Warwickshire, whilst also working to facilitate e-charging for the whole village.

[The Pam Britton Trust for Dementia](#)

Received a QAVS for supporting people living with a dementia illness, as well as providing support for their carers in Leamington Spa and South Warwickshire. The trust was founded by Tony Britton in memory of his wife Pam, who died in 2013 aged 64, having lived with early-onset dementia since she was in her 50s.

Info on Queens Award for Voluntary Service visit www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service

Info on Queen's Awards for Enterprise, visit www.gov.uk/queens-awards-for-enterprise.

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Warwickshire Libraries launches new Business Resources service

Warwickshire County Council's libraries service has launched a new Business Resources webpage, which is available to access for free through the Warwickshire Libraries online catalogue.

The information and services available on the webpage have been carefully selected to provide support for anyone looking to start or develop a business, or for those who are considering self-employment, thinking about new career options, or preparing for a job interview.

The [Business Resources webpage](#) features COBRA, a brand new eResource offer by Warwickshire Libraries with more than 4,000 factsheets, market reports, contacts, and sources of funding and support. It also provides hundreds of practical guides to help start up more than 350 different types of business. COBRA is ideal for anyone looking to start a business, write a business or marketing plan, or conduct research into a new market.

Visit the new Business Resources webpage
[at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/librarybusinessresources](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/librarybusinessresources)

Extra support available for Warwickshire parents and carers who are applying for Reception and Junior School Places

This extra support includes an animated video with guidance on how to choose schools, and online webinars where they can get advice from the Warwickshire County Council school admissions team on how to submit a successful application.

Parents and carers with children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 must submit their application for a place in a Reception class before the deadline of 15 January 2023. Last year, over 6,000 children applied for a Reception place in Warwickshire.

The 15 January deadline also applies to children who are currently in Year 2 at an infant school, who want to move to a junior school. This transfer does not happen automatically, even between schools with the same name, and so parents and carers must still submit an application.

Applications should be submitted at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace by 15 January. Those families that apply by the deadline will receive their child's school offer on 17 April 2023, which is National Offer Day.

Avian Influenza (Bird Flu): All Birds Must Be Housed in England

To help prevent the spread of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu), from Monday 7th November 2022, all poultry and captive birds must be housed, Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Animal Health Team has announced.

The measures legally require all bird keepers to keep their birds indoors and to follow stringent biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease.

This order applies equally to large businesses, smallholders and people who may keep a small number of birds in their back garden.

Over the last year, the United Kingdom has faced its largest ever outbreak of avian influenza with over 200 cases confirmed since late October 2021.

The UK Health Security Agency continue to advise that the risk to public health from the virus is very low and the Food Standards Agency advice remains unchanged, that avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat. For more advice visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

Looking after ourselves and others through winter

Winter viruses are more prevalent during the colder months and can spread more easily – there are steps people can take to reduce the spread of viruses, protecting both themselves and more

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vulnerable people. Vaccines offer the best protection against viruses like COVID-19 and flu, and anyone who has been invited for these vaccinations is encouraged to attend their appointment as soon as possible. Staying away from others and regularly washing hands when feeling unwell will also help to reduce the spread of viruses along with ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ when coughing and sneezing.

Many people will feel the pressures from the rising cost of living and WCC has services for residents who need extra support. The rising costs can also lead to increased anxiety and worry and impact upon mental health. Taking time to look after mental health is important during stressful times to provide coping mechanisms.

During winter months, as it’s darker, it may be more difficult to go out, and seeing other people may be less frequent. Staying in touch with loved ones is important to create a support network, whether it’s a chat over the phone or meeting up and going for a walk to stay warm in the colder weather, supporting each other is a great way to look after your own and others’ mental health.

Further information and support is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wellness.

Road Safety Partnership announces brand new digital resource to support School Crossing Patrols

This new campaign comprises a series of digital resources and social media clips to combat the rising levels of children crossing away from the School Crossing Patrol.

The Council has developed a series of digital resources comprising guidance and information for school children, parents and adults on crossing safely with a School Crossing Patrol. These resources are a reminder to children, parents and adults:

- To wait until the Patrol is in the road,
- To cross in front of the Patrol; and
- To be aware of vehicles that may not stop, such as emergency services vehicles.

Drivers and cyclists are also reminded of Highway Code Rule 210, which states that ‘You MUST stop when a school crossing patrol shows a ‘Stop’ sign and reminded never to park, pullover or wait on ‘School Keep Clear’ road markings.

The first digital resource – Lollipops! – is to be shared with all Warwickshire schools in proximity to a School Crossing Patrol and will remind children, young people and adults of the importance of crossing with a School Crossing Patrol and how to do this safely.

More information about School Crossing Patrols in Warwickshire can be found online: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols>

Warwick District Council: CLLR ILLINGWORTH

The Christmas lights will be going on in the four towns. To reduce power consumption the lights have been adjusted slightly, and all the lights are now LEDs.

Arrangements are being arranged with towns and villages to provide Warm Hub Centres which people can visit if necessary in a cold Winter. I have no idea whether effective arrangements have been made in Burton Green?

I note Your response to the HS2 Schedule 17 application for the Tunnel. I agree with you over the need to clarify the new standards of the new paths and their access arrangements. I am concerned that at the Crackley site the succession of separate applications will make it more difficult to consider the overall effects.

In addition to joining in your local visit to the HS2 site the other day I have also been over the border to Stratford District near Southam and seen the works there which are less advanced with more open countryside.

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APPENDIX B

This report was presented to the Council on **21st November 2022**.

Balance of Unity Trust Current Account T1 as of 15/11/22: £31,794.32
Expected balance of Unity Trust Current Account T1 account after all payments: £29,379.56

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2022/23 Expenditure vs Budget

| | 2022-23 | |
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| | Budget | To date |
| £ PAYMENTS | | |
| Advertising | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Audit expenses | £420.00 | £130.00 |
| Banking charge | £72.00 | £36.00 |
| Capital (equipment purchase) | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Clerk - office allow and internet | £372.00 | £250.00 |
| Clerk tax deductions to HMRC | £1,152.00 | £668.26 |
| Clerks salary | £6,804.00 | £5,301.52 |
| Office costs | £147.32 | £226.74 |
| Payroll costs | £110.00 | £80.00 |
| Pension costs (employer & employee) | £1,980.00 | £1,675.58 |
| Postage/Telephone | £30.00 | £0.00 |
| Election fees | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Grants (s137) | £3,800.00 | £25.00 |
| Grounds Maintenance | £3,000.00 | £1,050.00 |
| Hire of rooms for meetings | £280.00 | £205.50 |
| HS2 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Insurance | £430.00 | £308.37 |
| Legal/professional fees | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Neighbourhood Plan | £0.00 | £108.66 |
| Publications | £115.00 | £136.99 |
| Red Lane play area inspection/repairs | £1,500.00 | £70.00 |
| Speed Reduction Measures | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Subscriptions | £694.90 | £514.50 |
| Training | £200.00 | £92.44 |
| Travel expenses (Clerk) | £150.00 | £95.13 |
| Travel expenses (Cllrs) | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Unforeseen exp/misc. | £200.00 | £43.80 |
| VAT | £1,000.00 | £383.42 |
| Website | £200.00 | £0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £22,657.22 | £11,401.91 |
| CIL spending | £0.00 | £13,250.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE including CIL | £22,657.22 | £24,651.91 |
| £ RECEIPTS | | |
| Bank interest | £5.00 | £95.51 |
| Precept | £19,350.00 | £19,350.00 |
| VAT refund | £650.00 | £0.00 |
| Community Infrastructure Levy | £0.00 | £7,500.00 |
| Grants | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| CALA transfer | £10,000.00 | £0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | £30,000.00 | £26,945.51 |

BURTON GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

APPENDIX C

Response to Warwick District and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Councils for W/22/1662/HS2

Burton Green Parish Council (BGPC) has considered W/22/1662/HS2, *Plans and Specifications submission under Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017*, and makes the following comments.

1. In relation generally to the footpath scheme proposed, BGPC supports the comments /objections made by the Open Spaces Society on behalf of Mr. Richard Lloyd.
2. In relation to specific footpaths/cycleways/bridleways, BGPC's views are: -
 - i) **Restoration of footpath W169 adjacent to the new village hall** — this should not only include a cycleway (in fulfilment of an HS2 Undertaking with regard to the new village hall) but also incorporate a bridleway so as to provide for horse riders moving between the Greenway and Red Lane.
 - ii) **Footpath W169 from the Greenway across and above the south portal** should be provided also as a cycleway to the boundary of land owned by HS2 Ltd by Black Waste Wood; this is in anticipation of its continuation as a cycleway towards Westwood Heath Road to be funded by Section 106 monies already held by BGPC consequential on WDC's planning consent for 425 homes at Westwood Park.
 - iii) **Footpath M182 from Cromwell Lane Bridge south-eastwards to joining W169** should be provided also as a cycleway to connect with W169 towards Westwood Heath.
 - iv) **Footpath M182 from Cromwell Lane Bridge north-westwards to joining the Greenway** should be provided as both a cycleway and a bridleway to enable both cyclists and horse riders to move between Cromwell Lane and the Greenway.
3. In relation to general overall landscaping above the tunnel, particularly north-west of Cromwell Lane bridge (*i.e., in Solihull MBC*), BGPC believes there should be further consultation with the local community — and with Warwickshire County Council as owners of the Greenway and with future responsibility for continuing maintenance of this landscape — to determine a final design which best meets the local community's wishes. Statements such as "*Landscape earthworks have been designed to be fully integrated recreate the look and feel of the Greenway whilst hiding the structures from public view*" do not adequately provide an understanding of what public amenity(ies) might be provided.
4. There is no comment in the submission as to the future use of the current village hall site following the hall's demolition. BGPC has consistently proposed that the site of the present village hall car park should be retained. The council's view now is that its future use should be subject to the further consultation with the local community referred to in 3 above, including whether it might be used for car parking for visitors accessing the Greenway, and also seeking opinions on BGPC's proposal that the original village hall site itself be used for a new Greenway Visitor (or Heritage) Centre.

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