

Burford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting on Monday 20th July 2020 at 7.30pm, virtual meeting

Councillors Present: Mr. A Thomas (Chairman), Mr. T. Earp, Mr. K. Griffiths, Mr. R. Morris, Ms. B, Skidmore. Mrs. S Webb

Mr R Huffer

Clerk: Mrs. K. Joiner

1. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes of last meetings (8th June 2020)

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting were agreed as an accurate record and will be signed at the first available opportunity.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

- The Facebook page has been created and had good engagement.
- The van has been moved from the Village Hall Carpark and the council will explore legal options regarding overnight parking in the future.

6. U.S.C. – Mr. R. Huffer

- The affordable housing has been approved and work is hopefully starting soon.
- Speeding along the A456 has become an issue again and will be discussed under item 12.
- Road improvements have been delayed due to COVID19, unless there is evidence it is an emergency job.
- The road to Burford House desperately needs investment – Mr Huffer will investigate this.

7. Finance - to agree payments for

D/D Robin Hood – May 2020	£267.93 (incl. £12.76 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – May 2020	£15.09 (incl. £0.72 VAT)
DHJH payroll	£36.00
Clerk Salary	£457.60
Clerk HMRC	£114.40
RPS Grounds Maintenance INV 0660	£700.00

Finance report – including confirmation from external auditor; bank reconciliation; budget monitoring; income and expenditure.

The bank statement for June has not been received yet so the bank reconciliation will be circulated once received. Four months into the financial year the council has spent 30% of the budget which is broadly in line with expected expenditure.

8. Consider quotes for street lighting repairs

Quotes were considered from GE Bright and GRM Electrical. It was decided that GRM Electrical will be given a trial.

9. Consider donation request from Hope House Children's Hospice, Oswestry £250

Given the location of the hospice and PC finances, it was decided to refuse this request.

10. Burford Village Hall – Yoga on the field

This was agreed if the person has the relevant insurance and abides by the COVID guidance.

11. Consider new website – in line with accessibility criteria (mandatory from September 2020)

All agreed to the new website at a cost of £350.

12. A456 speeding restrictions

Just before the lockdown, signs were placed over the original speed signs to say they were being changed. Since the lockdown, the signs have been removed. Mr Huffer was asked to explore whether this has been delayed due to the lockdown or the work cancelled.

A letter has been received by a parishioner outlining the traffic issues – the parishioner highlighted three deaths and made various suggestions for improvements, including 30-mile limit be extended until the 60-mile signs.

Many speeding restriction initiatives have been applied for and refused. However, as there are considerably more building developments planned it was felt the council should approach Shropshire Council again.

The Clerk will put a poll on Facebook to gain parishioner views on speeding and write to Shropshire Council.

13. Village Hall update

The PC representative has not had any contact with the committee, there have not been any meetings since the lockdown.

It will be decided that the committee will be asked to meet and report back to the PC, if the outcome is not satisfactory the chairman will be asked to attend the next PC meeting.

There are trees being cut adjacent to the school and the playground will remain closed until this work is completed.

14. Planning

Reference: 20/02591/FUL (validated: 08/07/2020)

Address: Webco House, Boraston Lane, Burford, WR15 8ZJ

Proposal: Redevelopment of car park site to provide 4no dwellings with associated parking and changes to access

Applicant: Mr Mike Webb (Keady Orchards, Boraston Bank, Burford, WR15 8LQ)

This could be a flood issue. When the river floods the water goes down Boraston Lane, if the bushes and kerb are removed as per the request, it will flood this development. Mr Huffer will take this up with the planning department and the Clerk will write to the planners.

Reference: 20/02184/FUL (validated: 05/06/2020)
Address: Littledean, Swan Lane, Burford, WR15 8AU
Proposal: Conversion of existing double garage to form self contained annex ancillary to main dwelling including erection of extension
Applicant: Mr Mark Beaumont

There were no objections to this application at the time of the meeting.

15. Correspondence

- Rural Bulletins – forwarded to all
- Daily emails from Shropshire Council regarding coronavirus
- Emails from SALC regarding website compliance and training courses

16. Items for next Agenda

Village Hall – update on meeting

17. Date of next meeting

Monday 7th September, 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

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