

Burford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm at Burford Village Hall

Councillors Present: Mr. A Thomas (Chairman), Mr. T. Earp, Mr. R. Morris, Mrs. S Webb

Clerk: Mrs. K. Joiner

- 1. Public Participation:** - There was one member of the public who wished to discuss parking by Burford Primary School. The parish council have previously taken steps to alleviate the parking situation – paying for painted parking spaces on the village hall car park. However, parking by the school is still an issue, particularly 8.30-9.15am and 3-4pm. It was decided that Councillor Mr. R. Morris will highlight these concerns to the school at a governors meeting – Mr. R. Morris is a governor at the school. Also, the Clerk will contact the Local Policing Team to see if there is any support they can offer.
- 2. Apologies:** Mr. K. Griffiths, Ms. B. Skidmore
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** Mr. A. Thomas declared an interest in finance item – wreath purchased on behalf of the council for parade
- 4. Minutes of the last Meeting:** It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes 6th January 2020 meeting.
- 5. Matter Arising from the minutes:** None.
- 6. U.S.C. – Councillor Mr. R. Huffer:**
 - Youth services are being cut across the county, there will be a lack of youth clubs as a result. It was acknowledged that schools run clubs and as such some young people may be picked up but there is concern at the lack of services. It was decided that a survey will be circulated to both Tenbury and Cleobury secondary schools asking what young people would like to see in the area.
 - There has been a complaint about a steel pole being added to a road verge on Clee Hill Road – Mr Huffer to investigate further.
 - Flooding continues to be an issue in the area. The latest floods (February 2020) caused a lot of disruption and damage to homes and businesses. It was particularly bad at Northwick House where there is a blocked culvert. It was decided that councillors will send all photos of the floods to Mr Huffer and councillors will write to Mr Peter Nutting to voice their concern.
- 7. Finance:** The latest financial information was shared, including the bank reconciliation which was signed on open meeting. Bank balances as follows: current account £1049.46 and reserve account £23,033.02.

It was RESOLVED to make the following payments:

D/D Robin Hood – December 2019	£358.53 (incl. £17.07 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – December 2019	£29.50 (incl. £0.71 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – January 2020	£350.30 (incl. £16.68 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – January 2020	£15.07 (incl. £0.72 VAT)
Prysmian Group – street lighting repairs	£2127.76
GRM Electrical – Street lighting	£413.94
Councillor Mr. A. Thomas – wreath	£25.00

- 8. To consider internal auditor for end of 2019-20 financial year:** The Clerk has tried to obtain three quotes. However, one contact given no longer completes audits, another did not reply. A third quote was received from a qualified member of the Association of Accounting Technicians who is also CILCA qualified – the quote was for £100 and it was RESOLVED to accept this quote.
- 9. Village Hall:** It was RESOLVED to appoint Mr. T. Earp as Parish council representative on the village hall committee. However, Mrs. S. Webb will remain on the committee. The Clerk will write an official letter confirming this to the committee. The next meeting is the AGM on 21st April, 7pm.
- 10. Area to land near the bridge:** It was RESOLVED to write to the person believed to be the land owner and ask if they can clear the area as there have been complaints that it is untidy.
- 11. Neighbourhood plan committee:** This item was deferred to the next meeting when Ms. B. Skidmore is in attendance.
- 12. Planning –** There was considerable concern over planning developments in light of recent flooding. There was further concern over the apparent lack of enforcement by Shropshire Council planning department. There are some applications that have been approved where the applicants are not complying with regulations. Councillors are keen for the affordable housing application to be passed but there appears to be a lack of movement on this particular application. It was decided that the clerk will approach Sanctuary Housing for an update.
- 13. Correspondence:**
 - Rural Bulletins – forwarded to all
 - Reports of streetlights not working – reported to Prysmian for repair
 - Email forwarded to all regarding the potholes
 - Email regarding speed restrictions in Burford, forwarded to all

The Clerk will write to the resident whose conifer trees are blocking access to a streetlight that requires repair.

14. Items for the next Agenda – Neighbourhood plan committee, annual parish meeting agenda, annual financial papers

Next Meeting – Monday 6th April 2020 at 7.30pm at Burford Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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