

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 28th January. 2015

Present: Cllrs Michael Pettit (Chairman), Laurence Price (vice-Chairman), Clare Zawadzki, Terry Morgan, Roger Scrimshaw, Paddy McNamara, Derek Jones, Sue Dean, John Mathias, Nia Phillips; Peter Horton (Clerk)

Apologies: C'llrs Alun Williams, Rob Summons.

Minutes of November monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Sue Dean, seconder C'llr Derek Jones).

Matters Arising

Risk assessment. The Clerk informed Members that this had been completed. Matter to be placed on February agenda for discussion of works needed pursuant to the Risk Assessment. Clerk to arrange for two damaged speed-activated signs to be taken down and delivered to Church Farm for further inspection. Matter to be placed on February agenda for further discussion / actions. Time and date of delivery to be advised to John Mathias.

Brambles, Well, Church Road. The Clerk had obtained information to the effect that the actual well is owned by the Church, and the rest is on common land. Work was ongoing by P.C.C. Matter left to see the outcome of this work.

Discussion of tree-felling arrangements, Benton Woods

The drop-in session had been held as advertised. C'llr Claire Zawadzki had attended to see the displays and information organised by Natural Resources Wales. Members were given some information on the proposed schedule and approach to the project. Matter left in abeyance.

Planning

Applications

14/0945/PA (Sunroom, 8, Glenfield Park, Burton SA73 1PG) [NOTE – C'llr Michael Pettit declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application as an immediate neighbour, and vacated the chamber during discussion of the application]. No objections.

Consents issued

14/0753/PA (Barn conversion, Church Farm, Burton)

14/0466/PA (Extensions, Chestnut Cottage, Church Road, Burton)

14/0238/PA (Alterations, Milton Gardens, Burton SA73 1LG)

Correspondence

- 1) Teenage Cancer Trust – request for financial assistance – deferred until March 2015
- 2) PCC – Letter regarding proposed closure of outstation registration service – noted.
- 3) Planed – Information regarding forthcoming 2015 Festivals and Events Guide – noted.
- 4) Pembrokeshire Y.F.C. – Request for financial assistance – deferred until March 2015.
- 5) Hywel Dda Health Board – Notification of forthcoming community workshops – noted.
- 6) P.C.C. – Notification of forthcoming Savings Consultation meetings – noted.
- 7) P.C.C. – Request for precept information – dealt with under 'Accounts'.
- 8) Paul Davies, A.M. – Advice surgery dates for 2015 – Clerk to place in noticeboards.
- 9) U.T.K. Solicitors – offer to lease land at Houghton to Community Council – Clerk to reply providing information requested, and asking for the car park to be included in any lease agreement. Clerk to obtain a Land registry search on the playground area.
- 10) Boundary Commission for Wales – Notification of Councillor area changes – noted.

- 11) P.C.C. - Proposed schedule for completing work at Little Milford junction – Clerk to write asking for work to be speeded up, and traffic lights removed on weekends.

Accounts

Precept

To remain unchanged at £6,500, based on anticipated budget requirements.

Clerk's pay

This was last discussed in January 2013, when an inflation equivalent pay rise was awarded from April 2013. A rise of 2.7% on pay and household expenses allowance was agreed, effective April 2014, based on the inflation rate in December 2013, and a further 1% based on the inflation rate at the end of 2014, to become effective in April 2015.

Payments

Clerk (work on Risk Assessment, and expenses for 2014) : £120-07

The above items were agreed (proposer C'llr Sue Dean, seconder C'llr Claire Zawadzki)

Any necessary discussion of shelter / footpath provision, Bowlings Corner

C'llr Michael Pettit had been given a quotation for £950 for fabrication of the shelter. C'llr John Mathias had been offered a quotation by another local supplier, but this had not yet been received. It was confirmed that no planning permission was required, but a streetworks licence would be needed from the P.C.C. Highways Department. Clerk to apply for licence for the erection of a pedestrian shelter with associated footpath. Members agreed to proceed with the order of the shelter if the licence was forthcoming (proposer C'llr Derek Jones, seconder C'llr Roger Scrimshaw). Matter to be placed on agenda for February for any necessary discussion.

Discussion of defibrillator provision for Jubilee Hall

C'llr Rob Summons had provided information regarding the possibility of obtaining funding from South Hook LNG, This had been passed on to the B.J.H.C., and was on their next agenda for discussion. C'llr Derek Jones was in favour, would cost about £1,000, of which half would be recoverable from the British Heart Foundation. It was also mentioned that the operation of the units was idiotproof. Clerk advised that the matter should be dealt with directly by the B.J.H.C., but that the Community Council could potentially contribute to the cost by grant.

Any Other Business

Post box opposite Stable Bar. The postbox had disappeared. No-one seemed to know its whereabouts. C'llr Michael Pettit had discussed it with the Post Office. It was likely to take between 14–16 weeks to be replaced, due to time for consultations, utility searches, etc.

Planning application breach of condition. C'llr Claire Zawadzki asked about what to do about this, in reference to the plot adjacent to her property. She had received a number of complaints from local residents about alleged breaches of condition on the development relating to non-retention of boundary hedgebanks. Clerk offered appropriate advice.

Public footpaths through Benton Woods. Members were informed that a sign had been erected recently during a private shoot forbidding access along the public footpath from Bean Hill, going through Benton Woods. The question was raised as to whether or not this was legal. Matter to be placed on agenda for next month.

Fibre optics. C'llr Paddy McNamara had heard that high speed fibre optic broadband was on the way locally, but it was not known exactly when it would be installed / operational. It was thought that the Neyland telephone exchange had not yet been enabled to allow it.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-40pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 25th February, 2015, 7pm