

## **BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2016**

**Present:** Cllrs Paddy McNamara (Chairman), Derek Jones, Scott Sinclair, John Mathias, Terry Morgan, Michael Pettit, Alun Williams, Iain Wood, Nia Phillips; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies:** C’llrs Rob Summons, Roger Scrimshaw, Laurence Price

#### **Minutes of July monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’llr Terry Morgan, seconder C’llr Alun Williams).

#### **Matters Arising**

**Western Power.** The Clerk informed Members that he had been in touch with Western Power regarding the compensation for the work on the common land. He had been assured that this would be paid on completion of the work, and informed Members that there was a written agreement in place to this effect.

**Members training.** Members were reminded of the time and venue for the training scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Sewage problems, Houghton.** The Clerk informed Members that the matter had been reported to Welsh Water, and meetings had been set up between them and C’llr Laurence Price to explain / resolve the problem.

#### **Planning**

##### **Applications**

**NP / 16 / 0421 / RES (Dwelling, Appletree Cottage, 64 Port Lion) – No objections.** Clerk to research how the application was passed without further consultation, and report to next meeting.

#### **Correspondence**

- 1) Age Cymru – Request for grant assistance – deferred until March 2017.
- 2) Elenud Morgan, A.M. – Letter of introduction, and Community survey – passed to C’llr John Mathias for perusal, and report to next meeting
- 3) Boundary Commission for Wales – Notification / consultation of boundary changes – passed to C’llr Iain Wood for perusal.
- 4) Hywel Dda – Notification of forthcoming ‘Let’s talk’ events – noted.
- 5) Barclays – mandate changes – noted, and Clerk / C’llr Paddy McNamara to effect necessary changes.
- 6) Grant Thornton – notification of audit completion – dealt with under ‘Accounts’
- 7) Llanstadwell C.C. – Quiet Lanes proposals – noted. Clerk to reply, thanking them for sending the document, and explaining that it would be considered over time, but that the Community Council agrees with the aims and principles of the proposals.
- 8) St. Mary’s Church Burton – letter to say that general use of Mission Hall car park is not possible – noted.
- 9) P.H.A. – Annual report – noted.
- 10) Burton W.I. (15/09) – notification of forthcoming coffee morning, with proceeds to go towards defibrillator fund – posters provided for Clerk to put in noticeboard. Clerk to write to thank them for the efforts being made.

- 11) P.C.C. – Members’ code of conduct requirements – Members agreed with the offer from P.C.C. to liaise with the Ombudsman and place a collaborative advertisement. Clerk to reply to this effect.
- 12) Span Arts (24/08) – invitation for River of Lights, Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – noted.
- 13) Police Commissioner – survey on policing priorities – noted.
- 14) W.A.G. – response to complaint about broadband scheme – Clerk to advertise new email address on website.

### Accounts

#### **Payments approved**

H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax) : £ 119-87

#### **Income received**

Towards defibrillator fund (from Gareth Hughes) : £1,350

Defibrillator fund (from Mr. Busby) : £ 80

Defibrillator fund from Boat Club : £ 500

Precept (2/3) : £ 2167

#### **Audit**

It was noted that the auditors had issued an unqualified audit report.

The above items were approved (Proposer C’lir Derek Jones, seconder C’lir Alun Williams).

### Update on defibrillator provision in Community

Total received to date : £3400. A further £1850 to come from Western Power and the Boat Club, bringing total to £5250. C’lir Paddy McNamara mentioned that a further £650 was to come from Jolly Sailor. As the total cost was anticipated at £6750, that left £850 to find. It was also noted that the Burton W.I. had pledged the proceeds from a forthcoming planned coffee morning.

Clerk to keep in contact with Cariad regarding arrangements for obtaining the five units.

### Discussion of works needed on playing field, including tree-planting

**Western Power.** Their work on the land was now complete, and had been done very neatly.

**Pavilion.** The power had been disconnected. It was noted that the pavilion would need dismantling. C’lir Paddy McNamara volunteered to help dismantle it, in conjunction with the local cricket club. Clerk to provide an email to the Cricket Club to that the Community Council will help to dispose of the pavilion, on receipt of their email address from C’lir Paddy McNamara.

**Football nets.** C’lir Nia Phillips still researching the best option.

**Sign for gate.** C’lir Paddy McNamara to progress this – sign to say ‘Burton Community Recreational Area – please close the gate and clear up after your dog, and don’t park in front of the gate’ or similar suitable wording.

**Drainage.** Members noted that there could possibly be a problem due to water leaking from an underground burst pipe. C’lir Iain Wood to look into getting a contractor to investigate this.

**Tree in memory of Clare Zawadzki.** C’lir John Mathias to obtain a Rowan tree. This to be planted on Houghton Green, to the rear of the information board. It was agreed that the suggested wording from Sue Dean for the plaque should be adopted. C’lir John Mathias to arrange the tree-planting. C’lir Nia Phillips to organise and obtain. Clerk to forward the wording to her. Sue Dean to be invited to unveil the plaque when ready. Clerk to contact her regarding this. Matter to be placed on next agenda for update on progress.

### **Discussion of pond clearance, Church Road**

Members were informed that this was still in hand. C'lr John Mathias had strimmed the area during the last month. It was agreed that C'lr Paddy McNamara should arrange with Karl Sutton to carry out the necessary work, in order to complete it reasonably promptly.

### **Discussion of any needed work on Houghton Green**

**Bollards.** The Clerk reported to Members on the response from P.C.C., in which they disclaimed responsibility for the bollards. Clerk to request a price from them to supply and install 40 wooden bollards.

### **Discussion of situation re. Stable Bar fence**

The Clerk had not received a formal update on the planning enforcement investigation. However, Members reported that the fence had been reduced in height, and was now effectively resolved as far as road safety was concerned. Matter to be left in abeyance.

Members mentioned a number of other locations where there was either obstruction of the footpath by overgrowth, or potential for visibility issues due to planting. Details of these matters to be brought to next meeting if there still appeared to be a problem. One location was especially noted on Burton Hill. C'lr John Mathias undertook to check if this is on his land, and if so to rectify the problem. If not, Clerk to be informed by email, and matter to be reported to P.C.C.

### **Discussion of school bus routes**

C'lr Alun Williams had looked into this. There was some confusion regarding the reason why some services were following different routes. However, it was thought that it might be due to oversubscription on the Burton / Rosemarket bus, leading to some pupils using another bus instead. Matter to be left in abeyance.

### **Any Other Business**

**Burton School.** This was understood to be back on the market. Regarding its possible acquisition for Community use, it had generally been agreed that there were adequate facilities available already. It was not certain whether it had been sold, or a pending sale not completed. Matter to be placed on the November agenda for discussion. In the meantime, C'lr Paddy McNamara undertook to enquire about the circumstance of sale.

**Advertisements.** A local company / group had been placing signage on the pedestrian shelter. C'lr Terry Morgan had been removing these as they appeared. He offered to keep an eye out to see who was putting them up.

**New Wells Road.** C'lr Alun Williams mentioned ongoing parking problems at the Ashdale Lane end of the road, with safety issues resulting from this, Matter to be placed on November agenda to discuss possible solutions to the problem.

**Sardis bus shelter.** It was noted that there was some problem with weed / overgrowth encroaching on the bus shelter. Matter to be placed on November agenda for discussion.

**Western Power.** C'lr Paddy McNamara informed Members that Western Power were in the process of carrying out some tree-trimming in the vicinity of their overhead equipment in the locality.

### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-25 pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, 7pm.