

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 30th November, 2016

Present: Cllrs Paddy McNamara (Chairman), Laurence Price, Alun Williams, John Mathias; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Rob Summons, Terry Morgan, Roger Scrimshaw, Derek Jones, Scott Sinclair, Iain Wood, Nia Phillips, Michael Pettit.

Declarations of known interests

C'llr John Mathias declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application ref. 16/0774/PA as the applicant.

Minutes of October monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Laurence Price, seconder C'llr Alun Williams).

Matters Arising

New Wells Road. The Clerk informed Members that the matter had been passed to P.C.C. for their comments / suggestions. It was decided that the matter would be held in abeyance until the January meeting, to give time for the P.C.C. response, and so that C'llr Iain Wood's suggestions could be fully considered.

Footpath provision. A report provided by C'llr Rob Summons was read to Members, in which details of the current priority list for footpath provision was mentioned. Members expressed concerned over pedestrian safety issues, and were happy to note that some schemes within the Community area are on the priority list, albeit not currently near the top. Matter to be left in abeyance for the time being.

Planning

Applications

16/0774/PA (barn conversions, Church Farm) – The application was not discussed, as without C'llr John Mathias, there would be no quorum to agree on a stance regarding the application.

Correspondence

- 1) Trunk Road Agent – Response to letter about Merlin's Bridge congestion – noted.
- 2) P.C.C. – Response to letter about Merlin's Bridge congestion – noted.
- 3) P.C.C. – Notification of kerbside collection arrangements for holiday period – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. – Quotation for replacement of bollards on Houghton Green – discussed in agenda item.
- 5) B.T. – Consultation on payphone removal – noted.
- 6) Jubilee Hall Committee – Request for grant assistance – discussed in agenda item.
- 7) C'llr Rob. Summons – Information on cycle path scheme – discussed in matters arising.
- 8) St. Mary's Toddlers Group – Information regarding the standing of their accounts – Members felt that more detail was needed in order to properly assess the grant request – C'llr Paddy McNamara to ask C'llr Nia Phillips to get more detailed figures. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in January.

Accounts

Payments

H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for October – December)	:	£119-87
P.C.C. (code of conduct advert)	:	£ 30-00

Defibrillator fund

Donations received since October meeting

Western Power	:	£1350
Burton W.I.	:	£ 400

Donations pledged, but not yet received

Jolly Sailor	:	£ 650
Total donations received / pledged	:	£7000

C’llr Paddy McNamara to forward the cheque from the Burton W.I. to the Clerk.

The above items were agreed by Members (proposer C’llr Alun Williams, seconder C’llr Laurence Price).

Discussions of details concerning defibrillators

Members thanked C’llr Alun Williams for the work done in installing the defibrillators. Agenda item for January to decide what to do with the training DVDs and heating units currently in C’llr Alun William’s possession.

Monthly checks. It was agreed that C’llr Alun Williams would care for this..

Contact person. To be Clerk. Clerk to process online registration forms with the manufacturer.

Further training sessions. It was suggested that these could be privately arranged by interested parties of individuals.

Mailshot to all households. Clerk to arrange this. Basic wording of letter agreed by Members.

Discussion of works needed on playing field

Pavilion. Members were informed that Locke Bros were going to remove the pavilion, due to the need to have proper equipment to dig out the blockwork.

Cricknet nets – It had been agreed that these would be left in situ.

Water pipe. C’llr Laurence Price knew of the existence of a pipe, and undertook to arrange a visit to identify the precise location.

Sign on gate. This had been deferred until after the pavilion had been removed, in case of damage.

Discussion of works needed on Houghton Green

Bollards. An estimate of £390 + VAT had been received from P.C.C. This was agreed by Members (proposer C’llr Laurence Price, seconder C’llr John Mathias). Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

Information board. It was agreed that a new map was needed, and that the plaques would be placed around the map. C’llr Paddy McNamara undertook to look into getting a new map made up. Matter to be placed on January agenda for further discussion.

Plaque. It was agreed to get a replacement plaque, due to an error in the wording on the one already made up. C’llr Paddy McNamara to speak to C’llr Nia Phillips to arrange this.

Discussion of situation regarding disposal of Burton School

Members were informed that the school had now been sold. It was noted that there were some benches in there with commemorative plaques on them, and also a plaque in memory of C’llr Laurence Price’s father. C’llr Laurence Price to follow up obtaining these as necessary. C’llr Paddy McNamara had mentioned to the agent a request for consideration to be given to

providing some community parking space on the land. However, there was little expectation that this would materialise.

Discussion of needed grounds maintenance around bus shelters

Members discussed the various quotations that had been received. The most competitive one was from One Stop, and Members accordingly agreed to go with this quotation. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements, with work on Sardis bus shelter and the pond in Church Road to be carried out as soon as possible, and regular cutting back around the various bus shelters to commence in March 2017, with fortnightly cuts between March and September, and monthly cuts between October and February (proposer C'llr Laurence Price, seconder C'llr John Mathias).

Discussion of arrangements for pond clearance, Church Road

Covered under previous agenda item.

Discussion of matters concerning Village Hall

Deeds. The Clerk had ascertained that the land was unregistered. It was not known where the deeds were held. Clerk to obtain planning files in advance of the January meeting. It was thought that the building was constructed around 35 - 40 years ago. Clerk to visit the County Archives to try and research the minute record for any relevant information.

Request for grant assistance from B.J.H.C. Request deferred until March for consideration as part of the discussion on annual grant donations. Clerk to send response accordingly, while reassuring the Committee of the commitment of the Community Council to support them.

Any Other Business

Vehicle monitoring survey at Burton Ferry. Matter to be placed on January agenda for discussion.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-30pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 25th January 2017, 7pm.