

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 30th April, 2014

Present: Cllrs Laurence Price, Terry Morgan, Sue Dean, Michael Pettit (Chairman), Alun Williams, Clare Zawadzki, Derek Jones, Nia Phillips, Roger Scrimshaw; Peter Horton (Clerk)
Apologies: C'llrs Paddy McNamara, John Mathias; County Councillor Rob Summons.

Minutes of March monthly meeting

Time of meeting end. This had not been inserted. With the addition of this information the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Derek Jones, seconder C'llr Laurence Price).

Matters Arising

Website. Members had looked at the website, and it was generally thought to be good.

Footpath, Bowlings Corner. The Clerk had received a response from Chris Reynolds of P.C.C., offering to meet someone on site in a couple of weeks to assess the requirements and provide a quotation. C'llrs Derek Jones & Terry Morgan to meet him by arrangement. Clerk to pass on his contact details to C'llr Derek Jones. C'llr Laurence Price said that he could also attend depending on availability at the agreed time.

Fly-tipping, Foxhall. The Clerk had reported the problem to P.C.N.P.A. and the Common Land officer, but had not received any communications regarding the matter since then. No improvement had been noted. Clerk to chase up the matter. C'llr Alun Williams also mentioned that some soil and stones had been dumped on the foreshore at Port Lion.

Nash Mountain Farm wind turbine. Members were informed that an appeal against the recent planning refusal was thought to have been submitted, though no formal notification had yet been received.

Planning

Applications

NP/14/0186 (Works at Nolton Croft Farm, Burton) – no comment.

Consents issued (for information only)

13/0946/PA (Garage, 16 Meadow Park, Burton)

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.C. – Letter providing update on situation regarding Burton Ferry Toilet Block – discussed under agenda item.
- 2) P.C.C. – Update on situation regarding possible attendance at meetings of Cleddau Reach Board of Governors – noted. Clerk to write to P.C.C. to inform them that, given C'llr Nia Phillip's position on the board of governors, the problem was resolved for the time being. However, message to ask for the principle of attendance by a non-member to be established, for future reference in case of a repetition of the problem.
- 3) P.C.C. – Web hosting agreement – Members agreed that the agreement should be completed. (Proposer C'llr Alun Williams, seconder C'llr Sue Dean). Document retained by Clerk for signature and return to P.C.C.
- 4) St. Mary's Toddlers Group – Letter of thanks for recent donation – noted.
- 5) Experience Pembrokeshire – Festivals & Events Guide – copies circulated to Members.

Accounts

Payments

Zurich Municipal (Insurance renewal)	:	£387-59
P.A.L.C. (Annual subscription)	:	£ 58-00

Internal Audit

Members agreed for the Clerk to ask Gill Gill to carry out the internal audit again this year.

The above items were agreed by Members (Proposer C’llr Roger Scrimshaw, seconder C’llr Clare Zawadzki).

Discussion of possible bus shelter replacement at Bowlings Corner

The Clerk had received an application pack from South Hook LNG to apply for a Community grant. This was awaiting photos to be provided by C’llr Michael Pettit prior to being submitted. It was agreed that C’llr Nia Phillips would try and get a photo with permission within two weeks, and Clerk would submit application with photos if available, but without if they could not be provided. Matter to be placed on agenda for next month.

Members were concerned afresh over the parking at the corner of New Wells Road, and the interference with the designated bus stop. Clerk to get out correspondence from last time and follow up with further letter to P.C.C.

Discussion of flooding problem, Foxhall

Work had been ongoing around the site, with a larger drain installed. There was not much expectation that it would last very long, according to the workers on site. Matter to be held in abeyance for the time being.

Discussion of issues surrounding closure of toilet block, Burton Ferry

The letter from P.C.C. was read to Members, in which P.C.C. had stated their undertaking to reopen the toilet block pending a resolution of the covenant issues. Clerk had consulted with Monitoring Officer, who had advised that the Community Council could probably only become involved if acting as either the landowner or the covenanter. He had suggested that more detailed legal advice could be sought. C’llr Sue Dean suggested thinking about obtaining such advice from P.A.L.C. if necessary. Matter to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

Discussion of possible beach-cleaning arrangement

This had been originally placed on the agenda by C’llr John Mathias. He had said that he was prepared to provide some machinery to facilitate the beach clean, such as a large machine bucket, if an arrangement for volunteers could be organised. C’llr Laurence Price mentioned that the beach was not too bad, apart from some scouring after the recent storms. Matter to be placed on May agenda, when it was hoped that C’llr Mathias would be present to discuss details.

Discussion of sewerage problems in Community

C’llr Terry Morgan had noticed a problem with sewage smells around Bowlings Corner. This had also been noted at Foxhall. Clerk to contact Welsh Water to complain about the problem, and ask them what they proposed to do about it. Problem appeared to centre around a pump manhole in New Wells Road.

Any Other Business

Speeding through Village. C'llr Roger Scrimshaw raised the issue. Some recent speed monitoring had been done, but no results had been received. Matter to be placed on May agenda for discussion.

British Telecom box. C'llr Derek Jones had noticed several new green boxes being installed, for fibre optic cabling, which was due to be completed within a month or so, according to operatives on site.

Residents of Prince of Wales Close. C'llr Laurence Price had been asked about grass-cutting around the grass verge at the bottom of Prince of Wales Close, and also the green in Houghton and the Playpark.

Pothole survey. Prince of Wales Close has been nominated for resurfacing.

Road markings. Problems with road markings around Cleddau Bridge. Matter to be placed on agenda for May.

Poppies. C'llr Michael Pettit mentioned that a lot of poppies are being sown for forthcoming ceremonies in the Autumn, and asked about sowing some seed on Community Council land adjacent to the Village Hall.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 7-50pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 28th May, 2014, 7pm, to include 2014 A.G.M.