

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 29th April, 2015

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by C'llr Laurence Price (vice-Chairman).

Minutes of March monthly meeting

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

Matters Arising

School playground / Cricket field. No further contact yet received from the Diocesan Board. Clerk to continue to chase up.

Verge opposite Stable Bar. Response from P.C.C. read to Members to the effect that kerbing of the verge would be counter-productive.

Risk Assessment. The telegraph pole had been removed from the playpark. However, the metal protruding sections had not been removed. Clerk to contact Western Power to ask them to arrange the removal of these.

Footpath, Hill Mountain. Work to improve footway completed. Clerk to send message of thanks to P.C.C. for work undertaken.

Planning

Applications.

14/0821/PA (Reserved matters application for 7 plots South of Kiln Park, Burton Ferry) – Comment that dwellings should respect existing ones in respect of their building line and height

15/0093/PA (Dwelling and access, land South of Bramble Lodge, Hill Mountain) – No comments.

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.N.P.A. – Updates on L.D.P. land allocations – noted.
- 2) Glyn Miles – Letter and petition regarding new postbox in Burton – Clerk to write to the Sorting Office to request that the postbox be reinstated quickly. Letter also to be sent to Mr. Miles to explain the actions taken.
- 3) Health Board – notification of forthcoming events to discuss health provision – noted.
- 4) Planed – festivals and Events Guide, 2015 – noted.
- 5) P.C.C. – Reply to messages sent through regarding verge at junction with Church Road, Burton, and footpath at Hill Mountain – dealt with under Matters Arising.
- 6) David Mackmin – Request for bollards at Bowlings Corner – Members were in agreement that the verge in Bowlings Corner is a mess. It was also commented that a similar problem exists at the junction between new Wells Road and Ashdale Lane. Clerk to write to the care home at 19, New Wells Road to request more considerate parking by their staff, and also to write to P.C.C. requesting bollards to prevent problems with the verge. Reply to Mr. Mackmin to explain actions taken. Matter to be placed on agenda for May.

Accounts

Payments

Zurich Municipal (Insurance premium) : £391-81

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Sue Dean, seconder C'llr Clare Zawadzki).

Any necessary discussion of proposed shelter / footpath at Bowlings Corner

Clerk informed that the license had not yet been received. This to be chased up again. C'llr Laurence Price had been investigating a price for the proposed footpath, and this was in the pipeline.

Discussion of P.C.C. proposed changes to secondary education provision, and any necessary response to consultation

Members discussed the proposals, which included sending sixth form provision to the Pembrokeshire College, and sending some pupils currently educated in Haverfordwest to Milford Haven, including those from the Burton Community area. Clerk to respond to the consultation asking that pupils from the Burton Community area continue to be sent to Haverfordwest, as this has always been the norm, and the traffic links to Haverfordwest are much better. Also, the school in Milford Haven is unacceptably dilapidated. Response also to object to 6th form provision in Pembrokeshire College, due to the adverse effects of a break in education continuity for pupils, many of whom are motivated to continue their education because of the positive influence of their own teachers, with whom they may have developed a good relationship. For many, this is an important factor in their decision to continue into A-level education.

Discussion of options regarding speed-activated signage

No information had been obtainable from the existing signs to identify the manufacturer. Clerk had checked the signs still up, and no identifying marks were visible. C'llr John Mathias mentioned that the two signs that had been taken down were badly affected by corrosion damage to the interior of the signs. He offered to take a sign into Reohorn Amusements, Barn Street, Haverfordwest, for them to assess it. Clerk to continue to try and identify the manufacturer. Clerk also to request an up-to-date speed survey from P.C.C., to see if the signage had had any positive effect in reducing traffic speeds. C'llr Derek Jones mentioned a Community in England familiar to him (Ford) where Community volunteers manned speed cameras, with positive results in reducing traffic speeds. Matter to be placed on May agenda for further discussion.

Any Other Business

Noticeboard. It was confirmed that there would not be a charge for community notices to be placed in the Community noticeboards. It was generally felt that use of the noticeboards for advertising businesses should be discouraged, rather than thinking in terms of introducing a charging regime for such advertisements. Each case to be taken on its own merits as far as acceptability for placement in the noticeboards is concerned.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-30pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 27th May, 2015, 7pm, to commence with the 2015 A.G.M.