

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: C'llrs Nia Phillips (vice-Chair), Rob Summons

Minutes of June monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Sue Dean, seconder C'lr Paddy McNamara).

Matters Arising

Cricket Field. Nothing further had been heard from the Diocesan Board regarding the lease documentation. Clerk to chase up.

Bench at Jolly Sailor. This had arrived, and was awaiting installation by C'lr Laurence Price.

Planning

Applications received

NP/15/0374/S73 (Variation of condition no's 6 and 7 of NP/10/322 – [C'lr Clare Zawadzki offered factual information regarding the original planning consent. Following this she declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an immediate neighbour, and left the room during deliberation on the application]. No objections to window alterations, or to hedging, but response to express concern at retrospective nature of the application.

NP/15/0333/FUL (Agricultural building, Benton Farm) – No objection.

NP/15/0361/PNF (Upgrade tracks and create new tracks, Benton Farm) – No objection.

15/0355/PA (Erection of two dwellings, land at Penry Farm, Hill Mountain) – no objection.

Consents issued (for information only)

12/0683/PA (4 dwellings, land to the rear of 20, Burton Road, Houghton)

15/0093/PA (Dwelling / access, land south west of Bramble Lodge, Hill Mountain)

Correspondence

- 1) Milford Haven Port Authority – Business review, 2014 – noted.
- 2) P.C.C. – Guidance on spontaneous events – Clerk to place in noticeboard.
- 3) Ombudsman – Report 2014/15 – noted.
- 4) P.C.C. (by email) – Information on speed survey – dealt with in agenda item.
- 5) P.C.N.P.A. (by email) – Reply to enquiry about care home, New Wells Road – Clerk to ask for investigation into a possible need for permission.
- 6) P.C.C. – Proposed timescale for completing works at Bowlings Corner – noted.
- 7) PCC – Information regarding replacement of Sardis signage - noted.

Accounts

There were no accounts for discussion this month.

Any necessary discussion of proposed shelter / footpath at Bowlings Corner, including progress on obtaining Streetworks license

C'lr Paddy McNamara had been having discussions with P.C.C. over this matter. Concerns had been raised over plans to allow direct access to footpath from main Burton Road. The plans were in the process of being altered to address this, following which the licence was expected to be issued. Matter to be placed on agenda for next meeting.

Any necessary discussion of needed maintenance to Burton Pond

The matter was in hand. Quotation was expected to be reduced accordingly due to reduction in work. Matter to be placed on next meeting agenda.

Discussion of options regarding speed-activated signage

Members had received the information regarding the speed survey information. This showed a marginal increase in mean average speeds of approximately 1.5mph between the 2014 figures and the 2015 figures.

It was decided to scrap the old signage. C'lr John Mathias to arrange this.

No decision to replace signage at this time, as it was felt that the £4,000 cost was prohibitive.

Discussion of issues connected with Scout and Community Hall, Hill Mountain

The Clerk reported back to Members on the issue of possible need for planning permission. Members discussed the possible use of the field for their events.

Contact to be made with the Scout Group, offering a meeting with a couple of councillors to discuss the matter. C'lr Alun Williams was concerned over the ongoing breaches of conditions on the planning consent, and felt that these needed to be addressed as part of the overall discussions. C'lr Paddy McNamara and Sue Dean to attend. Matter to be placed on next agenda for discussion.

Discussion of situation regarding refurbishment of noticeboards

The Clerk had received a message from Norman Industries apologising for the delay, and undertaking to complete the work within the next few weeks. Matter to be placed on next agenda.

Discussion of planning issues surrounding plot at Kiln Park

The Clerk reported on the status of the planning enforcement investigation, which was ongoing. It appeared that there might be a breach of condition in respect of the path. Matter to be placed on agenda for next meeting.

Discussion of sale of Burton School

C'lr Laurence Price had been speaking to the ex-headmaster of the old school. He had provided some diary extracts showing that Menter Preseli had been involved in providing funding for the car park provision / repairs. He had also indicated that the car park was dual-use – for the school in school times, and Community use at all other times. C'lr Laurence Price had also visited the Pembrokeshire Archives, seeking information on the history of the car park / work undertaken. Clerk to write asking for car park to be returned to Community, while taking care not to jeopardise the undertaking already secured for the lease on the cricket field.

Any Other Business

Wind turbine, Nash Mountain Farm. A local resident had suggested that the turbine might be incorrectly positioned. Matter to be placed on next agenda.

Public Forum

Mr. Gareth Hughes & Mr. Martin Jones attended meeting to discuss what was happening about the old school. Mr. Jones felt that a crowd-funding effort should be initiated to purchase the school. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Diocese asking for time to allow possible arrangements for purchase by the Community to be investigated. Clerk to seek advice from P.C.C. regarding possible purchase. Matter to be placed on next agenda for discussion.

The meeting ended at 8-35pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 26th August, 2015, 7pm