

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 27th January 2016

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

Minutes of November monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Roger Scrimshaw, seconder C'llr Michael Pettit).

Matters Arising

Care home. Nothing further had been heard. Clerk to chase up further with P.C.N.P.A.
Scout Hall. To be placed on February agenda for discussion.

Planning

Applications

15/0976/PA (Barn conversion, Milton Farm) - OBJECT, based on poor highway access; unacceptable impact on highway network, with dwellings accessing an unclassified lane with five dwellings there already; lack of local amenities. Letter of objection to mention that one neighbour has expressed a desire to use barn 5 for agricultural purposes, contradicting any claims that it is redundant; privacy concerns; inadequate access to public transport network.

15/0977/PA (Barn conversion, Milton Farm) - OBJECT, based on same factors listed in 15/0996 above.

15/1001/PA (Garage extension, Rose Cottage, Burton) – object on basis of ongoing residential use. Letter to include a request that this be investigated.

Correspondence

- 1) Sue Dean – email of resignation – clerk to advertise vacancies in the noticeboards, and on the website. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion next month. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Sue Dean for all her work on behalf of the Community Council.
- 2) Jubilee Hall Committee – Request for grant assistance – deferred to Accounts.
- 3) P.C.C. – consultation on budget pressures – clerk to circulate to individual Members.
- 4) Planed – Notification of forthcoming workshops – noted.
- 5) P.C.C. – Request for precept figure – dealt with in 'Accounts'.
- 6) U.T.K. Solicitors – Draft lease agreement – Members agreed to proceed with the lease as drafted (proposer C'llr Alun Williams, seconder C'llr Derek Jones). Clerk to forward documentation to C'llr Paddy McNamara for execution and return to U.T.K. Solicitors.
- 7) Mr. S. Brick – objection to planning applications at Milton Farm – discussed in 'Plans'.

Accounts

Precept

Members agreed to maintain the precept unchanged at £6,500, based on a breakdown of projected expenditure (Proposer C'llr John Mathias, seconder C'llr Michael Pettit).

Any necessary discussion of proposed shelter / footpath at Bowlings Corner

C'llr Paddy McNamara had provided some information in advance of the meeting. He was obtaining quotations for the supply of additional items required for the shelter, and also galvanised sockets in which the shelter posts would be anchored. Clerk to advise C'llr

McNamara to forward the quotations once received, for circulation to Members by email, and subsequent approval if agreed. Members were concerned at the non-completion of the double yellow lines on the junction with the main road. Clerk to take this up with P.C.C.

Any necessary discussion of lease arrangements for playing field

Covered in Correspondence.

Discussion of possible defibrillator provision within Community

C’llr Alun Williams had been researching this matter. He had been in communication with a charity called Cariad.org. They had said that defibrillators along with a package of training and maintenance could be provided at a cost of £900 each to the Charity, with recipients contributing a sum they could afford. The possibility of obtaining lottery grant assistance was mentioned, and their rules suggested that it may be better to obtain the units via the Burton Jubilee Hall Committee, as they could apply as a registered charity. Clerk to contact Llangwm Community Council to find out how they had obtained their defibrillators, C’llr Alun Williams to obtain more information from Cariad re. the specifications and requirements for cabinets, the supply and installation of which were excluded from their offer. Possible locations were briefly discussed. Matter to be placed on February agenda for further discussion.

Discussion of loss of Clare Zawadzki

Sue Dean had informed the Clerk that she supported the idea of planting a tree in memory of Clare Zawadzki. C’llr John Mathias to find out the cost of a suitable rowan tree. Matter to be placed on February agenda for further discussion.

Discussion of grass cuttings behind Sardis bus shelter

C’llr Alun Williams had noted that persons unknown had been dumping grass cuttings behind the bus shelter. These needed removing before necessary painting and renovation could be carried out. Members agreed to arrange informally to remove the cuttings on a suitable dry day.

Discussion of surface water problems on Ashdale Lane near Navarino

C’llr Alun Williams had placed this matter on the agenda. In the narrowest part of Ashdale Lane, between Navarino and Stornaway, there were eight road drains, but water was ponding on the carriageway between the drains. This was causing pedestrians to have to walk down the middle of the road, posing a safety risk. Clerk to contact Highways to flag up the problem, and put them in touch with C’llr Alun Williams to organise a possible site meeting.

Any Other Business

Houghton playpark. Members were informed that P.C.C. had cut down the swings, citing immediate health and safety concerns due to rusting poles. C’llr Laurence Price had spoken to them on site. A Mr. Neil McCarthy of P.C.C. had explained that they had been condemned. Subsequent to this, Mr. McCarthy had contacted the Clerk to inform the Community Council that the swings would be replaced by P.C.C. This would take a little time, due to the need to obtain the necessary items. Matter to be placed on February agenda for update.

Bus shelter in Hill Mountain. C’llr Alun Williams mentioned that the bus shelter needs attention to clean it up. The Clerk indicated that he would contact P.C.C. regarding the matter.

Speeding. C’llr Alun Williams mentioned a ‘community speedwatch’ scheme, under which local residents can be trained to use speed guns, pass on registration numbers of offending vehicles to the Police, who would then issue warning letters. Matter to be placed on February agenda for discussion.

Church Road, Burton – C’llr John Mathias mentioned that road gullies in the vicinity of the church need cleaning out.

Public Forum

The meeting was addressed by four residents opposed to proposals to develop outbuildings at Milton Farm. They were concerned at the actions of P.C.C. in pursuing 'piecemeal' development, and 'asset stripping' the farm. Highways concerns were highlighted, as well as the fact that the lane is a popular route for horse-riders, and much used by farm traffic. They felt that the lane was already too busy, and could not support the additional traffic that the development would generate. Due to the potential for six new residential units, they commented that traffic flows along the lane could double. They also mentioned the problem with inadequate access to bus routes, which they had been advised is an important factor in consideration of development in rural areas. It was also mentioned that any development approved would result in heavy use of the lane by construction-related traffic for up to three years during the construction phase.

The meeting ended at 8-20pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 24th February, 2016, 7pm