

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 24th February 2016

Present: Cllrs Laurence Price, Michael Pettit, Alun Williams, Derek Jones, Roger Scrimshaw, John Mathias, Terry Morgan; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C’llrs Paddy McNamara, Nia Phillips, Rob Summons

Minutes of January monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’llr Alun Williams, seconder C’llr Derek Jones).

Matters Arising

Care home, New Wells Road. The Clerk informed Members that the investigation was in hand, as verified by a telephone call received earlier that day.

Rose Cottage investigation. The Clerk informed Members that the matter had been passed to the Planning Department for investigation, but that no information had yet been received regarding the progress of the investigation. Clerk to chase up.

Playing field lease documentation – Members were informed that this was in hand with C’llr Paddy McNamara.

Drainage, Ashdale Lane – C’llr Alun Williams had received no contact from P.C.C. regarding this matter. Clerk to chase up.

Church Lane drainage. C’llr John Mathias informed Members that this work had now been done.

Bus shelter, Hill Mountain. Members were informed that the shelter had now been cleaned up.

Double yellow lines, Bowlings Corner. Members were informed that these should be installed sometime around early March.

Planning

Applications received

15/1067/PA (Extension, Bungalow, Milton Gardens, Burton SA73 1LG) – no objections.

Consents granted

15/0976/PA (barn conversion, Milton Farm)

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Correspondence

- 1) 1st Johnston Scout Group – Invitation for applications for operating committee – considered under agenda item.
- 2) P.C.C. – Consultation on supplementary planning guidance for renewable energy provision – matter to be placed on March agenda for consideration.
- 3) Monitoring Officer – offer to provide training – Clerk to reply positively, asking for attendance once vacant casual vacancy positions had been filled.
- 4) Burton Church – Request for financial assistance for graveyard maintenance – dealt with in accounts.
- 5) Burton W.I. – Letter about car parking problems with Jubilee Hall – Clerk to reply with information on proposals in hand for playing field.
- 6) Llangwm Community Council – information on their defibrillator funding – dealt with in agenda item.
- 7) Burton Jubilee Hall Committee – Request for financial assistance – Clerk to request their next set of accounts when available.

Accounts

Payments

Burton Church (for graveyard maintenance) : £120

The above payment was approved by Members (Proposer C’llr Roger Scrimshaw, seconder C’llr John Mathias).

Any necessary discussion of proposed shelter / footpath at Bowlings Corner

Members were informed that action to obtain the necessary remaining parts for the shelter was in hand via C’llr Paddy McNamara. The cost of these, at a total cost of £720, was agreed by Members (Proposer C’llr Terry Morgan, seconder C’llr Derek Jones). Matter to be placed on agenda for March for progress report.

Discussion of possible defibrillator provision within Community

The message from Llangwm Community Council was read to Members. They had paid £300 per cabinet, and £900 per defibrillator, with funds having been raised within the Community. Clerk to write to Gareth Hughes Motors, Morillos, Jolly Sailor, Glyn Edwards, Beggars Reach, to ask if they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost. It was thought that siting one unit each at the Jolly Sailor, Jubilee Hall, and Gareth Hughes Motors would be appropriate, if this could be agreed. Clerk to contact Cariad to seek their detailed advice. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

Discussion of arrangements for tree-planting in memory of Clare Zawadzki

C’llr John Mathias had priced up rowan trees at around £30. Members decided to defer the tree-planting until the Autumn, to allow time to obtain suitable plaque, identify and prepare a suitable site within the playing field, and ensure that planting could be carried out at the best time of year with best prospects for success. Matter to be deferred for further discussion in July.

Discussion of any assistance that can be offered to scout group.

A letter from the Scout Group inviting nominations for their management committee was read to Members. C’llr Alun Williams concerned over the ongoing situation with breaches of the planning consent for the Hall, and felt that the Community Council should avoid becoming unnecessarily involved in the activities of the Group. Members were not inclined to nominate any members for the committee at this time. Clerk to reply thanking for letter, and deferring the matter for possible future consideration. Matter of possible offer of use of playing field to the Scout Group to be placed on March agenda for discussion, depending on progress towards completing the lease arrangements.

Discussion of casual vacancies

Clerk to place advert in Pembrokeshire Herald. Letters also to be written to the Burton W.I., Burton Jubilee Hall Committee, Wednesday pm Club and Burton Church to raise the profile of the vacancies. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further discussion.

Discussion of situation regarding swing replacement in playpark

Members noted that the swings had still not been replaced. Matter to be placed on March agenda. Clerk to chase up P.C.C. regarding the renewal.

Discussion of initiatives to combat speeding in Community

Members noted that the speed van had been in the locality with increased frequency of late. C’llr Alun Williams mentioned the scheme where local volunteers could be trained to use speed cameras, and report offenders to the Police, who would then issue warning letters. C’llr Derek Jones was not keen, due to adverse reactions reported towards some volunteers involved in similar schemes in other parts of the Country. Matter left in abeyance.

Any Other Business

Noticeboards. Clerk to obtain alternative quotations for remedial work to noticeboards, as Norma Industries had not been forthcoming in completing the work.

Newsletter. C’llr Terry Morgan mentioned that Llangwm Community Council has a newsletter. It was also noted that they have a Facebook page. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion on possible joint venture or instigation of similar scheme.

School. Some Members had heard that the sale of the old school buildings in Houghton may have fallen through.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 8-30pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 30th March, 2016, 7pm