

## **BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs Terry Morgan, Sue Dean, Michael Pettit (Chairman), Alun Williams, John Mathias, Clare Zawadzki, Derek Jones; County Councillor Rob. Summons; Peter Horton (Clerk)

**Apologies:** C’llr Laurence Price

#### **Minutes of January monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and held for signature next month (proposer C’llr Derek Jones, seconder C’llr Alun Williams).

#### **Matters Arising**

**P.A.L.C. A.G.M.** C’llr Sue Dean had attended this, and had asked for a training session for Members. This was due to be arranged, so more information was awaited. There had also been a presentation about the future of the local Health Service. Some posters were passed to the Clerk to be placed in noticeboards, with details of a forthcoming demonstration at The Senedd.

#### **Planning**

##### **Applications received**

**13/0946/PA (Garage, 16, Meadow Park, Burton)** – no comment.

**13/0902/PA (retention of log cabin, Little Dumbledale Farm)** – no comment.

##### **Consents issued (for information only)**

**13/0848/PA** (Alterations and extensions, 15a, Ashdale Lane)

**13/0788/PA** (Alterations and extensions, 2, Brompton Grove, Burton)

**13/0801/PA** (Extension, 2, Vale Court, Houghton)

**Nash Mountain wind turbine planning application.** The three further letters of objection were read to Members. Members proceeded to discuss the merits and demerits of the scheme. It was noted that the petition had already been submitted to the County Council. A letter of support for the petition was considered. Clerk to write a letter supporting the petition, and send this in to P.C.C. (Proposer C’llr Paddy McNamara, seconder C’llr Clare Zawadzki). [NOTE: C’llr Alun Williams abstained from the vote, declaring a personal interest as a close neighbour of the proposed development].

#### **Correspondence**

- 1) P.C.C. – map of proposed new C.P. School, Johnston – noted.
- 2) Evelyn Poar – Letter of objection to proposed wind turbine, Nash Mountain Farm – dealt with under ‘Planning’.
- 3) Laurence Harding – Notification of progress on new collaborative website – Clerk to make arrangements to attend a training session.
- 4) Darren Thomas, P.C.C. – acknowledgement of comments sent in regarding request for parking restrictions around Bowlings Corner – noted.
- 5) P.A.C.T.O. – response to request for additional information about the Neyland Dial-a-Ride scheme – It was noted that there were four regular users from the Burton Community area. Matter to be discussed in March under charity donations. Clerk to ask how much is being asked for from Neyland.
- 6) Nia Phillips – Application for membership of Community Council – discussed in agenda item.

- 7) Allison and Richard Kielczewski - Letter of objection to wind turbine, Nash Mountain Farm – dealt with under ‘Planning’.
- 8) Mr. Roger Scrimshaw – Letter of application for membership of Community Council – discussed in agenda item.
- 9) Petition opposing wind turbine, Nash Mountain Farm – discussed under Planning.

### **Accounts**

There were no accounts for discussion this month.

### **Discussion of possible bus shelter replacement at Bowlings Corner**

C’llr Michael Pettit had provided details of the contact at South Hook LNG Plant the previous week. The Clerk informed Members that the letter seeking financial assistance towards the bus shelter costs went off last week. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further discussion.

### **Discussion of casual vacancy arising due to the recent resignations of C’llrs Nigel Hayes & James Griffiths**

Two applicants had come forward, Nia Phillips, and Roger Scrimshaw. Members voted to accept both applications (Proposer C’llr Clare Zawadzki, seconder C’llr Derek Jones). Clerk to make contact and make the necessary arrangements.

### **Discussion of flooding problem, Foxhall**

C’llr Clare Zawadzki had experienced and received complaints about flooding problems on the Highway at Foxhall, from water coming out from a field near to the junction with New Wells Road. When at its worst, the sewerage system backs up as well. The problems in recent times had been worse than before. She asked if a site visit could be arranged. C’llr Rob. Summons mentioned that he had arranged for a new drain to be installed which should help with the problem with water runoff from the field belonging to Tan-yr-dderwyn, by directing this flow into the main road drain. This work was due to be carried out within the next six – eight weeks or so, or possibly sooner. He had also arranged for the pipework to be jetted out, which had already been done. C’llr Clare Zawadzki mentioned that water was also coming down from the other direction, thus worsening the problem. It was decided to await the installation of the new drain, and see if that resolved the problem. Matter to be placed on April agenda for discussion / further action if necessary.

### **Discussion of issues surrounding closure of toilet block, Burton Ferry**

Members were informed that a letter had been sent to Punch Taverns as requested, and a reply was awaited. A further letter had been sent as requested to P.C.C. (Ian Westley). C’llr Rob. Summons had discussed the matter with Ian Westley, and was able to report that P.C.C. had yet to hear back from Punch Taverns regarding their request to have the covenant altered. It was concluded that the matter was effectively on hold at present. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

### **Discussion of postbox, Bowlings Corner**

The Clerk reported that he had not had success with contacting the local Sorting Office. An email had been sent to David Wildman, in the hope that he could supply information on his contact from last time, when arrangements were made to move the postbox. Clerk to follow up any information received. C’llr Paddy McNamara asked if the Community Council could just put a footpath in itself. Clerk to investigate this with Highways. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

### **Discussion of water runoff, Neyland Road**

Members were informed that Mr. Steve Lewis, North Nash Farm, Llangwm was responsible for the mud coming onto the road. C’llr John Mathias had visited him, told him that the matter was up for discussion in Community Council, and had warned him of possible insurance liability and safety issues due to the mud coming onto the road. However, nothing had been done. Clerk to send a letter to Mr. Lewis asking him to take action to address the matter. Copy of letter to be sent to Mr. Darren Thomas, Highways, P.C.C.

### **Any Other Business**

**Gullies, Church Road.** C’llr John Mathias mentioned that gullies in Church Road were struggling to cope with the flows.

**Elidyr Park.** Members were informed that boundary fences erected by homeowners in Elidyr Park backing onto the visibility splay area were being held up by posts sticking out into the verge. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion of possible encroachment onto Highway verge.

### **Public Forum**

Mrs. Evelyn Poar addressed the meeting. She asked about the Sardis sign, which had disappeared from the Ashtree Close end of the Village. Clerk undertook to follow this up with P.C.C.

The meeting ended at 8-00pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, 7pm