

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 26th October, 2016

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

Minutes of September monthly meeting

Attendees. The list of those present was corrected to include C'llr Nia Phillips. With this correction, the minutes were agreed, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Alun Williams, seconder C'llr Nia Phillips).

Matters Arising

Pathway by Stable Bar. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been passed on to P.C.C. Members reported that some work had been undertaken on clearing the footway.

Sewage problems in Houghton. C'llr Laurence Price reported to Members that the problem had been alleviated by the installation of two new pumps. These were understood to be sufficient for a further twenty dwellings, so did not necessarily provide a long term solution.

Planning

Withdrawal of planning applications

NP/16/0421/RES (Dwelling, land at 64, Port Lion). The Clerk reported to Members that the outline permission had been refused in 2012, but subsequently granted on appeal.

Consents issued

NP/16/0391/FUL (Extension, rear of Beanhill, Rhoose Ferry Road, Houghton)

16/0472/PA (Extension, Westcroft, Burton, Milford Haven)

Applications

16/0627/PA (Extensions to house and garage and associated external works, including solar/pv panels, Ty'r Afon, 14, Barnlake Point, BURTON FERRY, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1PF) – no comment.

Other planning matters

Rose Cottage. The Clerk had been informed that consideration was being given to possible service of a planning enforcement notice to deal with a possible ongoing breach of planning control. Update to be sought prior to the November meeting.

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.N.P.A. – update on L.D.P. land allocations – noted.
- 2) Barclays – Confirmation of signature changes – noted.
- 3) St. Mary's Church Parent and Toddler Group – Request for grant assistance – C'llr Nia Phillips to contact them to say that the Community Council is willing in principle to support the group. Enquiries to be made about their financial situation, as well as numbers of toddlers attending the group from the local area. Report to be made to the November meeting. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion.
- 4) Burton Jubilee Hall Committee – Invitation to nominate someone to act as their treasurer – Members could not recommend anyone willing to do the job on a voluntary basis, but thought it likely that someone suitable might be found to do the job on a paid basis. C'llr Nia Phillips to respond to them accordingly. In the meantime, Clerk to send a holding reply.

- 5) Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service – Consultation on 2017 – 2022 corporate plan – Clerk to circulate consultation email to Members for consideration.
- 6) Burton W.I. – Enquiry regarding decision not to site a defibrillator on the Jubilee Hall – considered under agenda item below.
- 7) St. Mary’s Church, Burton – Notification of proposed musical evening to be held on Sunday 4th December at 6pm – noted, and Clerk to place posters in the noticeboards.

Accounts

Payments

No payments were approved.

Defibrillator fund

Donations received since September meeting

Wednesday pm Club	:	£350
Mr. Jimmy Yeomans, Burton	:	£150
Burton Moorings	:	£200

Donations pledged, but not yet received

Western Power	:	£1350
Jolly Sailor	:	£ 650
Burton W.I.	:	Proceeds of recent coffee morning
<u>Total donations received / pledged</u>	:	£6600 + proceeds of Burton W.I. coffee morning

Update on defibrillator provision in Community

Siting. It was agreed that the units would be sited on Sardis bus shelter, the pedestrian shelter at Hill Mountain, the Jubilee Hall, the bus shelter in Burton, and the toilet block at Burton Ferry.

Members briefly mentioned other potential sites for defibrillators, including at the car park by the Cleddau Bridge, and at Port Lion. It was decided to place the five already agreed, see how they work, and keep an open mind on possible future additional units elsewhere.

Members discussed publicising the defibrillators. A leaflet drop to every house in the Community was discussed, as a means of raising the profile of the scheme, and also to thank the community for the donations made. Clerk to look into the Royal Mail leaflet drop scheme.

Cariad. Members decided to obtain the defibrillators from Cariad. Clerk to enquire with Cariad regarding the procedure for pad replacement. It was decided to hold the handover / training session on Tuesday 8th Nov, at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall. This to be publicised both in the Community noticeboards and also on the website. Clerk to contact all donors to invite them to attend. Radio Pembrokeshire to be contacted regarding the event, to publicise it. Burton W.I. to be notified. C’llr Paddy McNamara to be M.C. on the evening. C’llr Roger Scrimshaw to organise refreshments. C’llr Nia Phillips to arrange the hall booking.

Members discussed the appropriate figure to donate to Cariad. Clerk to request specific information from Cariad regarding costings for provision and maintenance of the units, and circulate this information to Members when available.

Discussion of works needed on playing field

Pavilion. C’llr Paddy McNamara had heard nothing further as yet from the Cricket Club regarding arrangements to remove the pavilion. All the services had been disconnected ready. It was mentioned that the boundary fence was in need of reinstatement following the recent Western Power work undertaken. Clerk to make a request to Western Power regarding this.

Damp patch. Welsh Water had no record of any water mains there. However, C’llr Laurence Price knew of a blue pipe in the vicinity, and offered to investigate this in case it was leaking.

Football nets. C’llr Nia Phillips had obtained two quotations for nets 12’ x 6’ in size. Clerk to order the one labelled ‘B’, with delivery to be arranged to C’llr Nia Phillip’s address.

Tree for Clare Zawadzki. Members agreed to abandon the idea of planting a Rowan tree. Clerk to convey this decision to C’llr John Mathias. It was decided instead to put slate

chippings around the map on the plinth, and mount the various memorial plaques for previous Members around its perimeter. C’lr Nia had obtained a quotation for a brass plaque for Clare Zawadzki of around £70. Members agreed this in principle, to be obtained from ‘Time Is’.

Bollards around Houghton Green. Quotation for replacement of the bollards still awaited.

Discussion of situation regarding disposal of Burton School

C’lr Paddy McNamara had been informed that the school premises had not been sold. It was currently out for tender again, with sealed bids being invited. It had been suggested that if the playground were to be disposed of separately, it would probably be priced similarly to an equivalently-sized building plot. The estate agents had undertaken to mention the potential interest in obtaining the playground for community use to any potential buyers.

Discussion of parking problems, Ashdale Lane end of New Wells Road

C’lr Alun Williams mentioned that some Llangwm residents had commented on their Community Facebook page about problems around the junction between Ashdale Lane and New Wells Road with speeding and inconsiderate parking.

Members discussed various potential options, such as parking bay provision by the junction with Ashdale Lane or adjacent to the Mission Hall entrance, signage, junction alterations, one-way systems, double yellow lines, traffic calming measures, etc. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for their advice and suggestions on how best to tackle the ongoing problem.

Discussion of needed grounds maintenance around Sardis bus shelter

C’lr Paddy McNamara suggested employing someone to maintenance periodically around both the pond in Church Road, and the Sardis bus shelter. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, possibly monthly during the summer, and bi-monthly for the rest of the year. C’lr Alun Williams undertook to look into this, and obtain quotations.

Discussion of follow-up from recent Members’ training session

Members who had attended the training session commented that it had been very worthwhile. There had been a good attendance from B.C.C. Members.

Clerk to circulate forms to Members for use when declaring interests.

Discussion of traffic congestion problems at Merlin’s Bridge

C’lr Alun Williams raised for discussion the worsening problem with traffic backing up a long way up the Pembroke Road at certain times of the day, especially around 8-30 – 9am.

Clerk to write to both P.C.C. and the T.R.A. regarding the matter. Letter to express concerns over repeated approvals being granted for building development without attention being given to the necessary infrastructure improvements to support this. The current enlargement of Pembrokeshire College was cited as an example of this. Letter to ask for details of their proposals to address the problem.

Any Other Business

Constituency boundary change proposals. C’lr Iain Wood reported to Members on the report published. It was felt that the proposals were, overall, reasonable and well-balanced, based on the aim of equalising numbers of constituents in each area.

Footpath provision. Agenda item to be tabled for November to discuss possibility of pushing for cycle path provision along the main road.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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