

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 24th September, 2014

Present: Cllrs Paddy McNamara, Clare Zawadzki, Terry Morgan, Sue Dean, John Mathias, Nia Phillips, Roger Scrimshaw; County Councillor Rob. Summons; Peter Horton (Clerk)

Apologies: C'llrs Alun Williams, Laurence Price, Michael Pettit, Derek Jones

In the absence of the Chairman and vice-Chairman, the meeting was initially chaired by C'llr Paddy McNamara.

Members requested that the Clerk should send a letter to C'llr Alun Williams wishing him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Minutes of July monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr John Mathias, seconder C'llr Sue Dean).

At this point the Chairman arrived, and took over the chairing of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Risk assessment. This to be completed by the next meeting.

Speed sign. The Clerk had put in a request for the sign to be turned around, but this had not yet been done. It was expected that this would probably have been carried out by the next meeting, taking into account, however, that the standing arrangement was to do it en route to other scheduled jobs, which made it difficult to predict with certainty when the work would be carried out.

Noticeboards. C'llr Terry Morgan had painted two of the noticeboards. He hoped to do the remaining one soon. Members expressed appreciation for his work in doing this.

Planning

Applications

14/0526/PA (dwelling, land next to Bramble Lodge, Hill Mountain) – No objections.

Consents issued

NP/14/0269 (Remodelling of existing field access off Burton – Houghton Road, & improvement of existing farm track beyond – Mill Cottage, Rhoose Ferry Road, Houghton, SA73 1NL).

NP/14/0168 (Demolition of several existing structures and proposed restoration of dwelling and associated works, together with new farm access track. Convert agricultural building to milking parlour and provision of a silo, concrete yard / turning area and slurry pit – Nolton Croft Farm, Burton Road, Houghton.

Correspondence

- 1) P.A.V.S. – Newsletter – passed to C'llr Clare Zawadzki for perusal.
- 2) P.C.C. – Consultation on polling arrangements – noted.
- 3) UTK Solicitors – Sale of land at Burton School – Clerk to respond suggesting that the Community might be interested in leasing the land at a peppercorn rent for Community use. Letter to refer to poor state of playground, which was unkempt and neglected, and with a ragwort problem.

- 4) Shelter Cymru – Request for financial assistance – deferred until Spring 2015.
- 5) P.C.N.P.A. – Consultation on Draft National Park Management Plan – noted.
- 6) Hywel Dda Health Board – Information Pack on changes to maternity / neonatal services – noted.
- 7) Pembrokeshire Housing Association – Annual report 2013/14 – noted.
- 8) P.C.N.P.A. – Consultation on future priorities of National Park Authority – noted.
- 9) BDO LLP – Notification of conclusion of audit – dealt with under ‘Accounts’.

Accounts

Payments

HMRC (P.A.Y.E. tax payment)	:	£115-56
BDO LLP (Audit fee)	:	£210-00

Audit

Members were informed that the audit had been completed with no matters arising. Clerk to arrange to place the public notice of this in the noticeboard.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’lr Clare Zawadzki, seconder C’lr Sue Dean).

Discussion of possible bus shelter replacement at Bowlings Corner

Members briefly discussed siting issues. However, then C’lr Paddy McNamara expressed doubts as to whether or not it was a good idea to replace the bus shelter. The footpath had been laid across the potential site for the bus shelter. He mooted the idea, which had been suggested by a local resident, of putting a noticeboard shelter over the noticeboard instead, which would have the additional benefit of providing shelter for the children waiting for the school bus. C’lr Michael Pettit offered to draw up details of a suitable structure, to be passed to C’lrs Sue Dean / Paddy McNamara to obtain quotations.

Discussion of footpath provision, Bowlings Corner

C’lr Paddy McNamara had obtained a general comment that the breakdown of the costing between the footpath and bus shelter installation was likely to be roughly 50:50. C’lr Michael Pettit to provide drawings.

Discussion of tree-felling, Benton Woods

C’lr Alun Williams had drawn this matter to the attention of the Clerk, with a request to discuss it in Community Council. It was thought that the main issue was likely to be access and egress for removing timber, via Port Lion. Since the work was not scheduled to be carried out until 2016, and no formal notification had been received, there was not thought to be any immediate need to discuss the matter in detail. Matter left in abeyance for the time being.

Discussion of any necessary maintenance works required in Houghton Playpark

C’lr Clare Zawadzki mentioned the plaques in the playpark, which needed maintenance. Two trees had been lost, probably during mowing, and the remaining two needed some maintenance. Two new trees were needed to replace the two that had been lost. C’lr Paddy McNamara offered to obtain quotations for two oak trees.

Any Other Business

There was no other business for discussion.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting ended at 7-50pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 29th October, 2014, 7pm