

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Dr Graham Moody



Clerk Mrs M Harding

Abbotsbury Water main: a public meeting is being held on 17th September at Abbotsbury village hall. All the parish councils along the B3157 are being invited. Also to be discussed are the road closures for Burton Bradstock and essential works on Abbotsbury hill- Cllr E Crooke and Cllr D Dixon will attend.

Best Village Competition: Cllr Ross agreed to attend the prize giving of the Best Village Competition.

NP training session: Cllr Alan Ross offered to attend the NP training session on 23rd September 5-8pm at South Walks House.

8. **Finance Report:** The clerk had previously circulated the finance report the payments were duly made in line with financial controls.
Cllr D Batten commented on the items identified by the Finance committee, purchase of a fire proof safe for documents, the allotment rents to be agreed, Cllr Dixon and the clerk to action. The terms and conditions of the hire of the reading room are to be considered, the HSBC high interest bond has been reinvested and the signatory changes are being dealt with.

(Clerk & DD)

Proposal to approve the finance report and payments for September 2013

Proposed Cllr D Batten

Seconded Cllr D Venn

Resolved

9. A Joint Neighbourhood Plan for Bridport and surrounding areas:

The council discussed the Joint Neighbourhood Plan. The council were concerned that joining the Joint NP would not be in the interests of Burton Bradstock, Cllr Moody had sent his comments to the councillors prior to the meeting raising his concerns that any votes in a referendum from Burton Bradstock will be drowned out by Bridport, but that does not mean BB should not pursue a NP and this could be something that may come out of the Parish plan update. Cllr Venn explained that there would be a section specific to BB. Cllr Ross is attending the WDDC training day on NP and will feedback to the next meeting. The clerk will confirm the final date for BB to decide on inclusion in the wider Bridport NP and the item is to be resolved in October.

Proposal to follow up the time scale in joining the Joint NP and to discuss further at the meeting on 2nd October 2013

Proposed Cllr D Batten

Seconded Cllr E Crooke

Resolved

(Clerk)

10. Report on the Chief Executives meeting

The minutes for the Chief Executive meeting are on the PC website. Cllr Dixon asked members how they would like to respond, Cllr Batten explained he was on WATAG so is able to keep the PC updated on the transport issues, items from the meeting can be added to the Parish plan update and then taken forward as action items. These can be dealt with at the Consultation event on 9th November. Cllr Batten explained that the meeting was very informative and the PC will try to arrange this again assuming the executives are available.

11. To consider a bench on Five Elms

Cllr Dixon explained that a letter had been received requesting the siting of a bench on Five Elms, Cllrs considered the request and explained that the council had a set of specifications for

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placing benches in the village as they then become a maintenance cost to the PC in maintenance. Cllr Batten felt that the maintenance of existing benches in the village should take precedence before placing any new benches. Ms McKay spoke to the meeting and explained that the bench would be of benefit to those who want to walk around the village but may need to rest at times. The council to have further discussions with Elizabeth McKay regarding options.

12. To consider the following planning applications

- a. 1/D/13/000971- Burton Bradstock Library- Strip paint from door to oak wood and preserve- **No Objections**
- b. 1/D/13/000736- Brookfield Adjacent Brook Cottage- Erect timber platform above ground with timber framework- **No objections**
- c. 1/D/13/001137- Cogden Car Park- improvement works to NT Car Park, new hard-core stone surface and drainage- **No objections**
- d. TP/13/00205- Norburton- 2 Maples trees to Fell- the Application appeared incomplete with no evidence provided to support rationale for removal. Therefore the Parish Council could not support the tree works.

13. AOB for information only:

Cllr Delves reported on the PROPOSED Flood alleviation scheme and the issue of the Parish's contribution. As currently proposed the scheme requires a contribution from the Parish Council- currently understood to be £24000.00, payable over 10 years. It is assumed that the PC contribution can be in kind and covered by the volunteer groups or similar. This requires clarification and will be an agenda item in the future.

Cllr Ross raised his concerns for the mobile chip shop, Cllrs responded that it was a commercial business and there was a licence to sell, the van is well supported by the public.

Cllr Venn commented on the National Trust Pop Up Shop and new chalet screening at Hive Beach. Smokers' congregating outside the Three Horse Shoes was felt to be intimidating by some residents. Cllr Batten will look into this. Cllr Venn was concerned about the amount of info sent out to councillors for the website and to maybe look at an easier system of uploading documents. Possibly review the PC website. This will require further discussion.

14. Parishioners comments:

Mr Edwards -Commented that there are terms and conditions for hiring the Village Hall and could be of use when looking at the T & C's for the Reading Room. Also to inform the meeting that there is a Flood alleviation meeting on 17th September with project managers to include an update of proposals and feedback for the October meeting, subject to the parties agreeing the contributions. Mr Tompkins commented that if this project goes forward it will be a huge benefit for the Parish.

B James- Spoke about the National Trust shop at Hive Beach selling similar items to the village shop and could be considered a conflict. Barbara also commented on speeding in the village

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and could the PC consider a Speed indicator device, Cllr Dixon explained that this could be part of the PP consultation.

A member of the public commented on the Bus service cuts in the parish stopping a service on a Saturday to Bridport on Market day, Cllr Batten responded and explained that he sits on the WATAG meetings and unfortunately these services are commercial and have been monitored and are not viable when the majority of the passengers have free bus passes.

Cllr Coatsworth commented on the reduced bus service he explained that some people felt isolated with the service cut and should respond to the consultation.

Mr Grantham congratulated the PC on the PP leaflet and commented on the flooding project. He also commented on the rave on Gauges Lane and asked if it was in control, Cllrs commented that the police were called and the issue was dealt with. Finally the minutes if the CEO meeting are incomplete as some of the questions asked did not have responses. The council will look into this.

Mr Tompkins asked that a 20mph is considered and a group is set up to monitor the speed. The litter in the recreation ground is becoming a problem and it is thought to be locals, it was suggested that a meeting with the youngsters could be arranged it may help to follow up the regular emptying of the bins by WDDC. Finally Mr Tompkins asked about the agreement to mount a mirror on the Old Forge, Cllr Batten responded that there have been discussion over the mirror and this is in hand.

Cllr Coatsworth apologised for being late and spoke about the Broadband and the need to continue to register if you haven't as some regions have recorded only 10-12% of interest this can be done online or by calling 01305 221048.

Cllr Coatsworth reported on the Road safety scheme for over 75's to sharpen up driving skills which is a theory course followed by a practical session. Cllr Coatsworth reported on a CEO meeting at Puncknowle and Swyre PC considering the road markings. Cllr Coatsworth explained he has every sympathy with those frustrated by the bus service issues but DCC do not have the compulsion to provide a service and it is about getting the balance right. Please make sure you comment in the bus service consultation.

An issue was raised at the parking on the corner to get to the allotments especially where there are double yellow lines, Cllr Coatsworth explained that if you ring DCC parking wardens will arrive eventually.

Mr Lewis commented on placing more benches in the parish and these benches should be maintained by those who wish to place them.

It was proposed that the council will consider a bench and this will be on the agenda in October.

15. Date of next Parish Council meeting- 2nd October 2013

16. Recommendation to move to closed session

Proposed Cllr D Dixon

Seconded Cllr D Batten

Resolved

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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The members of the public left the meeting

17. The Post Office- closed session

Cllr Dixon explained that the Parish Council had received reports from the tenant of the Post Office Gwen Holdcroft looking at the viability of village shops; these had been made available to councillors. The council discussed the reports and stated that the lease with the tenant of the Post Office does not stipulate what is sold in the shop only that it is a Traditional village shop. Mrs Holdcroft felt the sale of fresh produce was no longer viable and is concerned that the Pop up shop on the National Trust car park will be in conflict to the village shop. The council discussed this issue and felt as landlord the council did not feel it was appropriate to get involved but to write to Gwen Holdcroft and explain the terms of the lease and thank her for informing them of the changes that she may make and wish her well with the business.

On the issue of the NT pop up shop and the various marquees that have appeared the PC feels this is detrimental to the visual impact of the area. Also a letter should be sent to the owners of the Wooden Chalet to bring to their attention the white sheets draped along the boundary which have are an eyesore in the area.

18. The Thatching Bill to the Post Office

Regarding the thatching work and the damage to the A board at the Post office. The council had asked the thatcher (P C Symonds) to amend the bill to take into consideration the cost to replace the A board £129.40 Inc. VAT. This had been received but with vat included. The council queried this with P C Symonds it came to light that this had been a clerical error on submitting the quote and the figure submitted was exclusive of vat not including vat. The council looked at the original quotes and could see that this quote would still have been less than the other quotes received. The Council agreed to pay the amount of £711.72 to P C Symonds and the £129.40 that was discounted to be paid to Gwen Holdcroft to pay for the new A board.

19. Meeting closed at 9.15pm