

Chairman Dr Graham Moody



Clerk M Harding

## BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Present: Cllr Present: Cllr G Moody, Cllr D Batten, Cllr A Ross, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Crooke, Cllr Venn, Mrs M Harding (clerk), Cllr Coatsworth (DCC), Cllr Russell (WDDC) and 13 members of the public

**2014/02-1 Welcome-** Cllr G moody welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2014/02-2 Apologies-** Received from K Delves and Cllr D Venn apologised that he may be late

**2014/02-3 Declarations of interest-** None

**2014/02-4 Parishioners' comments: Agenda items only-15 mins-**

J Harding raised his concern that the flood alleviation scheme was not on the agenda. Cllr Moody explained that, as set out in his email reply to Peter Tompkins, copied to John Grantham and David Edwards, agenda items are where the Parish Council needs to take a decision or where it has specifically asked for information. In this case there were no decisions to be taken by the Parish Council. It was noted that Alan Ross is taking over from Keith Delves as Flood Warden.

J Lewis- asked about the sand bag store. Cllr Dixon reported that he had been unable to contact Shadrack Dairy Farm on the matter and there was an offer to use Peter Tompkins' barn he suggested that the Council proceeds with this location. This was agreed.

J Lewis also asked about the distribution of the hard copies of the Parish Plan, would there be copies available? It was stated that there would be copies for consultation in the Library and attempts would be made to put consultation copies in the pubs. Electronic copies would be available on the web site and from the Council.

J Grantham- congratulated those involved with the Parish Plan.

J Grantham also asked about the Flood alleviation scheme is it still on track and can anything be done to help? J Russell- responded that as soon as WDDC is in a position to make the bid it will be submitted to the Environment Agency. However at present because of the other flooding issues in the country all applications had been delayed. There is a stakeholder meeting in March to discuss progress on the scheme.

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D Edwards noted that if the submission fails the pipe works in Shipton Lane should still proceed as DCC and WDDC has allocations in their 2014.15 budgets for them.

Cllr Venn arrived at 7.48pm

**2014/02-5 To amend the minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 item 2013/12-14 precept figure incorrect and sign the same**

A typing error in the minutes showed an incorrect precept figure that was not picked up at the last meeting and should read £23,290.00. The Council resolved to correct the error

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon**

**Seconded Cllr D Batten**

**Resolved**

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

**2014/02-6 To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and sign the same**

The Council approved the minutes

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon**

**Seconded Cllr D Batten**

**Resolved**

**2014/02-7 Matters arising for information only –**

Item 2014/01-7 Larkfield footpath accessibility – The Council did not make a decision at the last meeting but while approving in principle wanted some detail of the works proposed.

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

Item 2014/01-09 Improvements to the stile behind BB cars showroom- this work has now been approved by the ROW officer.

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

Item 2014/01-10-C- J Lewis had gathered quotes for the disinfestation of the loft area this report was circulated to the Council, after discussion the Council approved the cheapest quote.

**Proposed Cllr A Ross**

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon**

**Resolved**

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

Item 2014/01-11-1 the Council do require planning permission to replace the steel windows with UPVC, the Council agreed to continue with the replacement.

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

Works to the bus shelter- J Lewis had estimated costs for the spraying of the timber for wood worm and works to the fascias, wall and roof tiles. The estimated cost of the works is over £200



asked the Council for its view on the temporary erection (for a period of about 7 weeks) of a white marquee on the “snake pit” area at Hive Beach. A letter had also been received from the Hive Beach Company requesting the Council’s approval to this temporary marquee. The Council had previously objected to such incremental developments at Hive Beach as it believed that they were detrimental to the visual qualities and character of the area. While the Council confirmed this view, some Members argued that as the erection was temporary the Council should not object to it but should support local business. This was discussed and a vote taken.

Proposal not to support the marquee-2 For this proposal 3 Against and 1 Abstention.

Proposal **to support** the marquee 3 For and 2 Against 1 Abstention motion carried.

**Action** **Parish Clerk/ Cllr Moody**

- e) The CAB has sent a request for a grant from BBPC. The Council supports the CAB and having given £125 last year agreed to increase the grant to £150 this year.

**Proposed Cllr E Crooke** **Seconded E Crooke** **Resolved**

- f) Request from Liz Orza that she hire the Reading Room for a charitable event without charge. The Council do not at present have a policy in place but consider that giving free hire for the Reading Room should be dealt with in the same way as grants, in that grants are considered only for those organisations offering benefit to the Parish/ its residents. Clerk to ask if this charity does provide such benefits and the Council will then decide if charges should apply.

**Action** **Parish Clerk**

- g) Vacancy- The Parish Council has vacancies and as no election has been requested, the Council can now co-opt. The clerk to clarify if there are 2 or 4 seats vacant and advertise in the BVN and notice board for candidates.

**Action** **Parish Clerk**

#### **2014/02-9 To consider the Finance report and approve payments**

The Clerk reported an additional payment to Mystic signs should be made for the new signs at the playing field. The Council considered and approved the report and payments.

**Proposed Cllr D Batten** **Seconded Cllr E Crooke** **Resolved**

**2014/02-10 To consider the Parish Plan update-** The consultation draft was circulated previously. Cllr D Dixon explained that some re-ordering of ongoing tasks and a few typing changes will need to be done. The Council discussed the form of consultation. Using the website, notice boards and BVN, with hard copies in the Library and possible the village pubs, electronic copies from the web site and by email. The possibility of

undertaking a sample survey was noted, with a further report to the March Council meeting if this was proposed.

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon                      Seconded Cllr G Moody                      Resolved**

**Action    Parish Clerk/ Cllrs Dixon & Moody**

Cllr Dixon reported that the village school had undertaken an exercise to find out preferences in respect of the Projects using the “spend a £100,000” approach as the November consultation. The information, available by resident and non-resident groups, would be available to the Council, and the school was aiming to issue a press release. The Council commented that it would be good to issue a joint press release and Cllr Dixon agreed to follow this up.

**Action    Cllr Dixon**

**2014/02-11 Report on Corncrake-** Cllr Dixon reported to the Council that the Rural Payments Agency Single Farm Payment has been claimed and the Soil protection review has been completed. There are some issues of poaching and the Council are considering the longer term management of the hedgerows. The new licence is being reviewed, the main changes being that the licence now ends at the end of October and not the end of November, and it is a continuous licence so that the Council may not require the cattle or any other stock to be moved in August. Cllr Moody and Cllr Dixon plan to meet Mr and Mrs Mayo to further discuss the revised licence for the coming year and in particular how to resolve the poaching issue. Cllr Moody proposed that subject to a satisfactory outcome from this meeting that the revised licence is offered to Mr and Mrs Mayo for the coming year.

**Proposed Cllr G Moody                      Seconded Cllr D Dixon                      Resolved**

**Action    Cllrs Dixon & Moody**

There are some works required to the drainage and hedges. While it appears that the eastern hedge is a party hedge the Parish Council didn't want the hedge cut quite as hard as it had been. Cllr Dixon suggested that a working group be set up, on which he would be the Council lead, to develop and progress the future works to Corncrake. This would be advertised in the BVN and notice boards in the village.

**Proposed Cllr Dixon                      Seconded Cllr Moody                      Resolved**

**Action    Parish Clerk/ Cllr Dixon**

**2014/02-12 To consider the update of the BBPC standing orders-** Cllr Moody explained that the F & GP meeting had considered the new model form of Standing Orders as issued by Nalc/DAPTC for 2013. The tracked and proposed accepted versions had been previously circulated. The financial section will be updated with the financial regulations which are being reviewed at the next F & GP meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February for consideration by the

Council at the March meeting. Proposal to accept the draft as BBPC's Standing Orders, with appropriate minor changes to the introduction etc.

**Proposed Cllr D Batten**

**Seconded Cllr G Moody**

**Resolved**

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

**2014/02-13 To consider the parking issues in front of the WDDC toilets-** After site visits and emails from WDDC and DCC it has been determined that the lay-by in front of the toilets belongs to Burton Bradstock Parish Council. A safer pedestrian route wide enough for Motability scooters and push chairs is proposed with signage at the playground end promoting a safer route to the beach and garage shop than crossing at the Forge and pointing to the village, Post Office and shop and pubs at the toilet end. It was necessary to purchase in the order of 8 new bollards. The Council proposed to research bollards that are in keeping with those already there that are robust and can be fixed firmly for consideration at the March meeting. Cllr Moody will speak to the owner of BB Cars regarding the daily parking issues.

**Proposed Cllr G Moody**

**Seconded Cllr D Batten**

**Resolved**

**Action**

**Parish Clerk/ Cllr Moody**

**2014/02-14 To consider the PC website and future management-** The website domain and hosting agreement is due for renewal at the end of February and the Council has the opportunity to migrate to new software that the Clerk is using. The Clerk had prepared a costing summary with a new domain name, 2 new licences for the software and hosting. The Council proposed to renew the old website for 3 months whilst the new website is being built and purchase the domain name burtonbradstockparishcouncil.org and the latest update of the software for the Clerk to maintain with licences for 2 Councillors.

**Proposed Cllr G Moody**

**Seconded Cllr D Venn**

**Resolved**

**Action**

**Parish Clerk**

Thanks were given to Cllr D Venn for all his work and support with the website.

**2014/02-15 To consider any planning applications received**

- a. WD/D/14/000157 – Land Adjacent Beachcombers –Use of land related to No's 3 and 4 Beachcomers- The Council are only expected to comment on this if there is any evidence to support or contradict this claim. The Council had no such evidence.

**2014/02-16 AOB for information only**

Cllr Dixon reported the signs stating Abbotsbury Businesses are open are causing a trip hazard with the excessive winds, Clerk to report to Highways

Cllr Batten reported that sale of the land at Barrowfield to the Council as some have asked if the BBPC would purchase it. A buyer's pack is due out this week but it is expected the sale price would be much higher than Corncrake's and not affordable by the Council.

Cllr Batten commented on the new bench by the path on Bindbarrow and its good sturdy construction.

#### **2014/02-17 Parishioners' comments**

D Edwards commented on the sale of the land at Barrowfield as the proposed swale for the North Hill flood alleviation scheme, and noted that it is so designated in WDDC's draft Local Plan. It was noted that this site is outside the proposed Defined Development Boundary and so the only housing that would be allowed would be affordable housing or else that included in an approved Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk to contact Symonds and Sampson (the auctioneers) to inform them of the inclusion of the site in WDDC's draft Local Plan.

B James spoke on the marquee at Hive Beach, the Reading Room rental in respect of the summer produce sales, also thanking those who cleared the ditch which is now running smoothly. She also asked the Council to support the No 47 bus. Cllr Batten explained that this was a commercial service and is being axed. It was noted that the Council continues to support the retention and provision of local bus services at the WATAG meetings.

J Russell commented that the bench has been on Bindbarrow since Christmas and is the new NT style. Also if the land above Barrowfield were to be built on there would be a benefit to the village by the collection of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)

A Fowler commented that it would be a tragedy if the field were built on or split.

It was noted that the field is 8 1/2 Acres.

J Grantham commented that there are some 50 homes at risk or fear of flooding and there are issues of foul drainage. Not many of those affected were at the meeting. He asked whether the flood alleviation scheme would be submitted in March if not in February.

J Russell reported that the flood alleviation scheme's costs have gone up but that the revised costings have not yet been released but not for the lack of pressing. If there were a further 20 houses in the scheme then that would help in terms of increasing the benefits, but people are reluctant to admit they have a flooding issue for insurance purposes. It is hoped to report at the March meeting.

**Meeting closed at 9.48 pm**