

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr M Evans

Clerk: Mrs M Harding



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th Sept 2017

At 7.30pm at The Reading Room

Present: Cllr M Evans, Cllr G Moody, Cllr A Bailey, Cllr D Venn and Cllr D Dixon

Cllr J Russell (WDDC) Cllr R Kayes (DCC) Mrs. M Harding (Clerk) and 8 members of Public

Minute

Action

2017/09-1 To receive apologies for absence- Cllr D Batten and Cllr A Ross

2017/09-2 To receive declarations of Interest and grants of dispensation

2017/09-3 Parishioners' Comments - (15 minutes on agenda items only) -

Barbara James requested that residents use the Post Office and shop as there is no one else who would take it on if the current tenants left. Barbara also expressed her wish that the PO rent was reduced to a peppercorn rent and that some of the village groups should fund raise to keep the community facility open.

Items for Decision:

2017/09-4 To consider Councillor vacancies:

Abi Charlesworth and Rebecca Bryan had previously expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor for Burton Bradstock, the Council resolved to Co-opt Abi and Rebecca onto the PC.

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr M Evans

Abi and Rebecca joined the meeting as Cllrs and signed their acceptance of office

The PC now only has 1 vacancy

2017/09-5 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July

Proposed Cllr S Meek Seconded Cllr M Evans

To approve the minutes of the planning meeting on 14th July 2017

Proposed Cllr D Venn Seconded Cllr S Meek

2017/09-6 Matters arising from the above minutes for information only and ongoing actions

- a. The Drain- this project is still ongoing due to gathering funding, we hope to have further updates in the next couple of months.
- b. There has been no response to the letters sent to the Garage and BB Cars regarding the parking in the layby.
- c. The approved contractors list is being updated
- d. Peter Tompkins will provide the PC with contact details of the agents who manage the holiday properties in the village in order that the Clerk will draft a letter regarding contributing to litter collection and village cleaning.
- e. The Hay on Corncrake was made and it was noted that the nettles inside the fencing require attention, this is on the volunteers list for the coming week
- f. The EA carried out their agreed works and provided a pear tree which has since been eaten as the rabbit guard was not sufficient and is unlikely to survive. The area of ground that has been disturbed whilst the EA have been

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in Corncrake is due to be re seeded with a wild flower mix, it is hoped that the Corncrake group and EA will share their equipment as the yellow rattle planting area will need to be harrowed. Cllr Dixon will advise, if this is not the case then the PC will gather quotes from either local farmers or contractors as the work needs to be carried out during October.

DD

2017/09-7 Correspondence- items for decision

a. Infected tree stump at the Bus shelter- a request has been received to remove it; Cllr D Dixon will take a look and remove it.

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b. A request has been received from DCC highways for the PC to cut back the over grown trees at the bus stop as it is overhanging in the highway, Cllrs Moody and Dixon will take a look and assess what work is involved.

DD/GRM

c. Burton Bradstock School have verbally requested to have a school sign attached the finger post at The Anchor, Highways had been contacted and explained that if the Parish wanted this then the Parish or school would have to fund it, the PC are not in favour of a school sign as this creates even more sign clutter and is it really needed, the Clerk will contact the School to make a case for a sign and consider at the October meeting.

Clerk

d. Best Village awards evening- Cllr Mike Evans will attend the evening on 19th September 2017

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e. The PC had considered the planning application at White Ladies during the summer break- the PC objected to the works and supported the views of the tree officer with the need for a tree survey and screening of the fence from the road.

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr D Dixon

f. Parking issues have been reported at the Three Horse Shoes, cars are parking on the main high street opposite the bus shelter which is causing delays passing through the village. If cars are obstructing the highway or footpath then the Police can be contacted.

g. Himalayan Balsam has been noted along the river bank and by the allotments, the EA have apparently stopped managing the plant as they are unable to keep up with the growth. The PC will aim to gather a volunteer group to pull the plant in early spring this will be led by Cllr Dixon.

DD

h. The PC had received complaints about the Bredy Farm bank holiday events, these had been reported to Jane Williams, WDDC are dealing with this issue, it was confirmed that a meeting has been arranged with Jane Williams and the owners of Bredy Farm on 8th September.

i. The PC received a complaint about motor boats causing a nuisance at Hive Beach, with noise, coming close to swimmers and the smell of the motor and oil. It could be a one off incident but the National trust will be informed and National Coast watch team.

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- j. Playground inspection- during the inspections Cllr Evans noted a trip hazard with the surfacing at the play area; this has been cut back and will need to be repaired.

Clerk

2017/09-8 To consider any planning applications received by the Council
No applications requiring comment this month

2017/09-9 Finance & General Purposes

a. To receive the Finance report receipts and payments and F & GP recommendations

All payments were approved in line with internal controls; Cllr Evans had completed his monthly account checks.

Proposed Cllr A Bailey Seconded Cllr M Evans

The Annual External Audit is now complete with no action required; this is available to view on the PC website.

b. To consider report on village repairs and maintenance

- i. Torn matting in the play area by the roundabout
- ii. The Apple tree stump to be cut down
- iii. The overhanging trees at the Bus Stop to be inspected and cut back
- iv. The play area fence requires some replacement posts approx. 8
- v. It was reported that the path to the cemetery is slippery, this is not under the management of the Parish Council and Peter Tompkins will investigate
- vi. The handy man role will be discussed in closed session

2017/09-10 Items for report in the BVN/website

The PO and Village shop new delivery service, welcome to the new Cllrs, and a request for more Volunteers.

Items for information:

2017/09-11 To receive a report on each of the parish plan projects

- i. Recreation- Cllr M Evans had circulated a report on progress so far, the group have met several times carried out consultations, gathered quotes and put together a proposed plan, the next steps are to look into funding, speak to and engage with the older children in the village regarding the design of a shelter then deciding on the siting of the Zip wire and apply for planning permission. The PC has already agreed to funding of £15,000 over 3 years. Cllr Moody asked if the fitness equipment was still in the plan, Cllr Evans explained that this has been put on hold at his stage.
- ii. Community Bus- improving community transport- Darren Batten lead Cllr apologies as not at meeting
- iii. Corncrake- Dave Dixon explained that the oak tree that died is to be replaced, 5kg of yellow rattle have been supplied by the EA, the Hay making and grazing regime will continue with the hope that more oak trees will be planted. The pond part of the plan is waiting for the drainage

Recreation
Group

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project to continue along Bredy Lane.

- iv. Mapping Woodlands/promoting wood fuel- Dave Dixon-The Flood group have been gathering info and the owner of the reservoir site at North Hill has been found to be Lloyds bank. **DD**
- v. Traditional walling: identifying repair needs and promoting them- Dave Dixon- reported on the Wall at the allotments where a working party supported by the NT repaired the wall.
- vi. Community Renewables: Steve Meek who took over from Dave Dixon Cllr Dixon had joined the network energy for ideas, the group need to know the views of the villagers, many are doing solar, but there are other ideas such as micro-hydro and bio renewables
- vii. Community Orchard & Apple Pressing: Graham, Dave V, Alan Ross and Steve Meek: Steve explained that for the last 5 years Steve and Andrew have been holding an annual apple pressing day pressing 200l to 300l of juice, on 1st October an apple pressing event is being held but not an open event at this, then will look to make this a bigger event for the whole village. **SM/GRM**
- viii. Community Café/ Drop in centre: This is already being held in the village hall sponsored different bodies in the village.
- ix. Community Safety- Roads: although not a project but a topic area, Mike Evans had spoken to the PCSO at Melplash show who had asked if the parish would be interested in Community Speed watch, the Clerk explained that there is a cost to the equipment but training will be given to volunteers. Cllrs were not sure how effective this would be in Burton Bradstock. Cllrs asked if further info can be gathered before inviting the CSW officer to speak to a meeting or potential volunteers. **Clerk**

2017/09-12 Correspondence items received for information -

- i. A letter was received with concerns about the waste bin at Annings Lane being used for dog waste and being located close to the bench. Graham and Steve will inspect the bench and bin and look to see if anything can be done. **GRM/SM**
- ii. A report of people camping and causing a disturbance on the playing field overnight, leaving a lot of litter and throwing a bike on the river bank, the police were informed but no action to date, the PC will monitor this situation.
- iii. Flu Clinic booked for Portesham Surgery at the reading room on 12th October from 2-3pm
- iv. 2 Allotments will be vacant from 1st October

2017/09-13 Parishioners' open comments (15 minutes maximum allowed)

Cllr John Russell commented on the school sign and some research needs to be carried out on the preferred route as the school suggest a one way system.

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B James commented on the parking on the High Street causing traffic flow issues, Barbara contacted the police who explained unless there was no tax or insurance they were not interested; DCC highways were only concerned if they are causing an obstruction.

B James also commented on the building being done on Beach Road and her concerns for the development.

P Tompkins reported that some of the Oak posts put in by the volunteers have been knocked over and some removed. The entrance to the field is now wider; Cllrs A Bailey will speak to Mr Bailey who uses the field and look at the damage to the posts and report to the Oct meeting.

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P Tomkins also said that he believed that speeding is a problem in the village. He felt that the narrowing creates issues in the village and people rush through the village.

2017/09-14 Items for the Parish Council meeting on 4th October September –TBA

2017/09-15 To Move to Closed session to discuss the “Village Shop and Post Office Lease terms”

Meeting closed at 9.11pm

Chairman Cllr M Evans

4th October 2017