

Chairman Dr Graham Moody



Clerk M Harding

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4 December 2013

Present: Cllrs D Batten, E Crooke, D Dixon, G Moody, A Ross, D Venn

Cllr Coatsworth (DCC), Cllr Russell (WDDC) and 10 members of the public.

2013/12-1 Apologies

Received from Cllrs P Abel and K Delves, and M Harding (Clerk).

2013/12-2 Declarations of interest

There were none.

2013/12-3 Parishioners' comments: Agenda items only

There were no comments on agenda items.

2013/12-4 To approve the minutes of last meeting on 6 November 2013 and sign the same

The minutes were approved subject to the deletion of the word "Dave" in minute number 2013/11 – 8.

Proposed Cllr D Dixon

Seconded Cllr E Crooke

Resolved

2013/12-5 Matters arising for information only

There were none.

2013/12-6 To consider a report on the Parish Plan Consultation and next steps

Councillor Dixon spoke to his report, noting that the 9 November 2013 consultation appeared to have been well received with some 160 people attending. He noted the Project priorities.

Cllr Moody proposed that volunteers to help progress the top 10, say Projects be sought now rather than waiting for the Plan to be finalised.

Proposed Cllr G Moody

Seconded Cllr E Crooke

Resolved

Cllr Dixon noted the report's proposals for the content and broad timetable for finalising the revised Parish Plan, which were agreed by the Council.

Proposed Cllr D Dixon

Seconded Cllr D Batten

Resolved

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2013/12-7 To consider a report on North Hill Flood Alleviation

Councillor Moody reported that he had attended a stakeholders meeting the previous day and that there appeared to be no showstoppers to the proposals subject to the Environment Agency's grant aid and the Parish Council's commitment to supporting the maintenance of the new swale/ ditch system as set out in his report.

The report's recommendations were agreed by the Council:

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr D Batten Resolved

2013/12-8 To consider a report on proposed works to the Library

Cllr Moody spoke to the report and the recommendations were agree.

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr E Crooke Resolved

2013/12-9 To consider a report on winter gritting arrangements

The Council considered the report and agreed that:

- The Parish Clerk would continue to be the main contact point for instructing gritting to proceed on confirmation of this being needed from any Councillor.
- Any Councillor could act in the above capacity if the Clerk proved difficult to contact.
- The grit distribution points in the report were confirmed with the addition of North Hill Close (near to the top), Northover Close and the junction of Church Street and Shadrach.
- The Council would purchase an additional bag of salt/grit and a suitable cover for both bags.

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr A Ross Resolved

2013/12-10 To consider a report on the siting of a pedestrian safety mirror

Cllr Ross noted that DCC's Chief Executive had said that DCC were reluctant to provide such mirrors because of accident liability implications. Cllr Moody noted that previously the Parish Council had come to the view that these would be minor.

The Council agreed to review the liability implications of installing such a mirror, if possible at its next meeting.

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr A Ross Resolved

2013/12-11 To consider reports on possible additional jobs for the Volunteer Working Group

The proposed additional jobs were agreed subject to details of work proposed to the stile behind the garage showroom being brought back to the Council for approval.

Proposed Cllr G Moody Seconded Cllr E Crooke Resolved

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2013/12-12 To consider the Parish Clerks report and Correspondence

The Council considered the quote from Rodney Wyatt in relation to providing a survey and report on infestation in the Reading Room loft and agreed to accept it.

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

The Council considered the email from Mr S Attrill and Cllrs Moody and Batten recounted their telephone discussions with him. Cllr Dixon read out the relevant part of the Council's letter to the National Trust last September and after discussion the Council decided to confirm its opinion as set out in that letter.

Proposed Cllr D Dixon **Seconded Cllr A Ross** **Resolved**

2013/12-13 To consider the Finance report and approve payments

The Council considered and approved the report and agreed to grant Axe Valley Ring & Ride and the Bride Valley News £50 each.

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

2013/12-14 To consider the Budget for 2014-15 including precept arrangements

The Council considered the proposed budget and noted that precept arrangements had yet to be decided by WDDC. With the change in description of the £23,620 income in 2014.15 from "Precept" to "Income from Council Tax" it approved the budget.

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

2013/12-15 To consider any planning applications received

- a. 1/D/13/000877 – Burton Mere, Coast Road. Erect replacement dwelling and install new vehicular access - resubmission.

Hard copies of the proposals had yet to be received at the Reading Room and a meeting of the Planning Committee to consider the application was set for 7 pm on 17 December 2013.

Proposed Cllr G Moody **Seconded Cllr A Ross** **Resolved**

- b. TP/13/00361-33 Annings Lane, Burton Bradstock. Mature Yew - Prune to remove excessive growth and re-shape.

The Council had no objections.

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

2013/12-16 AOB for information only

There were no items.

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2013/12-17 Parishioners' comments

D Edwards: thanked the Council and especially Cllr Keith Delves for its support and work in relation to the North Hill Flood Alleviation Scheme.

B James:

1. In relation to road safety noted she was pleased that DCC was to add a buff colouring to the recently tarmaced footway. Cllr Moody noted that he had asked the Parish Clerk to find out when this was to take place.
2. Wanted the Council to support the reinstatement of cat's eyes and central white lines in the villages along the Coast Road.
3. Wanted the Council to support the improvement of local bus services. Cllr Batten noted that the Council was already active in this regard.

Cllr R Coatsworth noted that:

1. He had received an email from DCC Cllr Hilary Cox stating that the Coast Road central white line outside the villages would be reinstated as soon as was practical.
2. DCC decisions on bus services had been made that day. He would let the Council know what they were when he found out, but was hopeful that the 210 Saturday service would be retained.

J Grantham:

1. Supported D Edward's thanks re the North Hill Flood Alleviation Scheme.
2. Thanked all those involved in planning and running the 9 November consultation which he felt had been well received by the Parish.
3. Offered help in distributing requests for volunteers ref minute 2013/12 – 6 above.
4. Recognised problem re the pedestrian safety mirror and wondered about encouraging use of the alternative route across the playing field. This resulted in a brief discussion and it was noted that the alternative route is often blocked/ obstructed by parked cars. Cllr Moody noted that it was hoped to have on site discussions with WDDC to identify and agree ways to improve the situation.

J Lewis suggested bagging the winter salt/ grit, which the Volunteers could undertake, to aid distribution and avoid problems such as damage to grassed areas.

T Jones: noted that the informal notice board in Mill Street would be removed soon and asked what had been done to replace it. B James reminded the Council of the offer from the Anchor.

2013/12-18 Date of next Parish Council meeting- 8 January 2014

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm