

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Burwell Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 29th June at Mandeville Hall, Tan House Lane, Burwell, CB25 0AR.

Present: Liz Swift (Chair), Lea Dodds, Robin Dyos, Michael Geary, Joan Lonsdale, Jim Perry, Michael Swift, Geraldine Tate, Paul Webb, Hazel Williams, and Brenda Wilson.

Also present: One member of the public.

FC/29062021/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Helen McMenamin-Smith, Gill Miller, and Jenny Moss.

FC/29062021/02 Declarations of any interests known to Councillors

There were no declarations of interests.

FC/29062021/03 Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.

Proposed by Robin Dyos and seconded by Joan Lonsdale.

FC/29062021/04 Public Forum

No matters were raised during the Public Forum

FC/29062021/05 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered: -

21/00706/ESF Solar Farm Land to the East of Breach Farm, Ness Road

Proposed Development of a Solar Farm and Ancillary Development

Amendment – Revised highway information, seeking to overcome the concerns raised by the Local Highways Authority

Objection – The revised information does not resolve any of the original concerns regarding the application.

21/00793/RMA 25 Carter Road

Reserved matters for Appearance, Landscaping and Scale for previously approved 19/00235/OUT for proposed private detached bungalow with existing access retained. **No objection**

21/00770/FUL 18 High Street

Proposed 2 storey extension to side and rear. **Objection – Over development, lack of privacy for neighbours, no.20 Listed Property, the proposed extension will not be visible from the road, but will be very noticeable for the properties adjacent and to the rear of the existing dwelling.**

21/00862/FUL 26 Silver Street

Single storey extension to front and reposition of entrance door with canopy over. **No objections**

21/00738/FUL 53 Swaffham Road

Single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing extension **No objections**

21/00879/FUL 16 Parsonage Lane

Detached 2-bedroom cottage, new vehicular access, and associated work **Objections – The Council feels that the objections raised for the previous applications for this site still stand and that the Council supports the objections of the neighbours.**

21/00905/FUL Site South of Howlem Baulk

Proposed erection of Agricultural barn and associated site works **No objection but the Council notes the comments made the Environmental Officer**

21/00883/FUL Land between 53 and 61 Silver Street

Construction of four-bedroom, 2 storey dwelling with brick shed and associated parking, gates, and wall to the front – previously approved on 20/0070/FUL **No objections but dwellings should be as carbon neutral as possible.**

21/00563/FUL Plot 2 Land between 53 and 61 Silver Street

Construction of 1no. four-bedroom, two storey detached dwelling with access, parking, and associated site works **No objections, but dwellings should be as carbon neutral as possible.**

Council noted that the Reserved Matters application for the Newmarket Road Development 20/01755/RMM is due to be determined by the Planning Committee on 7th July 2021.

FC/29062021/06 Planning decisions from District Council

The following decisions were noted:

21/00517/FUL The Manse 49 High Street – Approval

Replace existing single glazed timber front door with a new double glazed (slimline) timber front door with integral draught strips and threshold for wheelchair access

21/00366/FUL Hazeldell 13 The Leys – Approval

Two storey side and rear extension and part single storey rear extension to existing dwelling

21/00605/FUL 6 Hall Lane – Approval

Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension, porch alterations and associated works

21/00551/FUL Kingfisher Bridge 12 Dyson Drove - Approval

Proposed In ground swimming pool with shed as plant room

FC/29062021/07 Notifications from ECDC of approved work to trees

The following tree works were noted:

21/00744/TRE Elmside 31 The Causeway

T1 Holly – Fell

21/00757/TRE 29B North Street

T1 Sycamore – Crown reduce to previous points (approximately 3m to be removed)

T2, T3, & T4 Walnut – Crown reduce to previous points (approximately 2m to be removed)

Last reduction was carried out in 2015

FC/29062021/08 Urgent Matters for Consideration

1. Approval of Payments to the following:

The following amounts were approved for payment. Proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Brenda Wilson.

Moore	Internal Audit Fee	£1,050.00
Sharman		
Grimwade Ltd	GMH Consultancy Work	£5,910.00
Harrisons of		
Burwell	Mandeville Hall	£163.20
Truelink	Grass Cutting May	£1,692.00
Huws		
Gray/Ridgeons	Maintenance Supplies	£82.97
Sharp	Photocopier Contract	£68.16
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£1.20
BT	Phone/Internet	£374.93
WAVE	Cemetery	£68.66
WAVE	Jubilee Reading Room	£44.35
WAVE	Gardiner Memorial	
	Hall	£47.28
Corona Energy	Allotment	£11.79
Corona Energy	GMH	£70.85

Corona Energy	Recreation Ground	£75.37
Corona Energy	Jubilee Reading Room	£30.84
Corona Energy	Cemetery Chapel	£10.40
Corona Energy	Mandeville Hall	£15.90
	Total	£9,717.90

2. Covid-19 Updates

There were no Covid-19 updates.

3. Consideration of supporting the work of the Parish Council Alliance Group opposed to the Sunnica Solar Farm including the payment of £3,000 towards the group's cost to engage legal representation.

Liz Swift reported that she had attended a couple of Parish Council Alliance Group meetings. At the meetings she had expressed that Burwell was different to many of the other parishes in the Group as Sunnica was not intending siting any solar panels within the parish and that we would only be affected by cables connecting to the sub-station. Most Parish Councils within the Group have not agreed to contribute to the costs of employing legal representation. A couple have said that they will contribute £500.00. There is also a resident's group that is opposed to the Sunnica Solar Farm proposal, but the two groups do not appear to be working or communicating with each other.

Members felt that solar farms will play an important role in future energy provision. Some concern was raised that the connection cable route to the sub-station may have changed from the route first intended and that this is something that needs to be kept an eye on. More knowledge on any legal representation considered is required.

Robin Dyos proposed, seconded by Geraldine Tate that the Parish Council should not contribute towards the legal representation costs of the Parish Council Alliance Group opposed to the Sunnica Solar Farm.

Following a vote of 8 Councillors in favour, Council resolved that no contribution should be made towards the legal representation of costs of the Parish Council Alliance Group opposed to the Sunnica Solar Farm.

FC/29062021/09 Gardiner Memorial Hall – General Update and Reports, consideration of payments etc.

Liz Swift informed the Council that a meeting with Alastair Bliss (Varsity) had recently been held. A request to extend the Planning Application determination date to the end of July has been received from the Planning Officer. This is apparently due to the changeover of personnel at ECDC considering the application. Varsity will be looking to go out to tender on 9th July for the refurbishment work, for which we now have the funding in full. Much of the refurbishment work does not require planning permission. Work on site could start in August and the refurbishment could be completed by the end of the year. However, Council members raised some concerns with the supply of building materials due to current shortages.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed

Dated