

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Burwell Parish Council will be held at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at the Gardiner Memorial Hall, High Street, Burwell, CB25 0HD.

Present Liz Swift (Chair), Lea Dodds, Michael Geary, Linda Kitching, Gus Jones, Joan Lonsdale, Jenny Moss, Jim Perry, Derek Reader, Michael Swift, Geraldine Tate, Paul Webb, Hazel Williams, Brenda Wilson, and Ian Woodroffe.

Darryl Preston Police and Crime Commissioner and Nic Goddard.

FC/28062022/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Helen McMEnamin-Smith and Gill Miller.

FC/28062022/02 Declarations of any interests known to Councillors

Paul Webb declared an interest in the planning application for 105 North Street.

FC/28062022/03 Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 14th June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of June 2022 were approved and signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Lea Dodds.

FC/28062022/04.1 Darryl Preston – Police and Crime Commissioner

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston explained that he was an ex-Police Officer previously serving with the Metropolitan Police and Cambridgeshire Constabulary and that he had spent some of his time working from the Ely Police Station. After 30 years Police service he retired from the force and then work for the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners. He explained that he is familiar with the area and is aware of the issues. He believes that it is important for him to be in the community and meeting the public and organisations such as local councils, whenever possible.

Police and Crime Commissioners came in to being in 2012 and initially those in the role faced a mixture of positive and negative views of the role. The Police Commissioner is an elected individual who can be political. This enables the local Chief Constables the ability to be non-political. The Police and Crime Commissioner does not have the responsibility for the day-to-day operational aspects of the Police Force but does hold the budget for the Cambridgeshire Constabulary which currently stands at £175 million. Due to the limited number of Police and Crime Commissioners, there is the need for the Police and Crime Commissioner to hold a national portfolio as well. He continued to explain that he is responsible for the commissioning of the Victim's Service. The Police and Crime Panel scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Darryl Preston reported that he has established a Police Crime Plan for the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. The first point of the plan is putting the community first. By March 2023, 200 more Police Officers will be employed, making the total in the County 1740 Officers. Improvements for residents when contacting the force are set to be made, particularly with telephone calls which need to be transferred to another officer. Ely Police Station is no longer staffed. Although this may seem to be a negative approach, very few individuals were using the station. Community Safety Partnerships include and work with the local Police and East Cambs has one of the better Community Safety Partnerships.

The second area that is covered in the plan is prevention. Again, with the Community Safety Partnership getting in early achieving a better outcome.

The third area of the plan is working with the victims and witnesses. Government money is available currently for work of this nature and this is being taken advantage of.

The belief in good ethical policing is the fourth area. Having the right, well trained people employed as Police Officers who have sound principles and standards.

Finally, the last part of the plan is enforcement, using the tools and powers that they have available. Working with organisations such as the Vision Zero Partnership. Driving within the law, will help reduce injury and deaths.

The Police and Crime Commissioner then answered questions from the Council. In response to questions raised he explained that whilst Chief Constables can control how funding is spent, the Police and Crime Commissioner has the power over allocating the funding in the first place. He continued to explain that both he and the Chief Constable are answerable to the Government and therefore must deliver Government policies. The Police and Crime Commissioner is political and elected by the electorate. There are unable to have any convictions and must take an oath to uphold the law.

Jenny Moss asked if funding had increased or decreased since he had taken on the role a year ago. The Police and Crime Commissioner explained that funding from the Government had increased to

cover the cost of the additional officers being employed. The rest of the funding comes from the precept payable by households. The increased is capped, but this year he had asked for the maximum increase possible to enable improvements to the services provided. With regards to Government funding, he explained that Cambridgeshire received the fourth lowest amount per capita in the country and this is something on which he is lobbying.

Paul Webb commented that in the past the Parish Council has found it very hard to get the Police to take notice, despite information often being available on CCTV. Drug related activity often occurs late at night, but there appears to be little Police action. He asked what is the best way to build up a relationship with the Police? The Police and Crime Commissioner informed those present that he felt that previous local policing cuts had been an unwise decision, but that the current Chief Constable is within the available resources working to increase neighbourhood policing. It is important to utilise the right Police Officers to work in the community. Involvement of the Community Safety Partnership is also a positive move. It is important for crimes to be reported. Resources are deployed according to data. The Police and Crime Commissioner reported that they are working hard to put more emphasis on local crime. Where County Lines are concerned, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes. Hazel Williams asked that when training new Police Officers, the new recruits should receive a mixed training of both rural and urban areas.

Jim Perry asked if the Police uses Community Facebook Pages as a means of communicating to the community. The Police and Crime Commissioner comments that it is more important for residents with information on crime to report what they know to the Police. The Police have a Community Facebook page which is monitored by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Residents can use this resource, as well as the 101-phone line to report information and crime to the Police.

The Police and Crime Commissioner stated that the success of policing is the absence of crime.

Liz Swift thanked Darryl Preston for attending the meeting.

FC/28062022/04.2 Public Forum

No matters were raised during the Public Forum.

FC/28062022/05 Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered: -

22/00690/FUL 16 Garden Court

Dropped kerb and new approach to new vehicle hardstanding – **No objections**

22/00688/FUL 47 Isaacson Road

Alteration and extension including garage – **No objections**

22/00715/LBC Briarwood 105 North Street

Replacement windows to match existing fenestration, single glazed timber sash windows to the front façade, and double-glazed conservation timber sash and casement windows to all other elevations
Council finds it hard to understand why there is a mixture of single and double glazing, and question if there will be secondary glazing to the single glazed windows to improve heat efficiency. Council also considers that the specification is not feasible.

22/00740/TPO The Maltings High Street

G1 Box and Yew – Re-cut where previous poor pruning cuts were done to improve the trees ability to heal them and edge and mulch area. With ongoing consent for minor pruning works to keep vegetation from impeding the use of the carpark removing no more than 500mm lengths on first cut with following works not extending beyond this to a height not exceeding 2.5 m. – **No objections**

An amendment to planning application 22/00354/ADI Installation of replacement illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the Anchor Public House, 63 North Street had been received. The amendment involves the receipt of the Conservation Officers comments. The Clerk to forward application details to Council members for their information and comments.

FC/28062022/06 Planning decisions from District Council

The following decisions were noted:

22/00522/FUL 35 The Causeway – Approval

Construction of rear extension and associated works

22/00523/FUL 25 Isaacson Road - Approval

Remove existing conservatory structure and construction of single storey garden room built of existing conservatory brick plinth

22/00293/VAR Riverdale 71 North Street – Approval

To vary Condition 1 (approved plans) of previously approved 21/01443/FUL Proposed demolition of a large clunch/brick outbuilding and erection of detached dwelling plus associated works

22/00288/FUL Newstead Farm, 64 Swaffham Road – Approval

Demolition of existing extension and construction of single storey side and rear extension, external and internal works, and associated works

FC/28062022/07 Notifications from ECDC of approved work to trees

The following approved tree works were noted:

22/00593/TRE 9a Mandeville

G1 4 x Privet Trees – fell to ground and re-shape adjacent Photinia

22/00568/TPO 43 Orchard Way

G1 x 2 Sycamore trees – Re pollard to 8 metres to maintain trees in the garden

FC/28062022/08 Urgent Matters for Consideration**1. A) Receiving and consideration of Internal Auditors Report for 2021/2022**

Council considered and noted the Internal Auditors Report for 2021/2022. They noted that they would be unable to respond positively to question 4 in the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 as the correct procedure had not been followed to allow those interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the Council's accounts.

B) Consideration and approval of the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022

Council considered the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2021/2022, answering positively to all questions except for no.4 regarding the opportunity for those interested to inspect and ask questions about the Council's accounts. The Chair signed the document on behalf of the Council.

C) Consideration and approval of the Accounting Statements for 2021/2022

Council considered and approved the Accounting Statements for 2021/2022. The Chair signed the document on behalf of the Council.

2. Approval of Payments to the following:

The Chair informed Council that there was an additional invoice that required payment. The invoice was for a replacement lawn mower for the Maintenance Officer as the existing machine required a replacement part and it is likely that it will take some time before the spare part is available from the manufacturer. The lawn mower had been purchased from Garden Machinery Services for the sum of ££599.00. A deposit of £200.00 had been paid on the Lloyds card leaving the balance of £399.00 including VAT to be paid by BACS. The payment was proposed by Paul Webb, seconded by Jenny Moss, and approved by Council.

All payments listed below were approved by Council following a proposal from Lea Dodds which was seconded by Linda Kitching.

Payee	Description	Amount inc Vat
Huws Gray	Maintenance supplies	£63.80
Truelink	Grass Cutting	£1,861.20
Sharp	Photocopier Contract	£72.35
M Wright	Mileage	£47.25
Zurich	Additional Premium GMH	£287.18
CCC Libraries	Donation Summer Reading	£200.00
D Cawley	Gratia Payment Jub	£50.00
Lloyds Bank	Various	£216.19

BT	Phone/Internet	£367.93
British Gas	Public Toilet	£7.72
Wave	Rates Cemetery	£114.99
Wave	Rates Recreation Ground	£22.38
Wave	Rates - JRR	£45.59
Wave	Rates GMH	£59.02
Eon	Gas - MH	£164.90
Corona Energy	Allotment	£11.79
Corona Energy	GMH	£77.30
Corona Energy	Recreation Ground	£77.45
Corona Energy	JRR	£30.72
Corona Energy	Cemetery Chapel	£10.40
Corona Energy	Mandeville Hall	£15.58
	Total	£3,803.74

3. Climate Change Action Plan

Jenny Moss informed Council that there will be an article in the next edition of Clunch about trees. Letters are due to be sent out to local farmers about the Climate Change Forum in the next week or two. The first meeting of the Repair Café Steering Group has taken place, with a further wider meeting arranged for those wishing to be involved on 27th July 2022 at the Gardiner Memorial Hall. Volunteers are required to help run the Café.

The next Climate Change Forum meeting is on 5th July 2022 at the Gardiner Memorial Hall.

4. Council Strategy Day – Wednesday 6th July 2022 – Reminder

Councillors were reminded that the Strategy Day is due to take place on Wednesday 6th July at Gardiner Memorial Hall commencing at 9.45 for coffee for a 10 am start. Councillors were asked to let the Clerk know as soon as possible if they can attend or not.

5. Consideration of a recommendation made by the Pauline's Swamp Trustees that the Trustees and the Parish Council instruct and share the costs of a solicitor to update the Land Registry documents, to state that the land is owned by Burwell Parish Council rather than the personal names of the original Trustees.

Following a proposal from Jenny Moss and seconded by Paul Webb Council resolved that the recommendation made by the Pauline's Swamp Trustees that the Trustees and Parish Council should instruct and share the costs of a solicitor to update the Land Registry documents, to state that the land is owned by Burwell Parish Council rather than the personal names of the original Trustees.

FC/28062022/09 Gardiner Memorial Hall – General Update and Reports,

1. Official Opening of the Gardiner Memorial Hall – Friday 8th July 2022

The Chair reminded Council members that they are all invited to the Official Opening of the refurbished Gardiner Memorial Hall on Friday 8th July between 12 noon and 2 pm.

2. Public Opening of the Gardiner Memorial Hall – Saturday 9th July 2022

The hall will be open to members of the public to view on Saturday 9th July 2022 between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm. All those able to help should let the Clerk know.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

Signed

Dated