

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL
The Jubilee Reading Room
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Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 26th June 2012 in the Jubilee Reading Room, 99 The Causeway, Burwell, CB25 0DU

Present :- Pat Kilbey – Chairman, Liz Goodman, Sylvia Greenaway, Don Harrison, Gus Jones, Joan Lonsdale, James Perry, Michel Scarff, Heather Sims, Michael Smith, Fay Whitehouse, Hazel Williams, Brenda Wilson

16.06.12 Apologies for absence had been received from Tim Clay, and Derek Reader
Apologies :-

17.06.12 There were no declarations of interests at this point in the meeting
Declarations
Interests
known to
Councillors :-

18.06.12 The minutes of the full council meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2012
Approval of were approved and signed
Minutes :-

Proposed – Liz Goodman, seconded – Sylvia Greenaway

19.06.12 There were no members of the public present that wished to speak.
Public
Forum:-

20.06.12 The following planning applications were considered :

Planning

Applications :- 12/00366/LBC

Greene King PLC - Five Bells, 44 High Street

Forming a partition at the foot of the first floor staircase to form a fire rated compartment, and forming a fire rated partition to create a fire resistant corridor in the existing retail area.

No objection

12/00428/LBC

Mr Martin Smith – 107 The Causeway

Conversion of existing workshop outbuilding into a 2 bedroom dwelling. Adjustment of the entrance gate and railings to the site of 107 The Causeway

No objection provided the Highway issues have been thoroughly investigated.

12/00427/FUL

Mr Martin Smith – 107 The Causeway

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21.06.12
Planning
Decisions
from District
Council :-

The following planning applications have been approved :-

12/00272/FUL	Mr Stephen Brown – Armtrac 70 Reach Road Construction of new office/training facilities
12/00331/FUL	Mr & Mrs B Rowley – 2 Sheepyard Cottages, Heath Road Demolish existing outbuilding and replace with a new single storey extension to the rear of the property
12/00341/FUL	Mr & Mrs Dyos – 32 Swaffham Road Rear conservatory
11/01071/DSA	Burwell Parish Council – Mandeville Hall, Tan House Lane To discharge condition 1 (Management Plan) of decision notice dated 22.02.12 for variation of condition 3 of planning permission 09/00209/FUL – to allow use on Sunday – Thursday 08.00 – 00.00; Friday & Saturday 08.00 – 01.00 and Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Bank Holidays (non Friday, Saturday & Sunday) 08.00 – 01.00. Outside entertainment will cease at 23.30hrs.

22.06.12
Burwell
Swimming
Pool :-

Members of the new swimming pool committee were present including the new Chairman and Secretary to talk to Council about their aspirations for the future of the pool. At present the pool is in a bad state of repair and there are no plans to open it this season. The changing rooms and showers are in need of refurbishment. At present there is approximately £3000 in the swimming pool accounts. The new committee are looking at the following three options

- Hand the pool back to the county Council and walk away
- Patch and mend the existing pool (the lining has approximately 18 months life left)
- Look at a new pool that would be eco friendly.

Initial investigations show that there is a lot of interest in using the pool and the school would be supportive of measures to improve. It was agreed that all three options needed to be costed out. The eco pool would be the most costly but there would probably be grants available for this type of project. Contact has been made with the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) who are looking at possible funding sources. The Committee feel that in order for this project to succeed they need the support of the whole community and therefore asked if there would be a Councillor willing to join the committee and offer support. Council agreed that in principle there were some good ideas coming forward and it was resolved that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting of full council.

23.06.12
Action
Points
Update :-

Telephone Kiosk – The question was raised as to how long the art exhibition would remain in the kiosk on Pound Hill, the response was that as it was an Olympic Exhibition until after the games would seem reasonable.

Youth – Council members and youth representatives from the village had manned a stall at Burwell Carnival to try and engage with the youth (11-16year olds being the target age range) to see what they felt was lacking in the village. Several suggestions had been made. A list of contact e-mails had been taken so that we could make contact once the Facebook page was up and running. It also emerged that there was a group of youngsters in the village that were keen to set up a youth council. It was resolved that the Youth Working Group need to meet as soon as was possible to consider the ideas put forward.

- 24.06.12**
County &
District
Councillors
Reports :- See attached reports.
- 25.06.12**
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District
Matters : There were no County and District matters for discussion
- 26.06.12**
Other
Reports :- The reports listed on the agenda had been circulated to Councillors for information.
- 27.06.12**
Grounds
and
Buildings :- A written report had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The ROSPA report showed no major problems with the play areas. It was suggested that prior to next years inspection we should look at other companies to carry out the inspections. With regard to the Recreation Ground it was recommended that we look at the training regime of the football clubs and whether the grass cutting should be taken out of the main cutting schedule and done as a separate contract. Some concern was expressed as to the amount of money that was being spent on the ground and the fact that the senior clubs were still not happy with the state of the pitches. It was suggested that the clubs should make a contribution towards the maintenance costs, which it was understood they were prepared to do. The group recommended that the Recreation ground should be sprayed for weeds and spread with top soil and reseeded at a cost of £2070.00 once this work was completed no further work would be undertaken until there was a commitment from the football clubs as to their use of the ground. It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the working group and that a meeting of the group should take place with the football clubs to establish the way forward.
- 28.06.12**
Kingfisher
Drive :- The Clerk had been in contact with Reason Homes to ascertain the commuted sum that would be available if the Parish Council took on the maintenance of the open space at the end of Kingfisher Drive. The commuted sum would be £20,000. It was resolved that provided this was made as a one off payment then we would be prepared to take on the maintenance of the area.
- 29.06.12**
Allotments :- An allotment holder had written asking if there was anything that could be done regarding the tree which are overshadowing their allotment plot. It was resolved that the Clerk would look at the possibility of the trees being trimmed back.
- 30.06.12**
Proposed
Development
At Exning :- The Clerk made Council aware that she had been told that there was a proposal to build 250 homes on the Burwell Road at Exning. She had been approached to see if there would be any objection to a resident of Exning collecting signatures opposing this proposal in the village. Whilst Council had no objection to the collection of signatures for a petition they felt that they needed some good reasons if they were to offer there support to the objection.
- 31.06.12**
Resignation
Of
Councillors :- The Clerk had received a letter of resignation for personal reasons from Beryl Brown and an e-mail from Mandy Wilkins tendering her resignation due to a move from the village. Both resignations were accepted and the Clerk would write thanking both for the contributions they had made to the Council. ECDC would also be informed and the vacancies advertised.

32.06.12
Finance :-

Consideration was given to the following :-

Moving of authorisation of all payments to the 1st meeting of the month

In order to facilitate the payment of accounts on line it was resolved that authorisation of all accounts for payment would be made at the first meeting of the month with effect from July 2012.

Payment for the Olympic Medals

It was resolved that Council would pay for the Olympic Medals for the torch bearers at a cost of £59.22

Renewal of Electricity Prices from 7th October 2012

It was resolved that we would renew our contracts for a further twelve months with British Gas as the rates offered were still competitive. A note would be made to review the rates around April 2013 in readiness for next year's contracts.

Request to fund First Aiders for torch relay

A request had been received from the organisers of the village torch relay for funding in the sum of £40 for the St. Johns Ambulance to be in attendance at the event. It was resolved that this should be paid.

The accounts as presented were approved for payment with the following amendment

The cheque for the prizes for the Jubilee Event was to be amended to £60.

Proposed – Liz Goodman, seconded – Don Harrison. Agreed by all.

33.06.12
Correspondence :-

An e-mail had been received from a resident regarding the state of the Leys footpath. The Clerk advised Council that this had now been addressed and the hedge cut back, the grass cut and a request made to Veolia to carry out a street clean along the footpath.

Street Lighting – some concern was expressed about the number of lights that the County Council were proposing to remove from The Leys and the fact that the issue would be compounded by the fact that the trees covered some of the lighting. It was resolved that a letter reaffirming our concerns should be sent to the county Council and they should also be made aware that the trees needed to be cut back from the lights.

The Clerk advised Council that a complaint had been made by a resident regarding the handyman cutting back part of his hedge from the Highway without permission. The Clerk had spoken to the resident concerned and asked Council's permission to write a letter of apology. The handy man had been told that his actions were inappropriate and it was resolved that a letter of apology should be sent to the residents.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm

Signed this day

of

2012
