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Minutes of the meeting of Burwell Parish Council held in The Jubilee Room, 99 The Causeway, Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0DU at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 27th October 2015.

Present:- Joan Lonsdale (Chair), Robin Dyos, Sylvia Greenaway, Jane Hall, Don Harrison, Gus Jones, Jim Perry, Derek Reader, Gordon Roach, Michael Smith, Liz Swift, Mike Swift, and Paul Webb.
District Councillor and County Councillor David Brown
8 members of the public

14.10.15 Apologies:- Apologies for absence had been received from Joe Parker, Hazel Williams, Brenda Wilson, District Councillors Michael Allan and Lavinia Edwards

15.10.15 Declarations of any interest known to Councillors:- The following declarations were made:
Gus Jones – Margaret Field

16.10.15 Approval of Minutes:- The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2015 were approved and signed as a true and correct record.
Proposed – Gordon Roach, Seconded – Liz Swift

17.10.15 Public Forum:- A resident asked if the results were known to two traffic census carried out in 2014. These were at the main entrances to the village. The Clerk agreed to see if she could find out any information.
Several residents raised concerns about the proposed development at Newmarket Road. These included the increase to 350 properties when initially, when consulted, the village had agreed 100 properties, traffic and the safety of pedestrians, especially young people accessing facilities such as the school. Proposals have included a cycle vision, but the routes out of the village have a number of issues which are in dire need of being addressed if the vision is to work.
Some confusion regarding the tenure of the properties seems to be raising concerns for some residents. A certain amount of the development will be affordable housing. A quantity of the remaining dwellings will be retained by the County Council for private rental and will form part of a new initiative for the County Council as a way of increasing and retaining revenue for the Council.
One resident asked if the young people of the village could be given the first chance of the affordable housing. Joan Lonsdale explained that although the Parish Council could request that this is the case, the Council has no power to enforce.
Council members confirmed that the actual built area of the new development does not go behind Ness Court.

Mike Swift raised concern about traffic safety especially over the railway bridge on Newmarket Road and asked that the opportunity is taken to address such issues as a condition of supporting the application. Other members of the Council were in agreement.

Jim Perry raised concern over the level of archaeological investigations that had so far been carried out and that with the possible ancient history of the site, the

opportunity for a full investigation being carried out should not be allowed to be missed.

Gus Jones spoke of the need for a larger sports area to be provided. Joan Lonsdale explained that the amount proposed in the plan was above the level stipulated that a developer would need to include in the scheme. Gus Jones continued to state that he felt that the number of dwellings should be reduced to take into account the houses proposed for Reach Road and the lack of industrial units being provided.

Joan Lonsdale explained that the industrial units at Reach Road are currently being marketed. She continued by saying that ideally most people would prefer the development not taking place, but that demands made by Government over the number of new homes required built in the region needed to be met. It is important that through the application, that the best for the village is obtained.

**18.10.15
Planning**

The following planning applications were considered:

Applications: 15/01175/OUM Cambridgeshire County Council – Land at Newmarket Road

Redevelopment of land at Newmarket Road, Burwell to provide up to 350 dwellings (including affordable housing provision) with associated open space, sports provision, access and infrastructure

Council agreed to support the application with concerns raised during the meeting included in the response comments.

15/01129/FUL Mr. and Mrs M Daines-Smith – Land Rear of 61 and 63 North Street, Anchor Lane

Proposed four bedroom house and garage (Plot 1)

No Objections

15/01130/FUL Mr. and Mrs M Daines-Smith – Land Rear of 61 and 63 North Street, Anchor Lane

Proposed four bedroom house and garage (Plot 2)

No Objections

15/01141/PDR Mr. S Jarvis – Hill Farm, 21 High Street

Replacement windows

No Objections

15/001013/FUL Mr. D Carter – Bunkers Hill, 3 Mill Lane,

Single storey flat roof sun room extension

No Objections

Notification had been received from ECDC that additional information had been received from the applicant for the proposed Solar Farm at Goose Hall and that the application is due for consideration by the Planning Committee on 6th November 2015.

**19.10.15
Planning
Decisions:**

The following planning decisions had been received from the District Council:

15/01024/VAR Mr. P Sutcliffe 59 Spring Close

Variation of condition 1 (Floor Plan of previously approved 14/01322/FUL for construction of detached house & parking

APPROVAL

15/00854/FUL Mr. and Mrs C Jones 20 Buntings Path

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling

APPROVAL

**20.10.15
Action**

Update on Weirs Drove/Anchor Bridge River Frontage.

The Clerk informed Council that she had received a response from the Government

**Points
Update:-**

Department dealing with bylaws. For a proposed bylaw to be considered the Parish Council would need to own or if the land is common land, maintain the land. Then if no other measures could be put in place to address the issues and there was robust evidence demonstrating the need for the bylaw, one could be considered. The Parish Council does not own or maintain the area in question. The County Council have confirmed that the extent of the byway has been measured from the brink of the river bank and that the vehicles and items currently situated on the river bank are not restricting use of the byway. Because of this they do not intend to place any enforcement orders on the boat owner. If enforcement was carried out it would also have to apply to any other items or equipment on the byway. The County Council representative pointed out that the gate recently erected by the Browns is still there. East Cambs District Council has no proof that the boat owner is living on the boat, therefore making it impossible to enforce under planning laws. ECDC cannot use surveillance in order to acquire evidence without obtaining an Order from the Courts, which would require a very strong case. Even if Enforcement was successful, it may not be possible to get the actual boat moved. The general advice given was for the Browns to consider civil action. A member of the Brown family present informed Council that they have now commenced alternative action to try and resolve the situation.

Update on Margaret Field Grass Cutting

Joan Lonsdale informed Council that a meeting had taken place between with the Chairmen of both the Cricket Club and the Tigers Football Club. The Chairmen of the two clubs had agreed to resolve the issue with the grass cutting for the remaining part of this season between them and that the Parish Council would review the grass cutting at Margaret Field for the 2016 season. Confirmation had been received back that the matter had been resolved. Gus Jones added that the matter had not been resolved satisfactorily.

Update on Speeding on Swaffham Road

An email had been received back from the Police regarding speeding along Swaffham Road. They have said that they will conduct some patrols including speed checks along the road. Speed Watch may be another option. They also suggested that a staged speed reduction into the village may be worth investigating.

The matter was passed to the Safety Group for further consideration.

The Local Highways Improvement Initiative application for the Causeway verge is due to be submitted this week. A member of the Safety Working Group confirmed that the level of Parish Council contribution for the work would be up to 50%. A consultation with residents is currently taking place to obtain support for the project.

A meeting has been arranged with the owner of 19 Saxon Drive to discuss the possible removal of the covenant.

A letter of support for the development of 14 properties to adjacent to Barkways has been sent to the agent. The letter stipulates that the Council only supports the development if Hastoe is the Housing Association involved.

The organ at the Chapel needs to be replaced. A possible replacement was suggested to one of the organists; however he did not consider the instrument to be suitable.

**21.10.15
County &
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Reports:**

The attached County and District Councillor reports had been circulated to Councillors and were noted by Council.

David Brown informed Council of the information available on the proposed changes in services to meet the necessary budget cuts which will be considered County Council Committees during November.

**22.10.15
County &
District
Matters:**

ECDC Street Numbering – 72 Reach Road

Notification of the Street Numbering of the site adjacent to No. 70 Reach Road had been received from the District Council. The Clerk was asked to check with the Planning Officer that the new use of the site was in line with the planning conditions for the site.

CCC Budget Consultation

Details of a consultation currently being carried out by the County Council about the proposed budget cuts and services provided by the County Council had been received. Parish Council members were encouraged to submit their own comments.

The Clerk to display the poster to make residents aware of the consultation.

**23.10.15
Other
Reports:**

Council noted the following reports:
None

**24.10.15
Finance**

Council considered the following:

Consideration of the Quarterly Finance Report

The attached Quarterly Finance Report had been distributed to Council prior to the meeting. Joan Lonsdale asked if the provision for cutting the footpaths Priory Wood could be removed as the offer to maintain the paths with the Woodland Trust had not been taken up. She also asked if the grass cutting at Kingfisher Drive could be listed separately as was Hatley Drive instead of being grouped with the remaining smaller areas in the village under public areas.

Gus Jones questioned the hedge cutting contract as he had seen the handyman cutting the hedge at the Cemetery. It was explained that the contract covered all hedges owned by the Council, but it was still expected that the handyman would need to cut the hedges at the Cemetery to maintain the overall look of the burial ground throughout the year. Further to this Gus Jones questioned why no figures are shown for the second keyholder. This is due to the post being a job share and all figures are included under the one overall heading of Keyholder. The Clerk explained that the sum listed under PR/Other included £2601.00 election costs.

The Quarterly Report was duly adopted.

Proposed - Paul Webb Seconded – Gordon Roach

25.10.15

Correspondence

Email from resident regarding tree at Kingfisher Drive

A request had been received from a resident in Kingfisher Drive regarding a tree on the amenity area which is over shadowing her property. As the tree is in the Conservation Area Council agreed that advice should be sought from the Tree Officer at ECDC prior to any further action being taken.

Use of Allotment Plot by Montessori Nursery School

The Clerk informed Council that it had been brought to her attention that one of the allotment holders is allowing the Montessori Nursery School to use half of her allotment for the pupils to experience cultivating produce. Council agreed that the Montessori Nursery School could continue using part of the plot as long as the necessary safeguarding, insurance and risk management is in place. The Council will also accept no liability or responsibility for the children and staff when they are attending the allotment.

26.10.15

To consider the following:

Consideration of applicants for co-option to fill the Councillor Vacancy

Two applications had been received for consideration for the single vacancy.

Both applicants had been invited to attend the meeting. One had attended the first part of the meeting, but had left due to illness. Having had copies of both application forms, Council members voted and with a return of 8 votes to 5 votes, Mr. Tim Wallis was duly co-opted to the Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed this the _____ day of November 2015 _____
Chairman