

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL
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Chairman: Mrs E Swift

Clerk: Mrs Y Rix

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 February 2018.

Present:- Liz Swift (Chair), Robin Dyos, Gus Jones, Jane Hall, Don Harrison, Joan Lonsdale, Jenny Moss, Jim Perry, Derek Reader, Gordon Roach, Mick Smith, Michael Swift, Paul Webb and Hazel Williams. District Councillor Lavinia Edwards.

FC/270218/01 Approval of Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Richard Adams, Brenda Wilson and District Councillor David Brown.

FC/270218/02 Declarations of any interest known to Councillors:-

No declarations of interests were made at this point in the meeting.

FC/270218/03 Approval of Minutes:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2018 were approved and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting. Proposed – Robin Dyos Seconded – Jim Perry

FC/270218/04 Public Forum No matters were raised during the Public Forum.

Jonathan Ratesy from UK Power Networks and Valeria Colebrooke of M C Nicholas attended the meeting to inform Council of work due to take place in the village late June through to August. The proposed work is to install two new cables from the substation in Weirs Drove through to Lakenheath. Within the village the cables will be laid from the substation via Low Road, Parsonage Lane, the Causeway and Ness Road. Although the most direct route would be across country, numerous land owners make it more difficult to negotiate. There will be 24 hour traffic lights in place whilst work is carried out, but not road closures, other than the one way road by the post office for about a week. The work will be carried out in such a way that the trenches are dug, filled and then resurfaced, with a daily check being carried out by Highways, to pick up on any faults that need to be addressed. These will be resolved immediately by the contractors. Leaflets will be distributed to affected streets at least one month prior to work commencing. The supply needs to be taken from Burwell Sub Station because it is the nearest station that has available power to meet the needs of the customer. Jonathan Ratesy confirmed that he was aware that it is likely that the existing transformers will be replaced in the future due to their age and advised that he would forward contact details of his colleague who deals with environmental issues such as noise to the Clerk. Jonathan Ratesy and Valeria Colebrooke were thanked for attending the meeting.

FC/270218/05 Planning

The following planning applications were considered

18/00155/OUM IGP Solar PV Plant Number 6 Ltd – Site to North Meadow View Industrial Estate, Reach Road

Proposed employment development consisting of B1 uses, and associated access and landscaping
No objections

17/01094/OUM IGP Solar PV Plant Number 6 Ltd – Land West of Reach Road

Proposed employment development consisting of B1 uses and associated access and landscaping
Amendment involving an alteration to the site layout and application site boundary.

No objections

17/02205/FUL Land North West of Electricity Sub-Station, Weirs Drove Development of a 49.9MW battery storage facility, bridge and associated infrastructure – Amendment only, no response required. The amendment and additional information includes additional hedging along part of the southern boundary of the site and additional information and visuals to

demonstrate landscape impact, including a Landscape and Visual Note. **Amendment noted**

18/00166/FUL Mrs S Halpin 4 Summerfield Close

Proposed two storey extension to rear of house – **No objection**

FC/270218/06 Planning Decisions

The following planning decision had been received from ECDC:

17/02219/FUL Mr. R. Gates – Rear of 133B/C North Street New 3 bed dwelling **Refused**

17/02220/FUL Mr. and Mrs Bowles – Site Rear of 131 North Street New four bed dwelling and garage **Refused**

17/01732/OUM Land North of 17-45 Toyse Lane Outline planning application for up to 70 units with all matters reserved –**Refused**

17/01731/OUM Land North of Ness Road Outline planning application for residential development for up to 90 units with all matters reserved apart from means of access – **Refused**

17/02193/FUL 38 Ness Road Proposed demolition of existing side extension and erection of new side/rear extension – **Approved**

17/00831/NMAA 16 Isaacson Road Non material amendment to previously approved 17/00831/FUL – **Approved**

17/02045/FUL 9a Tunbridge Close Demolition of existing single storey side extension and conservatory and construction of two storey side extension – **Approved**

17/02118/FUL 23 Station Gate Single storey extension to rear. First floor extension over existing carport and part of the garage and internal alterations -**Approved**

FC/270218/07 Action Point Updates

The following updates were noted:

Recreation Ground Refurbishment

Michael Swift informed Council that the grant application to WREN for funding towards a new skate park has been successful with funding of up to £80,000 being awarded. The Football Association grant funding application for the pavilion has now reached the final stage. The result should be known in April. If the application is unsuccessful on this occasion, it will automatically be reconsidered again by the FA for funding later in the year. Funding applications are in the process of being compiled for the work to the carpark. These will be submitted to Amey and Mick George. The financial implications for the proposed new skate park will be an agenda item for the next Finance and General Purposes meeting on 6th March 2018. Hazel expressed that publicity for the successful grant application needs to be managed by the Council. Paul Webb, Gus Jones and Michael Swift were thanked for their work in securing the funding.

Pauline's Swamp

Michael Swift reported that around 20 people attended the working day on 17th February 2018

Mandeville Hall

The next action to be taken with the ceiling at Mandeville Hall will be discussed at the Finance and General Purposes meeting.

LHII Ness Road Scheme

Robin Dyos to contact Highways to try to move the scheme forward at a quicker pace.

Public Toilets

The Clerk was asked to contact ECDC to find out the time scale for the review on the entire District Council toilet buildings.

Village Sign

The Clerk reported that she had received from Neil Horne a photo of one of the four moulds that have to be made in order to make the sign. Hopefully some of the photos can be displayed at Burwell at Large.

FC/270218/08 Group Reports and Recommendations

The minutes from the meeting of the Community, Leisure and Sport Group meeting held on 20th February 2018 had been circulated to Councillors and were noted. The following recommendations were considered.

1. That an application for funding from Natural England is made for work to the castle site and mounds at Spring Close

Michael Swift explained that the castle site on Spring Close requires a lot of work to bring it back to a maintainable condition and that funding is available from Natural England to carry out the work.

Proposed – Michael Swift, seconded by Paul Webb

Council resolved that an application for funding from Natural England is made for work to the castle site and mounds at Spring Close.

2. That for a six month trial period dogs on leads are allowed on Margaret Field to bring in line with the Recreation Ground and that a new bin is purchased and erected near to the entrance to encourage dog owners to dispose of dog fouling appropriately.

Proposed – Michael Swift, seconded Mike Smith

Council resolved that for a six month trial period dogs on leads are allowed on Margaret Field to bring in line with the Recreation Ground and that a new bin is purchased and erected near to the entrance to encourage dog owners to dispose of dog fouling appropriately.

Members of the public to be made aware of the six month trial. The handyman to be responsible for emptying the bin once installed.

FC/270218/09 Finance

1. Consideration of donation request for Summer Reading Challenge

Council considered a request from Cambridgeshire Libraries for this year's Summer Reading Challenge and agreed that a donation of £200.00 should be made.

2. Grass Cutting Contract 2018-2021

Derek Reader declared an interest in this item.

Mick Smith reported that the Assets and Environment Group had considered three tenders received for the Grass Cutting Contract for the next three years. The Group recommends to Council that the cheapest tender submitted by Truelink Ltd should be accepted.

Proposed – Mick Smith, seconded Don Harrison

Council resolved that the cheapest tender for the Grass Cutting Contract for the years 2018 to 2021 submitted by Truelink Ltd be accepted.

FC/270218/10 County & District Councillors Reports

Written reports from District Councillors David Brown and Lavinia Edwards were noted. Lavinia Edwards informed Council that the planning application for the Battery Storage Units on Weirs Drove is expected to be determined at the Planning Committee at their April meeting. The Planning Officer is recommending that the application is approved.

FC/270218/11 County and District Matters

1. CCC Road Closure Weirs Drove 26.2.18 and 27.2.18

Council noted the Road Closure Notice.

FC/270218/12 Reports and General Information

1. Burwell Allotment and Garden Society 16.10.17- Minutes

Council noted the minutes of the Burwell Allotment and Garden Society meeting held on 16th October 2017.

FC/270218/13 Correspondence – There was no correspondence to discuss.

FC/270218/14 Other matters for consideration

1. Travellers

At the recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite, Councillors had been made aware that it was not possible for the Police to act on the illegal encampment on Margaret Field as trespass is not classed as a criminal offence. However the Commissioner had explained that he intended to write to Lucy Frazer MP and ask that she lobbies government to change the law so that illegal trespassing becomes a criminal offence. Council agreed that the Parish Council should also send a letter supporting the Police and Crime Commissioner's request. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the letter sent to Lucy Frazer MP by the Commissioner.

The Council was reminded to indicate times they would be available to help at Burwell at Large on 17th and 18th of March.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed this the _____ day of March 2018 _____ Chairman