

Burwell Parish Council

Community, Leisure and Sport

Minutes of the Meeting of 22.6.21 at 7.30 pm using Zoom

Present: Michael Swift, Michael Geary, Liz Swift, Jenny Moss, Geraldine Tate, Jim Perry Paul Webb and Gill Miller. Sarah Ashby attended for the item CL&S/220621/04 Tennis.

CL&S/220621/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests

An apology for absence had been received from Helen McMenamin-Smith.

CL&S/220621/02 Approval of the minutes of the 20th April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2021 were approved. Proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Liz Swift.

CL&S/220621/03 Action Sheet and other Updates from the previous meeting

Recreation Ground Carpark

Currently out for quotation. One contractor will not be submitting a quotation as he does not do tarmac work and a site meeting has been arranged with one of the other contractors next week.

Update on Pauline's Swamp Transfer of Land from Hopkins Homes

An email has been received from Hopkins Homes to say that the transfer should be able to go ahead next week.

Moving of seat from Spring Close to Apple Tree Grove

The seat has now been moved from Spring Close to Apple Tree Grove.

Meeting with Scouts – Margaret Field

Michael Swift and Paul Webb have met on site with a member of the Scouts about possibilities and the Scouts are now going to write in officially to the Parish Council.

Sports Provision

Meeting held with Football Clubs all generally seems to be okay. The Council to meet with the Clubs prior to the season starting and will ensure that football pitches are set out correctly.

Spring Close Management Group

Meeting in the next week. Limited work carried out at present due to Covid restrictions. Suggested by Geological Team to repair the spring head. Clunch is available at the Cemetery but need to work how to transport this to Spring Close. Michael Geary has feed bags which can be loaded. These can be transported to Spring Close but will need to be manually transported to the spring. The area around the spring will need to be cut back.

Community Orchard

A few complaints have been received about the length of the grass. This has now been cut. Jenny Moss has now put together a draft map of the orchard that links in with the Parish Council Website. She will finalise the map and once officially approved, will speak to the Print Centre re costings for the map to be made into an interpretation board.

Sports Centre

Meetings due to start again in September.

Climate Change

Constitutional details have been received from BEG. Wild Burwell want to make one or two changes to the Climate Change Action Plan. Jenny Moss and Paul to look at the changes.

CL&S/220621/04 Tennis – The New Summer Marketing Campaign

Sarah Ashby reported that the Lawn Tennis Association is launching a summer campaign 'You In' to make people more aware of the sport, encouraging all ages, ability, social

background to play tennis. The campaign will be promoted on television but there is no other publicity material such as banners. There will be a link from the television campaign promoting LTA member courts. Burwell PC is not a member of the LTA and our courts are not registered with the organisation. The campaign does have some good ideas, such as promoting tennis for the over 65's. With Wimbledon etc due to take place, it is a good time to promote our courts. It may be useful to talk to someone from the LTA. Bookings are on the increase and those using the courts are now coming from a wider area. Two netball clubs now use the courts weekly. Five people have taken up the membership scheme and there are two other regular users. There appears to be some interest in forming a Tennis Club, but it is noted that Burwell Tennis Club still exists and we must be careful not to become managers of any club. Sarah Ashby to speak to Titan and interested players to move forming a club and focused tennis sessions e.g., for the over 65's forward.

Gill Miller left the meeting.

CL&S/220621/05 Proposed Community Garden

Helen McMenemy-Smith has provided some estimated costings for the proposed Community Garden in Priory Meadow. The total cost comes out at approx. £3578.00. There will need to be some allowance for fixing of the furniture. This sum could be reduced if benches and plants are donated. There are several options for the Community Garden location within Priory Meadow.

It is also intended to put a further two benches on Pound Hill with a raised flower bed. The Welcome Back Fund may be an option for funding. There is nothing included in the Budget for the project, but we have received more CIL funding which could be used as seed funding for the garden.

Liz Swift proposed, seconded by Paul Webb that a recommendation is made to Full Council that a Community Garden is created at Priory Meadow and additional benches and raised bed(s) are installed on Pound Hill at a total cost in the region of £5000.00 to be funded mainly through grant funding and donations if possible.

CL&S/220621/06 Donations for consideration - None

CL&S/220621/07 Climate Change Policy and the way forward Working with Burwell Environment Group

Burwell Environment Group would like to work with the Council on Climate Change. More discussion to take place at the Strategy Day on 21st July 2021.

It is understood that Wild Burwell wishes to act as an individual group.

CL&S/220621/08 Westhorpe Play Area

Paul Webb reported that Creative Play are aiming to come up with possible designs by later in the summer. A meeting at some point needs to take place with the residents who are currently raising funds towards new play equipment, to clarify that although this is a project that the Council intends to carry out, doing so, particularly in relation to the cost, is not imminent.

Yvonne Rix expressed that it would be useful, being that the Council is halfway through its term, to have some idea of project timelines and what can be achieved in this time.

CL&S/220621/09 Any other business

Burwell Solar Farm – Community Fund

The Group noted following receipt of an email that details of the Community Fund will be available later in the year.

J Waters Sports Club Provision

An email had been received raising concern about the lack of football pitches in the village and enquiring about the proposal for the sports hub on Newmarket Road. The Clerk to write back and confirm that we are aware of the current situation and the option of using Margaret Field if toilet facilities could be sorted out.

ECDC The Welcome Back Fund

This is a government initiative aimed at high streets and city centres and welcoming people back to retail areas but does mention seating and landscape projects. Yvonne Rix to talk to ECDC about possible projects such as seating at Pound Hill.

Use of Spring Close by the Grantanbrycg Group

A letter has been received from the Grantanbrycg Group if they could use Castle Site for their re-enactments.

It was agreed that if they have insurance and health and safety procedures in place. It may be worth meeting with them to indicate areas where they should stay away from.

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Grantanbrycg Group can use Spring Close for their re-enactments.

BAFY – Use of Pavilion

BAFY are looking to run some sessions at the Recreation Ground for the Youth during the summer holiday and would like to use the Pavilion kitchen as a tuck shop and toilets for their sessions. The opening and closing of the building can be carried out by the keyholders but the cleaning would need to be carried out by BAFY after each session and all rubbish must be removed.

The Group recommends to Full Council that BAFY is allowed to use the facilities at the Pavilion without charge if they clean the kitchen and toilets satisfactorily after each use.

Parish Council Alliance against Sunnica

Liz Swift explained that the Parish Councils affected by the Sunnica Solar Farm have formed an alliance group against the proposal. Liz Swift will attend their next meeting later in the week. The Group is asking Parish Councils to contribute to the region of £3000 each to cover the £25,000 legal representation costs that are likely to be involved to object to the proposal.

It was agreed that the matter should be included for the Full Council meeting on 29th June 2021.

CL&S/220621/10 Date of the next meeting – 17.08.21

The date of the next meeting is on 17th August 2021.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Dated