

Burwell Parish Council  
Community, Leisure and Sport  
Meeting of 15.2.2022 at 7.30 pm  
Held on Zoom

Present: Michael Swift (Chair), Gill Miller, Jenny Moss, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Paul Webb

CL&S/150222/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests

There were no apologies for absence and no declarations of any interests,

CL&S/150222/02 Approval of the minutes of the 19.10.21

The minutes of the meeting held on 19.10.21 were approved. Proposed by Liz Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations

Gill Miller presented the following list of possible activities for the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

1950s themed Weekend

Recreate 1952 in Burwell with fashion and outfits of the day to wear over the weekend.

Burwell pudding and cake completion, make a cake or pudding fit for a Queen- judging at the tea party on 4th June ( creations can be donated to tea party)

Friday 3rd/4th June Photographic exhibition in GMH - display your old 1950s photos

Saturday 4th June 2 pm traditional afternoon tea party for residents who remember 1952 the Queens accession to the throne or the coronation in 1953 accompanied by fifties music and a relevant film.

7pm 1950s film show with a Bar ( a small entry charge will fund the afternoon event)

Sunday 5th June 2pm family picnic on the recreation ground, fifties style games involving the various youth groups in the village. Small scale children's entrainments.

Other possible ideas

Display of 50s classic cars, 50s Dance night , 50s Quiz

Michael Swift expressed that the Council is currently short on Councillors and that Town and Parish Councils are in a position to facilitate events not organise them. He stated that he has concerns about the delivery of events due to the lack of manpower. Linking the events with the opening of the Gardiner Memorial Hall could be an option. The group would need to apply for funding for the event from Full Council. Having the event on the Recreation Ground is a possibility but would need to keep whatever we do simple. BAFY could be asked if they would like to sell refreshments from the pavilion. Gill Miller explained that the ideas had been put together during a meeting with herself, Liz Swift and Geraldine Tate and felt that it was an opportunity to do something for the village. The French Twinning Group is also visiting this weekend. The Clerk asked the group to remember take into consideration if the keyholders are willing to work on the bank holiday. The group agreed for Gill Miller to investigate options further.

After some discussion of the level of budget to ask Full Council to consider, the following recommendation was agreed:

***That the sum of £400.00 be requested from Full Council to cover costs for the Jubilee Celebration Weekend. Proposed by Michael Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.***

Gill Miller left the meeting

CL&S/150222/03 Action Sheet Updates on the following:

PROJECT	Update
Recreation Ground Inc. improvement project, Grant Funding and liaison with Football Clubs and other users	Paul Webb, Michael Swift met with football clubs and the Football Association. Three Clubs due to form one 'Burwell' Club by the start of next season.

	Matched Grant Funding now available through the FA for football stop nets. Needs to be investigated.
Sports Provision Group, Inc. liaison with Football Clubs, other sports groups and users including Margaret Field	
Spring Close Management Group	Two semi working days have been held recently. Little work to do on site at present. Jenny Moss to liaise with Martin O’Leary regarding work carried out so that the Vision Plan can be updated.
Pauline’s Swamp	Sedge has been mowed and collected thanks to James Moss from Kingfisher bridge.
BAFY	BAFY is going well. Tom Fell is now employed by the group. Sessions have settled down at the Day Centre. The group would like more people to participate in the sessions particularly 13- to 15-year-olds. The group will be having a table at Burwell at Large
Community Orchard	Orchard information board now in place. Map needs tweaking as not 100% correct.
Community Garden	Jenny Moss met with Nicola Hallows and Paul Webb at the Recreation Ground. The existing plastic matting may need to be removed. This may need to be carried out by mechanical equipment and the matting pegs may also need moving. It was confirmed that the entire space can be utilised for the garden and that hedging can be planted.  The meeting had also incorporated possible plans for Pound Hill, although these will need to be considered by the Assets and Environment Group. The plan involves the cutting of a 1.5 metre strip around the edge of Pound Hill and the remainder being left has a meadow. Information notices would be made to inform residents about the wildflower area. Liz Swift pointed out that this was not what had been agreed by Full Council. She continued to express concern about the ‘liking’ of posts on Facebook not being a correct representation of residents’ views. It was agreed that Jenny Moss should attend the next Assets and Environment Group meeting when the proposal will be considered.
Liaison with Sports Centre	No further update
Climate Change Policy	Climate Change Forum going well. It is understood that the farming community has concerns re the Sunnica application and the number of solar farms proposed for the village. <b><i>Jenny Moss proposed, seconded by Geraldine Tate that a recommendation is made to Full Council that the Council should register an interest in the planning application for the Sunnica Solar Farm.</i></b> The Clerk was asked to find out if there is any update for the rural E Bike Trial.

A to B1102 Group	To be discussed later
Westhorpe Play Area	Application for CIL 123 Funding not yet submitted. Application to be completed as soon as possible although this may be after the end of the financial year. Paul Webb to talk to Sally Bonnett ECDC re possible funding.

#### CL&S/150222/04 BioBlitz Pop up Event Priory Meadow 15.5.2022

A request had been received from the Wicken Fen Nature Reserve's Community Engagement Project to use Priory Meadow on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May to engage with children and young people to learn about nature on their doorstep. Following a proposal from Jenny Moss, seconded by Paul Webb the group agreed the use of the meadow. The Clerk was asked to respond to the project coordinator and say that we love the idea, and that Michael Swift, Paul Webb and Jenny Moss would be happy to discuss the project with them if they wished.

#### CL&S/150222/05 Seated Exercise Classes

ECDC has found someone who may be willing to run the seated exercise classes at Mandeville Hall. ECDC has asked if we would allow the hall to be used free of charge for 4 sessions to allow the classes to establish. Gardiner Memorial Hall could also be available once refurbishment work has been completed.

**Michael Swift Proposed, seconded by Paul Webb, and agreed by all that the free use of the hall for 4 sessions be allowed.**

#### CL&S/150222/06 Grass Cutting/Ground Maintenance Contract – Recreation Ground and Grass Cutting - Margaret Field (Currently cut by Truelink 6 times per year

The contracts for the Recreation Ground Maintenance and grass cutting are due for renewal. It was agreed that these should go out for tender in the same way as previous. In addition to this a tender for the maintenance of the pitches for Margaret Field should also be sent out, with a decision being made on whether the work is required at a later date. Having regular meetings with the Contractor would be beneficial.

Truelink currently cut the grass on Margaret Field six times per year. It was suggested that one of these cuts should be carried out in September.

#### CL&S/150222/07 Youth Shelter surface at the Recreation Ground

A resident has raised concerns about the ground surface of the recreation ground youth shelter and extensive mud on the skate park ramps. The Maintenance Officer has suggested that the surface could benefit from a dressing of pea shingle. The Clerk to ask if he is able to do this.

#### CL&S/150222/08 19 Priory Close – Tree House (Fire Safety Issue)

Further concern has been raised about the tree house on land adjacent to Priory Meadow and its possible fire risk. Michael Swift stated that as this is not on our land it is not the Council's responsibility to deal with.

#### CL&S/150222/09 Repair Café

Geraldine Tate reported that the Cambridge Carbon Footprint Group has information available on setting up a Repair Cage and that she is due to attend a webinar and would come back to the group with more information after the webinar has taken place. She continued by explaining that Cambridgeshire is the national hub for repair cafes and that in 2017 there had been 44.7 million metric tonnes of e waste globally and that this had risen to 52.2 million metric tonnes in 2021. Lea Dodds will also attend the webinar, and both will report back to the Climate Change Forum. McKays of Cambridge will supply up to £1000 of tools and equipment for use at the Cafés.

CL&S/150222/10 Bouncy Castles

The Clerk asked the group to consider the risks involved in allowing bouncy castles to be used in the halls during bookings. The group considered that as long as public liability proof had been provided by the owners of the bouncy castle, along with a copy of the risk assessment for use, this should not be a problem. The Clerk was also asked to check with the Council's insurers to see if they had any requirements.

CL&S/150222/11 Donations for consideration

Grantanbrycg Viking Event at Burwell Castle/Spring Close

The group approved the use of Spring Close for a public Viking History Event to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The group also proposed that the following recommendation should be put to Full Council for consideration.

***That Grantanbrycg receive a donation of £50.00 towards the costs involved with putting on the public Viking History Event.***

A to B1102 Group

The A to B1102 Group is asking member parishes to contribute towards the cost of the production of signs for the verges along the route. Burwell did not have any of the signs and others, such as in Lode had been removed by the County Council Highways Department as they had been deemed untidy on the verges. As yet the group has no constitution and no bank account. It was agreed that no contribution should be considered until such time as the group has a constitution and a bank account.

CL&S/150222/12 Burwell at Large 2022

Burwell at Large is due to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022, with the Parish Council having a couple of stands. A rota needs to be organised for manning the stalls. As Jenny Moss is away on the days immediately before the event, she will try and get into the office at the start of the week to create the boards.

CL&S/150222/13 Any other business

Jenny Moss questioned the suggestion made during the recent walk around Pauline's Swamp regarding fencing to surround the beehives. Michael Swift informed her that this was a matter for the trustees to discuss further. The redundant sheep fencing could be used as an alternative to making fencing as previously suggested.

CL&S/150222/14 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is due to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It is hoped that this meeting can be held face to face.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed

Dated