

BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Simpson Hall

Minutes

Present: Simon Hairsnape (SH), Chairman, Dilys Price (DP), Anthony Vaughan (AV), Bernie Green (BG), Beryl Staite (BS), Janette Pudsey (JP), Pat Groves (PG), Alan Stokes (AS) and Sally Robertson (SR)

In Attendance: Paulette Scholes, Parish Clerk, Pauline Crockett, (PC) Herefordshire Council Ward Member and 7 members of the public

1. **To accept apologies for absence** - Mark Ellis, Alister Walshe, David Bishop, Pat Eagling, Ian Watkins and Sally Ware
2. **To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation** - none received
3. **Minutes** - to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2019, the minutes were accepted and adopted by the Parish Council, the Chairman signed the minutes.
4. **Neighbourhood Development Plan update** - SH reported that the NDP received a positive referendum result and will now be used to help make planning applications determinations by Herefordshire Council. It was noted that not everyone voted for the plan, the results were Yes received 276 votes (84.9%) and No received 49 votes (15.1%), there was a 26% turnout.
5. **Public participation session** -
 - a) Brief verbal report from Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett - The Hereford Transport Package consultation finished on Monday 11th March, included in this were ideas for walking, cycling, bus and public space improvements, I appreciate this does not affect you directly, but it will affect you indirectly when visiting Hereford City, I hope you have had your say. Full Council met on February 8th, it drew great public attention with regard to a Climate Change Emergency Plan, this item was fully supported by Members and will be an urgent topic for the next administration to address. Parish Council Precepts were discussed as was the 2019/2020 Budget and was agreed that a 4.9% Council Tax rise (2% of which will be allocated to increasing adult social care costs) would be actioned. Local issues:- Supporting the Parish with their traffic improvement requests through the s106 monies. I am also continuing to look for a resolution regarding the obstructive BT pole opposite the school, I am waiting for input from the Cabinet member in this regard.
 - b) Receive views of local residents on local matters (max 10 mins - members of the public are invited to speak or raise a matter for consideration at a future meeting) - Concern was raised that the Parish comments on planning application 184286, regarding the area of farmland adjacent to the existing Bewdley Bank Reservoir, are not posted on the Herefordshire Councils website, it was noted that the Clerk has already chased this up and will do so again. **Action: Parish Clerk**
6. **Planning: to consider the following applications**
 - a) (BG) Consider and agree response to planning application 190606, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Grange Farm, Burghill, Hereford, Herefordshire HR4 7SE, Pollard of Weeping Willow as per previous cuts carried out four years ago. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application and it relates to an old willow tree that was previously pollarded about four years ago in the grounds of Grange Farm. The applicants are requesting it to be similarly pollarded again now and planning permission has to be sought because it falls within the Conservation Area of Burghill. There is no objection to this application. The Clerk will add these comments to the application. **Action: Parish Clerk**
 - b) (BG) Consider and agree response to planning application 190854, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Land east of playing fields, Burghill, Hereford, proposed works to mature Turkey Oak. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application and it refers to a large Turkey Oak tree in the field belonging to the Duchy that adjoins The Copse in the corner by the zip wire. The applicant is an agency that works on behalf of the Duchy. Work was commenced on reducing the canopy and outer limbs ten days ago but was halted when it was pointed out that there is a TPO on the tree and, therefore, needs planning permission, this was submitted straight away. It is apparent that there is some decay in the tree and its proximity to the play area makes sense of the work that has been

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commenced. With that in mind and the fact that half the work has already been done. There is no objection to this application. The Clerk will add these comments to the application. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- c) Applications update - It was noted that work has commenced again at Gospel Hall and in regard to the Agricultural Barns, Tillington Fruit Farm, it is noted that the Herefordshire Council have gone back to the Highways department with concerns over the number of HGV's required to empty the cesspits and how the other properties will manage.

7. Finance:

- a) **Payment of invoices** - all agreed and paid
 - P Scholes - Clerk salary
 - P Scholes - Clerk Expenses - £22.00
 - Richard Mills (Lengthsman) - £187.20
 - HALC (Annual Subs) - £928.18

8. Lengthsman & P3 scheme update, report work for the lengthsman to clerk - No work to report and it was noted a new Footpaths Officer is needed, SH asked the Councillors to consider this.

9. Commons Update - There are some issues with some of the residents who live on the lane that runs by the common. This was discussed and the Clerk will compile a letter to send to all the residents so it is made clear who is responsible for maintenance, etc. Action: **Parish Clerk**

10. Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan - A proposed response was discussed by the Parish Council and it agreed to submit this. 'The main comments would relate to HGV traffic on the A4110. A large percentage of HGV's from the northern quarries take the A4110 route. There are frequent contra-flow blockages on the highway at Portway and Bewdley Bank where the carriageway is not wide enough for the smooth passage of wide vehicles. Verges have been eaten away and now lorries are entering driveways to use as passing places. There is also break-up of the road surface at the edge of the carriageways and highway drainage runs have been damaged. The Parish Council would suggest restrictions on transport routes to direct HGV traffic to the trunk road network and onto highways where the maintenance is funded by Highways England. Also, the introduction of a one-way weight limit, for access only, on the A4110 between the A4103/A4110 intersection north of the city and the northern junction between the A4110 and the A44(T). This would make HGV's take a route capable of accommodating such use'. The Clerk will send in this comment. **Action Parish Clerk**

10. Section 106 monies - The first meeting was held to discuss how best to spend the monies being received through the section 106 monies. It was agreed that once a proposal was agreed this would be brought back to the Parish Council for discussion.

11. Correspondence, HALC and NALC updates - noted

12. Items for next meeting - Litter pick

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2019

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